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Midland Genealogical Society Programs for 2017 - 2018

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

Programs for the meetings are as follows.

****PLEASE NOTE LOCATIONS****

Nov 15 "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army" Presented by Quita Schier. St. Johns Episcopal Church, Midland. 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 "History of Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Midland". Presented by Jean Beck, Historian at Assumption. St. Johns Episcopal Church, Midland. 7 p.m.

For a complete list of our meetings, check the meetings page of our website

Midland Pioneers Association

By Walter Bennett

I became interested in the Midland Pioneers association after coming across the article I used in the last issue of the newsletter. I wanted to know a bit about the history and members of this group.

I came across the following letter to the editor of the Midland Republican from 1892 which seemed to be a push to get this group going, however it wasn't until the fall of 1899 when the first picnic happened. Other than the article from the last issue, this was all the reference I could find in the early newspapers. I would be further interested in the stories that these early pioneers had to say.

Midland Republican, July 28, 1892

Moves for a Pioneer Association. Midland, July 25

Mr. Editor:

For several years I have been trying to arouse our old settlers to get up a pioneer association. You have suggested it through your paper. The Sun has spoken of it also. So far the association has not materialized. Such an association would give one day each year to talk over old times with old people. It should give us historical papers which could be printed in some county paper and pre-

served. These papers would someday be valuable. It would give us one day with the people for the people, non-political non sectarian.

The best way to accomplish anything is to get at it. So, Mr. Editor, I move you and support the motion that Henry Hart and wife, Daniel Chase and wife, John Larkin and wife, Geo. F. Hemingway and wife, Samuel Sias and wife and Harvey Lyon and wife be an executive committee to meet at Mrs. J. Larkin's Tuesday next, 7:30 p.m. and consider plans, make a date and appoint temporary officers in each township to see that we have a pioneer picnic some time in August.

Very truly,

H. I. Story

Midland Republican Oct. 13, 1899

Pioneer Association

A Pioneer Picnic Organization Completed at the Fair Thursday

Pioneers were not very plentiful but those who were there were enthusiastic for the formation of a society that would permit them to come together once each year and talk over old times in Midland

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PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER 2017

The Midland Genealogical society will hold its November meeting of the 2017-18 season on November 15, at 7:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of St. Andrews and South Saginaw Roads.

Our very own Quita Shier will present a book review on her newly published book, "Warriors in Mr. Lincoln's Army", an effort 26 years in the making! Ms. Shier will discuss the All Indian Company K of the First Michigan Sharpshooters during the Civil War, and will present several Company K member profiles.

Genealogical Society meetings are always open to the public and are free of charge. Light refresh-

ments are available at the close of the presentation.

JANUARY 2018

The Midland Genealogical society will hold its first meeting of 2018 on January 17 at 7:00 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church at the corner of St. Andrews and South Saginaw Roads.

Jean Beck, Chair of the History committee at Assumption BVM Catholic Church in Midland, will provide a history of the church and how it shaped the lives of the early families in Larkin Twp.

Genealogical Society meetings are always open to the public and are free of charge. Light refreshments are available at the close of the presentation.

One of our members had this to say:

"I enjoyed reading **THE MAN FROM RED-KEG**, a review from the Midland Sun of Sept. 17, 1905. I found the book is published on-line by Hathitrust.org, and it made some references to my ancestor George Hemingway, who was the subject of a story I wrote for the Pioneer Record some time back. It added a little color to his description, describing him as 'a portly old gentleman, learned, but good-natured and facetious.', I will put the book on my reading list." *Tom Bowen*

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Big hug after an all-morning newspaper genealogy search.



MEMBERSHIP DUES 2017-2018

Collection of dues for the current year have ended. Collection of dues for the 2018-2019 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 \$20.00;
for a family \$25.00.**

There is a form on the web page under membership. Please print and fill out and send along with the dues.

From The Editor ● ● ●

I have once again found some more articles in the historical newspapers that should be of interest to many of you. My ancestors came to Midland around 1870 and I enjoy reading about events that happened in the early years of Midland county.

Before I had published the book review article in the last issue, pertaining to one of the red-kegger books, I already had a copy of one of the books that I had bought on ebay a few years ago. I was surprised when I had seen this review while browsing thru the Midland newspaper..

That review then had me searching for the review of the other book,

which I have published in this issue.

I still need articles from you for future publications. Do any of you have family diaries or journals of your ancestors sitting around that may have some interesting stories?

I am also looking at doing an article about my experience with DNA testing. If you have done one of the DNA tests and have some surprises or experiences that you would like to share, maybe a paragraph or two, or three, please send that on to me so that I can include it.

*Happy Holidays
Walter G Bennett
Editor*

WHO WAS LUCY MARY KELLOGG?

Faye Ebach, MGC Delegate

Every year the Michigan Genealogical Council honors an outstanding member of a member society of the MGC who has made a significant contribution to the genealogical community. This award is known as the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award and will be presented during a fall MGC meeting at the Library of Michigan in Lansing.

You may have wondered who was Lucy Mary Kellogg and why is an award given in her honor?

Lucy Mary Kellogg was born in Rock County, Wisconsin on 17 May 1899. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1932, and was employed by the General Motors

Corporation in Janesville, Wisconsin. Her position eventually resulted in a transfer to Detroit in 1937. She lived in Brighton, Livingston County until she passed away in December 1973.

What she did between 1937 and the time of her death in 1973 is memorable. As a self-taught genealogist, her interest in genealogy extended to active memberships in a variety of genealogy societies. As a member of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, she served as editor of the society magazine from 1957-1962. As a result of her leadership, the society received numerous awards for merit, and commendations for their various publications.

As a descendant of William Bradford she was an active member of the Michigan Mayflower Descendants organization. She served as

State Historian and Assistant General. She was instrumental in publishing the results of the Five Generations Project—a major research project on Pilgrims and their descendants through their great-great grandchildren.

Lucy Mary conceived the idea of organizing a state genealogical society. She believed there were numerous genealogists throughout the state who would benefit from the formation of a statewide organization. The Council was officially organized on April 6, 1972 in Lansing under her leadership. Delegates from ten genealogical societies and representatives from the Library of Michigan were present. Today the MGC has approximately 7000 members within the state.

In addition to the above organizations, Lucy Mary was also a member of eleven additional state, national and interna-

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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. Flaningam. 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 Flaningam. 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.

County. Dr. Towsley acted as chairman and after a few preliminary remarks concerning the formation of a society called upon T. W. Crissey to address the meeting upon the Pioneer Press of the county. The remarks consisted principally of news items taken from the early papers of the county and were very entertaining.

Charles Jenney was then called upon: he first came into Midland County in the 50's with a surveying party. He put up at the house of Mr. Wyman, father of John Wyman and Mrs. William Vance and food never tasted so good to him as the first meal that he ate in Midland County from a civilized table. He had however been used to sleeping upon the ground and after tumbling over the bed for an hour or two, being unable to sleep, he put a quilt upon the floor and slept until morning.

J. W. Cochrane was called upon to speak and gave a very entertaining address concerning the old times and duties of the old timers to the sons and daughters now growing.

The following constitution was then adopted:

1. This society shall be known as The Midland County Pioneer Picnic Society.

2. The objects of this society shall be: To hold a picnic at least once each year to acquaint the old residents of the county more intimately with each other,

to live again in reminiscence the early scenes and residents of the county, to record as much as possible of the history of Midland County.

3. Any citizen of the county who is forty years of age and who has been a resident of the county for twenty years may be a member of the society by signifying a desire to do so.

4. The officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Executive Committee. The elected shall serve terms of one year or until their successors are elected. The executive committee shall consist of a member from each township and ward of the city and shall hold office until their successors are appointed. They shall be appointed by the president of the society.

Old settlers were then called upon by years as to their advent in this county.

It was developed that Charles and Gilbert Cronkright are the oldest living present settlers of the county. Gilbert claiming that they were here from '36'. Charles Cronkright and the Wymans, who came with them believe, however, that they came in '37. Mrs. McLain, sister of Mrs. William Vance now residing in Gladwin County was the first white child known to have been born in Midland County. If the families came in '36, she was born in the summer of '36; if however, they came in '37, she was born in the summer of '37. William Cronkright was probably the first male white child born in Midland County.

The Wyman family came in the early summer of '36 or '37, accompanied by Mr. Cronkright, whose family did not come until September of that year.

It was found that the oldest business establishment of Midland County now in existence is that of John Johnson the barber.

It was developed that the first fair of Midland County was held on the point of land where the Chipewewa joins the Tittabawassee river. A horse race was the principal event with women as riders. They received their premiums while Mr. Samuel Sias, who had contributed \$20 for the success of the fair and had paid \$3 for the entrance of a pig, was awarded a premium of \$1, which he never got. Thereby showing that the reputation of the fair for paying horse race premiums and neglecting agricultural premiums was born with the organization of the society.

The following officers were elected: President, J. W. Cochrane; Vice-President F. A. Towsley; secretary C. L. Jenney.

The following is a partial list of the Pioneers of Midland County:

1837 Charles and Gilbert Cronkright

1839 Mrs. Wm. Vance

1841 John Wyman

1849 Wm. Vance

1854 C. L. Jenney

1857 Wm. Simmons

1859 Mrs. Turk

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1860 Wm. Mixer, Asa Bacon, Jerry Hinkley

Mrs. Richards, Mary Sias, Wm. Sinclair

1861 Geo. F. Ball, Clem McDermott

1862 Mrs. Simmons, Joel Barton

1863 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stewart

1865 Mr. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fulmer

1866 Mr. and Mrs. Orson Cady, Jas V. Lownsbury

1967 Mrs. Wyman E. Bradley

1868 True Hart

1869 Mr. Caryl, Tom Reeves

1870 Frank Smith, Albert Light, Chas Hubbell

1871 Miss Florence Call

1872 Patrick Nagle

1873 Harvey Johns

1874 Chas Amy

1875 Austin Gray

1876 L. W. Bliss

1879 Jas. E. Sayre

Dr Towsley is very anxious to add to the list all that came at an early date and would be pleased to have them give him their names and the date of their arrival in Midland County.

Midland Sun, Oct. 12, 1900 pg. 1

Midland County Pioneers

The annual picnic of the Midland County Pioneers association was held in Agricultural hall at the fair grounds Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance and about 75

new names were added to the membership roll. Short addresses were made by President J. W. Cochran, Secretary C. L. Jenney and Rev. J. K. Stark. The old officers were re-elected. The pioneers were disappointed because speakers they had asked upon-- Col. Bliss and Mayor Maybury failed to appear. It was decided to cut loose from the fair next year and the annual picnic be held at the fair grounds the forth Wednesday in August. A complete list of the members of the organization will appear in a future issue. (*note: Could not locate list*)

Midland Sun, September 13, 1901

Pioneers have a good time

Annual Reunion and picnic was held at city park Wednesday

Good Crowd was out

Hon. Peter F. Dodds, Circuit Judge and Hon. George D. Jackson, ex-mayor of Bay City made Addresses,

Midland county pioneers held their annual picnic and reunion at the city park Wednesday afternoon. The day was cloudy and threatening but the attendance was up to expectations. About 40 rigs, containing gray bearded farmers and their wives were drawn up around the speakers stand. A tier of seats and many camp chairs were occupied by women and children.

In the absence of President Cochrane, Vice President Towsley called the meeting to order. The address of the day, which touched in vivid terms upon the trials and privations of Midland's

early settlers was delivered by Hon. Peter F. Dodds, circuit judge of this district. At its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Hon. George D. Jackson, ex-mayor of Bay City, candidate for congress to succeed the late R. O. Crump in the 10th district, an interested listener and spectator was called upon by Chairman Towsley for a few remarks. Mr. Jackson complimented Judge Dodds upon his address and advised the young men and old as well to stick to the county, not leave it after they had accumulated a competence.

Mr. Jackson said he had a warm spot in his heart for Midland. On Aug. 29, 1885 he invited a young lady to take a drive to Midland from Bay City. The drive ended in a call at the Methodist parsonage and a marriage and from that hour he had been one of the happiest men on earth. His remarks, which at no time savored of politics were heartily applauded.

The committee on resolutions reported in favor of retaining the old officers another year which was carried out unanimously although Secretary Jenny pleaded that a younger and more active man be chosen as secretary.

It was decided to hold the annual reunion and picnic the last Wednesday of September in 1902 and these committees were appointed to look after details:

Grounds: Ray Hart, Frank Olmstead, Will E. Reardon.

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News from Dick Eastman

Ancestry and the New England Historic Genealogical Society Collaborate to Make Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Records Available Online

Dick Eastman

The following announcement was written by the folks at Ancestry.com:

LEHI, Utah and SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 08, 2017 — Ancestry, the global leader in family history and consumer genomics, today announced joining the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Historic Catholic Records Online Project, a unique undertaking to digitize Massachusetts Catholic records from the late 1700s to the early 1900s. The collection includes approximately 10 million names.

The Historic Catholic Records Online Project marks the first time a significant number of sacramental records from any U.S. – based archdiocese have been made available in an online digital format.

“The detailed documents in this collection are a critical resource for researchers, historians, and genealogists, especially when secular records are spotty or lost,” said Brenton Simons, President and CEO of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. “We’ve worked with Ancestry as a trusted collaborator on several projects over many years including making vital records, city directories, and state censuses more accessible and we are thrilled to be working with them again on this new important project. This collaboration will help ensure that a large number of family historians will be able to connect with their ancestors through the information in these records.”

The records within the bound volumes

contain several sacraments of the Catholic Church, including baptism, confirmation, holy communion, marriage, holy orders, and the anointing of the sick. They provide a unique snapshot of the microcosm of diverse cultures in Boston and the threads of these cultures across time.

Images of the oldest records from Boston’s earliest parishes such as Holy Cross and Holy Trinity are available to browse now on AmericanAncestors.org, New England Historic Genealogy Society’s award-winning website. Transcripts of the records will be available to Ancestry’s more than 2.7 million global subscribers as the project progresses. Images of the records will be accessible through a membership on AmericanAncestors.org.

“We’re honored to participate in this important effort, our subscribers have been waiting for these records a long time,” said Todd Godfrey, Vice President of Global content at Ancestry. “We hope to expand our work in digitizing these important records with Catholic Diocese and Archdiocese across the U.S. and around the world.”

The Boston collection adds to a growing list of global Catholic records available on Ancestry.com, including records from the United States, Mexico, Ireland, and Canada.

To search millions Catholic records available on Ancestry visit www.ancestry.com/catholic.

Recorded MyHeritage Genealogy Seminar Webinars Are Now Available Online for Free

Dick Eastman

In an article I published a couple of weeks ago (and still visible to all at <http://bit.ly/2z5CjgK>), I mentioned that MyHeritage would be holding free online webinars featuring the participation of experts in DNA, Jewish genealogy, general research techniques, and technology trends for genealogy. That webinar was held on October 19.

The webinars did take place and they were also recorded. If you missed the original events, you can still listen to them today.

Details may be found at <http://bit.ly/2hwaTt4>.

1921 Canadian Census is Now Available Free at the Library and Archives Canada

Dick Eastman

According to a note in the IAJGS Public Records Access Alert:

In 2013, Ancestry digitized the Canadian 1921 census and until last month it was available only through Ancestry. Per their agreement with Library and Archives Canada, the 1921 census is now available free at the Library and Archives Canada. Canada has a 92-year privacy act therefore, the first time it would have been available to the public is 2013. In 1921 there were 233 census districts and enumerators collected information on 8,788,433 individuals. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics was authorized to microfilm and destroy the original paper records. The only microfilm copy is an archival holding. The digitized copies were made from microfilm-which is acknowledged on inconsistent quality and some images are not readable. Some of the records did not survive. Access on Library and Archives Canada is free.

To access the census go to:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/1921/Pages/introduction.aspx>

An Online Archive of Pictures and Stories of nearly 50,000 Australian Prisoners between 1870 and 1930 is Now Available

Dick Eastman Arthur Astill, a 16-year-old labourer from Orange, charged with murder and photographed at Dubbo Gaol in 1893. (Photo courtesy of: State Archives and Records NSW)

Portraits of Crime is an exhibition and major project of State Archives and Records NSW, which has selected 37 of the

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Coming Events

November 21, 2017 Webinar -Midwest Historical Genealogy for Genealogists

Presenter: J. H. Fonkert J. H. Fonkert

Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM CST

Sponsored by Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Webinar Description: Our ancestors crossed time and space - history and geography. An understanding of how geography and technology drove a region's history creates context for your ancestors' migrations. Cincinnati was Porkopolis. Chicago out-dueled St. Louis. Minneapolis milled grain from the Dakota bonanza farms. The Upper Midwest farmlands, forests and mines fed the cities' hunger for food and lumber and steel. Railroads made it possible, bringing raw materials to the city and sending consumer goods back to the hinterland. The Cut-over region of Wisconsin and Minnesota was devastated by wild fires. Copper and iron ore drew immigrants to the lands around Lake Superior. Learn about how the development of the Midwest created opportunity and hardship for your ancestors.

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1084030882920407553>

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar, and that there are a limited number of spots to view the webinar live. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar.

Jan 21-Jan 26 2018 "Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy 2018 (National Conferences)", Salt Lake City Hilton, Salt Lake City, Utah, The Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG) is offering a course that we feel may be of keen interest to Michigan genealogists. Each year SLIG offers advanced training to genealogists. "The Third Coast: Research in the Great

Lakes Region," will focus on genealogical and historical records and research methodology relating to research in the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada. It is being coordinated by Cari A. Taplin, CG and Kathryn Lake Hogan, PLCGS, who will be joined by other internationally-recognized instructors.

Registration opens on 8 July 2017. Further details about SLIG and the course may be found at SLIG.ugagenealogy.org.

March 24, 2018 "Genealogical Society of Monroe County 41st Annual Spring Seminar" Old Mill Museum, 242 Toledo Street, Dundee, Michigan 48131, Save the date. Details to be announced.

April 28, 2018 "Lansing Family History Seminar", Lansing Family History Center, 431 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing, Michigan, Details to be announced

April 28, 2018—Save the date IGS Annual Meeting & Conference, The Indiana Genealogical Society will hold their next annual meeting and conference on Saturday, April 28, 2018 on the campus of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Indiana.

May 2-May 5, 2018 "National Genealogical Society Family History Conference", Grand Rapids, Michigan

Learn new strategies, resources, and techniques to sharpen your family history skills at the NGS 2018 Family History Conference.

The upcoming NGS 2018 Family History Conference will be the first national genealogical conference held in Michigan. As the second largest city in the state, Grand Rapids 2018 is a one day drive or less from most Midwestern cities, has a thriving economy with a small-town feel, friendly people, and safe, walkable streets.

The NGS Family History Conference, 2-5 May 2018 is your opportunity to

choose from more than 175 lectures presented by many nationally recognized speakers, explore an exhibit hall filled with more than 80 exhibitors, and network with over 2,000 genealogists. Every NGS conference has a different theme with a new program top to bottom—so there is always much new to learn and discover.

Conference Hotels

Amway Grand Plaza, 187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids

Courtyard Marriott, 11 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids

For the most up-to-date information about NGS2018 visit conference.ngsgenealogy.org/.

Aug 22-25, 2018 "Federation of Genealogical Societies 2018 National Conference", Fort Wayne, Indiana.

FGS 2018 National Conference — FGS returns to the Hoosier State in 2018 providing attendees convenient access to Allen County Public Library which houses one of the largest genealogical research collections available with records from around the world.

Additional Information can be found on their website at fgs.org.

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prisoners to tell their stories in-depth. Not only are the tales compelling and moving in themselves, but exhibition curator Dr Penny Stannard said they give people "a taste of how they might engage with these archives".

The stories of these men, women and children are told through source material from the State Archives Collection of Gaol Photographic Description Books from 20 NSW prisons.

Details may be found in an article by Melanie Pearce and Julie Clift in the (Australian) ABC News web site at: <http://ab.co/2zPdTrM>.

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Advertising: A. N. Kimmis, T. W. Crissey, Charles H. Steiger.

Speakers: C. L. Jenney, J.K. Stark, V. Alvord.

Music: Meadames True Hart, James Hinds, Perley Heald, Max Anderson.

A basket picnic followed the exercises. Next year it is hoped to have every portion of the county represented. The membership of the society is steadily increasing.

Midland Republican Aug 29, 1902

Pioneer Picnic a Pleasant Occasion

The Pioneer Association of this county is increasing in interest. There was a good sized gathering at the afternoon exercises Wednesday--probably 300, and preceding that about a hundred visited and ate their dinners in the park.

In the afternoon there were short addresses and some times was given to the exhibit of "relics of bygone times" of which a fuller account will be given next week. President Cochrane presided and spoke briefly. Dr. Towsley gave an interesting sketch of the history of some of the pioneer families, and Secretary Jenney gave an account of the "relics" in the museum.

Hon. Geo. A. Loud was present and was asked to contribute something. He spoke very pleasantly, of course avoiding politics entirely, and closed with the recitation of a little poem which was well received.

The officers were re-elected:

J. W. Cochrane, president

F. A. Towsley, vice president and treasurer

C. L. Jenney, secretary

The president is to appoint a vice president in each township of the

county. An executive committee is also to be appointed.

It is proposed to build a pioneer log cabin on the grounds before the next meeting which will be held the fourth Wednesday in August 1903.

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**THIRD ANNUAL
PICNIC
OF THE
Midland County...
...Pioneer Association**

AT CITY PARK, MIDLAND.

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1902

PROGRAM

The forenoon will be devoted to visiting on the grounds, amusements such as may be devised by the whole assembly, and dinners from your baskets at each one's leisure.

Officers and executive committee meet at the speakers' stand at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp.

Music by the band.

Call to order promptly at 1:30.

Singing—"America"—led by the Quartet.

Invocation.

Singing—"Michigan, My Michigan,"—led by Quartet
Secretary and Treasurer's reports, and report of nominating committee.

Music by the band.

Address by President J. W. Cochrane.

Short addresses, stories, anecdotes and reminiscences by members of the Association.

Singing by the oldest choir in the county, led by Maxson Anderson.

The Old Pioneer Industrial Society.

Short addresses by visitors.

Election of officers and such other business as may come before the Association.

During the meeting there will be an exhibition pioneer relics and other curiosities. Let everybody who can, contribute to this exhibit.

Let us have a day of profit, sociability, recreation, pleasure and fun.

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tional genealogical and historical societies, including the Daughters of the American Revolution and the London Society of Genealogists.

Lucy Mary became a Certified Genealogist and served as a trustee on the National Board for Certification of Genealogists in Washington, D.C. In 1972 she was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

In 1991, Lucy Mary was elected posthumously to the National Genealogy Society Hall of Fame – the first woman and first person from the mid-west to achieve this honor.

In 1992, the MGC established the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award to honor their founding member. “To be nominated for this award a candidate must be a member in good standing of a member society of the Michigan Genealogical Council and must have met five or more of the following criteria:

- ⇒ resided in the state of Michigan for a minimum of seven years.
- ⇒ furthered the aims and the accomplishments of MGC.
- ⇒ served in a position of leadership in a Michigan genealogical or historical organization.
- ⇒ been involved in a major research project.
- ⇒ authored or contributed to a notable publication.
- ⇒ made a significant contribution to the genealogical or historical benefit of his/her community.
- ⇒ made a significant contribution to the Michigan community.
- ⇒ furthered the knowledge of genealogy through educational practices.”

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Lucy Mary Kellogg Award Nomination Form.
Michigan Genealogical Council Founder's Day Program, November 12, 1998.
“Michigan Genealogical Council A Mini-History”, MGC Newsletter, Summer, 1995, Vol. 23, Issue 3, pg 52

A poem to which some of us can relate.

I remember the corned beef of my Childhood,
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the Children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The Children were seldom unhappy,
And the Wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from a freezer; or shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their friends in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where biscuits for pennies were sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it, I'm just getting Old?

Bathing was done in a wash tub,
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

Author, Unknown...

Contributed by member Ora Flaningham

WWI SERVICE RECORDS

This year is the 100th anniversary of the US participation in WWI. Twenty percent of the males in the US were in this conflict. Service records are like the employment record of any one that has held a job.

There was no Air Force in WWI—they were called the Army Air Corp and under the Army. The National Guard was a state organization.

To order records a Form DD-2014 needs to be filled out with as much of this information as possible: complete name, service number/SS number, branch and dates of service, date and place of birth. The Army had a fire in 1973 at the National Personnel Record Center that destroyed 80% of the records. If the person you are looking for was in the Army then please also include place of discharge, last assigned unit and place of entry into service if you know them.

Also, request their records! The department has other ways of looking up information but need what information you can give them. The National Archives and Records Administration will create a new file for your ancestor.

For more information check out:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

Michigan Genealogical Council Report

Submitted by Faye Ebach

MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL REPORT

Faye Ebach, Delegate

The November 9 MGC Delegate meeting was held in Lansing at the Library of Michigan./Michigan Archives and it turned out to be a memorable meeting for members from our Midland Genealogical Society. Council annually presents the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award to an outstanding genealogist during this meeting. It was announced, midway through the meeting, that the 2017 recipient of this prestigious award was one of Midland's own – long standing member Ralph Hillman. In addition to a framed certificate the award recipient receives a cash award of \$50 plus additional awards of \$50 each, in his name, to the Archives of Michigan, The Library of Michigan, and a library or genealogical society of his choice.

Ralph has been involved for 50 years or more in researching genealogical interests, many of which focused on ancestors for him family and for others. Ralph has been a member of the MGS since 1972. He has served in every elected office and committee within the

Midland Society. He was recognized as a Certified Genealogist by the Board of Certification of Genealogists in Washington D.C. in 1986.

He has planned and promoted numerous seminars and workshops within the Midland Community over the years. He has published 15 articles in national genealogical journals such as *The American Genealogist*. He has written and published two books related to New England where many family ancestors lived.

In addition, Ralph had donated his extensive genealogy collection of books and journals to the Grace A Dow Memorial Library. He has also donated his personal family genealogy documents to the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHG).

Over the years Ralph has organized several research trips to Fort Wayne, IN and Salt Lake City. Many fellow MGS members have shared these research trips with him..

Sharing this opportunity to honor Ralph at the Council Delegate meeting was a thrill and an honor. It was a memorable experience to have one of our own MGS members be selected to receive the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award. There are probably a few current members who can attest to Ralph's influencing their interest in genealogy.

New NYC Death Indexes Available 1949-1965

Ancestry.com has just added another 16 years of searchable death index images for New York City.

The new index is from 1949 to 1965 and provided by Vital-Search from NYC Health Department index images. While the images have been accessible online, this is the first time a fully searchable index to these images is available. However, we have noticed that some images are faint and searching the database may not return expected results.

If your result is not found, we recommend browsing the images. According to Ancestry, within these images, you can expect to find a variety of information, including:

- Name
- Age at Death
- Date of Death
- Death Certificate Number
- Borough in which they died

New York Genealogical and Biographical Society



Ralph Hillman receiving award



Ralph Hillman with family and MGS members

Old Reg Keg in Romance

Midland Republican Sept 18, 1903

Midland County Made the Scene of a Thrilling Story by Eugene Thwing. Book full of Familiar Names and Places.

"The Red-Keggers," is the name of an intensely interesting story by Eugene Thwing, just published by the Book-Lover Press, New York. The story centers at "Reg-Keg," on the Tittabawassee, which as at least all the older inhabitants of the county know, was the name formerly given to the present village of Averill, the red painted keg hung out as a "tavern" sign giving it the name. The Tittabawassee river, the Salt, the Sturgeon, the village of Midland, "Sixteen," the Red-Keg rollway, the corduroy road on the way to "Sixteen," and many other familiar things and names figure in to the book. Parson Robert Allen, Thomas Moore, Maloney, Lampheer, are among the names of characters prominent in the story, which is one of a lumbering and farming community in the period from '68 to the end of '71. It is full of live and action and heart interest, and a marked religious sentiment, with Robert Allen as the religious teacher, runs through it. An illicit distillery on a "Mystic Island" and a keen U.S. detective figure extensively, and many characteristic scenes, such as breaking the rollway at Reg Keg, with the loss of one life, and a dramatic rescue, a shingle sawing match, house

raising, the great fire of 1871, are word painted in realistic manner, while there is not wanting the feature ever welcome to story readers, that of love making and its attendant jealousies and rivalries. A kidnapping, a dramatic release at the "Mystic Island" and the finding of the distillery, add to the interest which is well maintained. The moral illustrated in the final chapter, is that while there is life there is room for reformation if the evil spirit in a man is subdued.

The publishers inform us that the first edition of 10,000 copies was entirely exhausted before the day of publication, and that a second edition of 10,000 is on the press. The story has received warm encomiums from critical readers, and will doubtless have a large sale.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps Now Online

The online collection now features maps published prior to 1900. The states available include Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Alaska is also online, with maps published through the early 1960s. By 2020, all the states will be online, showing maps from the late 1880s through the early 1960s.

If your ancestors owned or rented a home or business you should be able to find it on the maps. The Sanborn Fire Maps that are already online may be found at:

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>

New Books

We now have on the "new books shelf" 12 volumes of 'The Settlers of the Beekman Patent' by Frank Doherty. The information is by surname alphabetically, with an index in each respective book. Vol. I is mostly history about the Patent and related subjects. Vol. II begins with family surnames A- , Vol. XII covers thru the surname Spaulding. There will be at least four more volumes, yet to be printed, to completion.

The Beekman Patent is in Dutchess county, NY. The settlers (18th century people) were not the earliest in the county, but some of the first to venture inland. Settlers came from all directions -- other eastern counties in NY, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The earliest settlers in the county were the Dutch, but the Palatines were the first in Beekman. The patent was originally granted to Henry Beekman in 1697. He died in 1716, probably never living on the land. The Beekman's were of Dutch Germany ancestry (primarily Palatines) but other groups are also found.

Look at these volumes - you might be surprised who you find. I was researching an English Cole family who had originally lived early in SE Mass. There were two Cole families, same first names, same ages, living in that part of Massachusetts. One family stayed there, the other moved but where? Could they possibly

have gone to NY before going to NW Virginia? There were 20 pages of Coles and I found one son of the missing family! Filed 929.3 NY

Two other books were ordered earlier this year:

"German Census Records 1816-1916" by Roger Minert 929.3 Germany

"Historical Maps Book: Europe", by Family Tree Magazine. It is a country by country atlas of European History 1700's-1900's. Book is completely in color. 912.4 Dolan

For anyone interested in the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR) quarterlies, there will be on the shelves (as soon as I find room) incomplete volumes 64-75 and 77-79. These are from years 2001-2012 and 2014 and 2015/16. Donated by Do-
na McArdle. *Jo Brines*

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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.