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MIDLAND PIONEERS

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In addition to the Wyman, Fitzhugh, Gordon, Snyder, Cronkright, Townsend and Whitman families, other pioneers settled in Midland County before the 1850 Federal Census was taken. However the enumeration of Midland County that year lacks many of their names.

An accounting shows all those recorded in Midland County in 1850 were residing in Midland Township. This was a total of 65 people in 10 different households. A further breakdown shows 22 were adults and 43 children. Of the 43 youngsters, 34 were under the age of 10.

The birthplaces of the 65 were interesting as well. Thirty-four were born in New York, 27 were born in Michigan, and one was born in each of the following states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Massachusetts. Not surprisingly, the 27 individuals born in Michigan were all children 10 years of age or younger. Massachusetts-born William Johnson, 40, was the only black.

The surnames recorded on the first census of Midland County were: Arance, Davis, Fitzhugh, Johnson, Sherman, Townsend, Vance and Whitman. One is struck with the fact that the Wyman, Snyder, Gordon, and Cronkright-families are absent from the accounting.

Perhaps Joseph Snyder died before 1850 or possibly returned to Saginaw. Samuel Gordon is shown on the 1860 Federal Census of Midland County as 44 years old, living with Nicholas and Sally DePue, both age 50. It is reported that the Wymans went back to Saginaw to educate their children, returning in 1851 after the first schoolhouse was erected in Midland County. Perhaps the Cronkrights did likewise as both families appear on the 1860 census of this county.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Great Job: that's the performance turned in by all the members who worked so hard for the Seminar. It is reassuring to the officers to see such efforts expended by club members on our projects. Everyone I talked with at and after the seminar had nothing but words of praise for an excellent program. While we had a few small problems, everything worked out fine.

The latest publication is printed and bound. This is another project that received a great deal of co-operation, although I'm sure those who carried the bulk of the burden could have used more help.

We are now considering future projects that will, also, require numerous hours of work. I hope that some of the newer members will accept the call when it's received. In fact, volunteers would sure be nice. The Pioneer Record could use help in researching and writing articles. How about it?...give me a call.

Again, as your President, I am very proud of our accomplishments and more especially our members.

Les Berry, Pres.
October 1983

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T H A N K Y O U !! - if your Midland Genealogical Society dues have been paid for 1983-84. If not, the following is for you:

This will be your last copy of the Pioneer Record. Our year runs from July/June and we began collecting dues at our May meeting. If you have not received a MGS membership card beautifully autographed by Nancy Lackie, Membership Chairman, your dues are still owing (unless paid within the last two weeks.)

\$7 per person (\$10.50 per couple) - Send to:

Midland Genealogical Society
c/o Grace A. Dow Memorial Library
1710 W. St. Andrews Drive
Midland, Mi. 48640

OR

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A huge THANK YOU to all the members for their time and effort in making the 1983 Seminar the success it was. The 100% support that I had -- and knew I would have from the beginning -- made it possible for us to pull it off in grand style!

---Ruth Ann Casadonte

In researching the Wyman surname in Midland one finds the following deaths recorded in Midland County, Michigan Cemetery Records, published 1981:

John Wyman 1802 - 1875
Sarah Wyman 1805 - 1883

John and Sarah are buried in the Vance Plot, Section G of the Midland Cemetery. In the Homer Township Cemetery:

John W. Wyman 1841 - 1921
Emily Wyman 1850 - 1936

(According to a death record of John and Emily's daughter Cora, Emily's maiden name was Wells.)

Sarah (Snyder) Wyman's obituary appeared in the Midland Sun, March 1, 1883 on page one. It relates her death took place on February 16, 1883 at age 78 years and 11 days. Sarah was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She went to western New York with her father at age 8 and was married in that state to John Wyman. They came to Michigan in 1836 and settled in Genesee County, where they lived until February of 1837 when they came to Midland County -- being the first white settlers here. Sarah (Snyder) Wyman was the mother of 8 children, 5 of whom were living at the time of her death.

Other research shows seven of those children to be: Daniel H. , Mary, Margret, Erastus, Julia Ann, Lucy and John Jr., probably born in that order. The 1860 census acknowledges Daniel H. as being married to Mary R. and Erastus' wife as Jane.

Midland County, Michigan Miscellaneous Record Book - Marriages 1855 - 1871 gives us the following information:

Mary Wyman, 25, of Midland married John McConmide (McCormick?), 25, on September 11, 1859.

Margret Wyman, 21, of Saginaw married Sanford S. Perkins, 25, of Saginaw on September 14, 1856.

Ann Wyman, 19, of Midland, married John McLane, 25, of Midland on August 19, 1856.

Mrs. John McLean (Ann Wyman) died April 5, 1886, the details of her funeral being on page one of the April 15, 1886 Midland newspaper.

Lucy Wyman (1839 - 1906) married one of the early settlers that made the 1850 Federal Census of the county. William (Billy) Vance reportedly rode into Midland in 1849 from Saginaw. New York-born Billy was only 14 years old in 1850 where he is found living with the Eli Townsend family. Two years later, with John McLane, he cleared the land that

later became Main Street, Midland. By 1860 "Billy" had married Lucy Wyman and had two children, Charles H. and John Bion. A total of three sons and three daughters were born to Billy and Lucy relates Claude John Vance, 4435 Flajole Road, Midland, great-grandson of the early settler. The Midland Daily News of April 20, 1983 tells of the Vance family, which now spans seven generations in Midland County. Mr. Vance recalls that Billy's father was William and his mother was Margaret (Gordon) Vance. "He was always referred to as Billy", said Mr. Vance. (I'm curious to know whether Margaret Gordon was related to Samuel Gordon who came in 1837 from Saginaw.) Although Billy Vance was still living in 1911, five years after his wife's death, the year of his death was not recorded in Midland County, Michigan Cemetery Records.

Other death records show Charles Cronkright died December 28, 1880, age 71 years, 2 months, and his wife Lydia (Snyder) Cronkright died July 9, 1866 age 53 years, 29 days.

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--- Ruth Ann Casadonte

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The MARY AND JOHN by Maude Pinney Kuhns. 254 pages. Published by Charles E. Tuttle Company. \$17.50*

The remarkable story of how Reverend John White, the "Patriarch of Dorchester" collected the distinguished group of passengers for the "Mary and John" from the West Country of England has been well told by Admiral Morison, who included him in his early book as one of the "Founders of the Bay Colony". Maude Pinney Kuhns has identified 160 passengers on that 400-ton vessel and has made a valuable collection of their descendants in this book. The passengers and their immediate descendants are described in Part I of the book and data provided by present-day descendants make up Part II of the book. It is completed by a good bibliography and a detailed index.

Not only did these passengers found Dorchester, Massachusetts, but (as the book points out) they found that area somewhat uncongenial and a great many of them moved to the Connecticut River, where they founded Windsor. This was one of the three basic settlements there and their descendants include many of the famous families of Connecticut and the entire country.

Reprinted (in part) from the STRONG NEWSLETTER, June 1983

Some families included are:

Allen	Griswold	Moore	Strong
Bradford	Holcomb	Newberry	Trescott
Clap	Ingersol	Osborne	Upsall
Deane	Jones	Phelps	Vincent
Ellsworth	Kuhns	Quarterman	White
Ford	Loomis	Robinson	

* The MARY AND JOHN is available from the following for \$17.50 plus \$1.50 postage (total of \$19.00)

Dwight S. Strong
223 West Springfield Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

MIDLAND COUNTY CENSUS PROJECT

Now that the Midland County Census Book has been completed and is beginning to sell (sold 10 copies at the recent seminar), I would like to thank publicly all those people who spent time reading and proofreading the microfilms.

Rose Marie Anderson	Helen Lee
Marion Berry	Maxine McCullen
Ed Birkhimer	Harriette Miller
Diana Butcher	Ione Milliman
Ruth Ann Casadonte	Jayne Shrier
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Special thanks should go to Marion Berry, who shared some of the typing, and to Ben Brines, who shared the proofreading job of the finished copy. Special, special thanks go to Harriette Miller and Ione Milliman, who read or proofread at least half of the 1894 census, in addition to the other years. They literally spent many days from 10 - 5 o'clock at the library, hardly taking time to eat a bite of lunch. Without them, I would never have been able to finish the book in time for the seminar.

I'm sure all will agree the project was a huge undertaking, was very frustrating at times, yet quite interesting.

Jo Brines, Chairman

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BOOKS ON THE SHELVES

Searching For Your Ancestors by Doane & Bell; 5th Edition, 1980, 251pp...in addition to chapters such as "What About Those Family Traditions", this revised book has a complete section devoted to Special Searches (for ethnic origins) and an excellent bibliography...an improvement over an already great book, first published in 1937. (Call #929.1 Do)

Your Family History by Allan Lichtman; 1978, 200pp, paperback...a "how-to" book on discovering your heritage through use of oral history, personal family archives & public documents. (Call #929.1 Li)

Life Writing: A Guide to Family Journals & Personal Memoirs by Wm. Hofman; 1982, 181pp...complete step-by-step guide to gathering your family's folklore and keeping it alive. "The genealogist looks back to establish what has been, but the writer of family history looks back only to glean the materials that will be composed in the present and transmitted to the future." (Call #929.1 Ho)

Scottish Roots by Alwyn James; 1982, 181pp..."not intended to provide the exhaustive and definitive guide to all the many sources...but gives enough of the bald and basic facts (what information exists, where it's kept, how to get hold of it, what you'll find when you see it...)" Chapter 7 deals with researching

from a distance. There's also a form to use in applying for help from the Scots Ancestry Research Society. "The system of record keeping in Scotland for the past 250 years was well organized and the documents highly detailed."
(Call #R929.42 De)

Irish Family Names - Arms, Origins, Locations by Brian de Breffny; 1982, 192pp...
counties of Ireland along with color photos and a map with distribution of surnames makes up the first section. A paragraph on each of the 200 plus common surnames comprises the second half...including clan association, area, approximate time name came to Ireland from England, Wales, Scotland, Normandy, etc.
(Call #R929.42 De)

Just a few years back, I can remember going to the genealogy shelves to check out anything I could find on the subject, only to find few books that weren't reference classified. It's great to see that the library now has many how-to books to help even the experienced researcher...and in refined areas such as Jewish and Black research.

Marion Berry

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NEW LIBRARY HOURS -- the Burton Collection of the Detroit Public Library is open as follows: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 9:30 - 5:30 and Wednesday - 1:00 - 9:00 The Collection is closed Sundays and Mondays.

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A TRUE INSTANCE IN GRANDPA AND GRANDMOTHER'S LIFE, as told by Frank Hollinger 3 March, 1967, son of James and Marry Hollinger:

This "is a true fact". Grandpa and Grandmother Hollinger (who came from Ireland on a small sailboat) settled on a homestead in Canada. "I think it was in Huntingdon Twp. , but it was near Belleville. Grandpa was a cabinetmaker. At that time, there were no close neighbors and no close towns. When anyone died, Grandpa made their coffin. He also was the funeral director. He had built a chair that tilted backwards like a barber chair. He shaved and cut the corpse' hair when necessary, in the chair. One night, the relatives of an old man brought him in to prepare him for burial. He had whiskers a foot long and the relatives had told Grandpa to cut his hair and shave him. Since it was rather dark, he called Grandma in to hold the candle so that he might see better while shaving the corpse. The corpse was in the chair. The corpse still had wind in his lungs and suddenly, when the air came up in the mouth of the corpse, the body lurched forward with a loud gasp. Grandma dropped her candle, rushed into the house, but when Grandpa reached her, she had fainted and was lying on the kitchen floor. After bringing her around with some water, he said, 'Now come on, we got to get him shaved.' However, Grandma had had enough. She exclaimed, 'not me, bury him as he is or shave him in daylight!'
(Shared by Pat Worden, cousin of Frank Hollinger's)

A GENEALOGIST'S DICTIONARY

- ABEYANCE: Applied to a peerage, succession to which has failed in the male line; the succession is between daughters and is terminated when one male heir arises from the daughter's descendants or when, by permission of the Crown, the abeyance is terminated in favour of one of the heirs.
- ACADIANS: Early settlers of Canada Maritime Provinces.
- ALLEGATIONS: Copies of applications to the Church of England Bishops asking for the grant of a license to marry.
- BOUWERIE: Farm (term used among Dutch in New York ca.1600's.)
- C.A.-ENG: Canada under English rule (Ontario).
- C.A.-FR: Canada under French rule (Quebec).
- CALENDARED: When records have been arranged chronologically.
- CANADA WEST: Ontario Province.
- CHAPMAN: Peddler.
- CHARTER ROLLS: English; consists of grants of privileges to various bodies and persons.
- CLOSE ROLLS: Records of transaction which were sent out closed or sealed.
- COLLATE: To examine (the pages of a book to be bound) to see that they are in proper order.
- DO: Means the same as "ditto"; the same as ditto marks (" ").
- DROVERS: Those driving livestock a long distance.
- DUCHY: A territory under the authority of a Duke or Duchess.
- EMIGRANT: Those who make a mere transient settlement.
- FELLMONGER: Dealer in hides and furs.
- FIRE DOGS: Andirons; two supports (usually iron and steel) for wood in an open fireplace (also seen listed in estate inventories.)
- G.A.R.: Grand Army of Republic.
- GENTLEMAN: A term often found in census films in certain localities; i.e., in the south, in Canada in particular. This denoted a man "of means" - well set financially.
- GREAT COAT: An overcoat (found listed in an inventory of an estate.)
- HUNDRED ROLLS: A hundred was originally an area sufficient to support 100 families.
- INDENTURE: A legal instrument, binding an apprentice or a servant to his master; the state of being indented.
- INDICES: Was formerly the proper plural form of index, but currently, due to modern usages, Webster now gives the word indexes preference as the plural form.
- IMMIGRANT: One who locates a permanent abode.
- LADY DAY: March 25; English holiday (the term has been found in Wills.)
- LEGATEE: Person named in a Will to receive other forms of property (not real estate).
- L.C.: Lower Canada area now Province of Quebec.

MSS.: Manuscripts.

ONTARIO PLACES: Reference in Ontario is usually to a township (which do not appear on all road maps.)

ORDINARY: A tavern.

P.A.: Papers applied for (naturalization).

P.C.A.: Public Archives of Canada (Ottawa).

P.C.O.: Public Archives of Ontario (Provincial Archives) in Toronto.

PECULIAR: A term applied to certain ecclesiastical jurisdictions in England which came directly under the crown.

PROTHONOTARY: A probate officer; a notary or principal clerk. Also spelled protonotary.

SASE: Self Addressed Stamped Envelope.

S.E.R.F.: A person unable to leave an estate without permission of the Lord. (English) Not a slave but a person attached to the estate on which he lives. Loosely, a peasant.

TESTAMENT: Disposition of personal property legally his/hers.

TESTATOR: The maker of the Will, usually must be 21 years of age.

TO: Popular abbreviation for Toronto.

TURNER: Maker of wooden shoes.

U.C.: Upper Canada area, now Province of Quebec.

U.E.L.: United Empire Loyalists, Loyal Tories who refused to support the "rebels" in the Revolutionary War, loyal to the Crown. Often suffered persecution. Were able to petition the land grants in Canada.

UNION LIST: A library term. A compiled listing of materials; i.e., books, mss., microfilm, etc. Useful tool to researcher for "what's available and where it's at."

VILLEIN: A person working on an estate and unable to move from it without permission of the Lord of the estate; a servant.

VISITATIONS: Were conducted by the English heralds between 1530 and 1688 to examine coats of arms.

DEVISEE: Person named in a Will to receive real estate.

(Compiled by Audrey Pomranky)

- TID BITS -

The Episcopal Church in Bath, Ontario, Canada was built in 1793 and is said to be the oldest connection with the Church of England in Canada.

The first Methodist meeting house in Ontario was erected in 1792.

Bath, Ontario, Canada was the scene of the first hanging in Upper Canada around 1790.

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Dear Midland Genealogical Society Members:

This is the last Pioneer Record Marilyn Watkins and I will be publishing for MGS. Norma Furlo and Carolyn Bacon will be the new publishers beginning with the February issue.

One month after beginning Pioneer Record, 3½ years ago, I started a second publication, Wordens Past. Both newsletters have grown a lot and more time is needed for both. I will be continuing with Wordens Past as Norma and Carolyn carry on with Pioneer Record.

Marilyn and I wish to thank those of you who have contributed to Pioneer Record. If you have published a newsletter, you know the hardest part is getting something to say. Please support Norma and Carolyn in this manner or in any way you can.

Sincerely,

Pat Worden, Ed.

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A NOTE FROM THE NEW EDITOR:

Please send or call questions, queries, items of interest or articles to:

Norma Furlo
5437 Mangus Road
Beaverton, MI 48612
689-3498

This is not long distance from Midland. You can call from 7:00 a. m. until 11:00 p. m. You have a better chance of getting me early or late.

QUERIES

COON/COAN/KOAN Seek living relative of MARIAN COON/COAN/KOAN
GILDERBRANDT b. Ontario, Can. bef 1850, lived Coleman, MI at
least from 1908-1924; 1924 married Mr. GILDERBRANDT.
If no living relative, then desire trade research
with someone in your area for info concerning Mar-
iah. Write for details, family history and bible
records.
(Mrs. Helen A. Lynch, 928 N. Humboldt Ave.,
Ontario, CA 91764)

BIRDSALL Seek info re CHARLES BIRDSALL b.1824 Avon, Liv-
GOEBEL ington Co., NY, in Civil War, Co. C, 8th Cav.,
Mich. Reg. 1864, 6 mos in Cleveland, TN hospital,
1865 Co. D, 8th Cav. Mich. Reg., mustered out 1865
Nashville, TN. 1st wf ELIZABETH GOEBEL, children
MARTHA J., MARY LOUISA, ALVIN PERRY, HELEN, WILLIAM,
ISADORA, WELLINGTON. Moved to Fenton, Mich. area
ca. 1860. 2nd wf SARAH ANN DARLING, 1 child CHARLES
RANSOM BIRDSALL b. 1863.
(Amelia Castle, 26662 Corwin St., Dowagiac, Mi. 49047)

FLATBOAT HOUSE

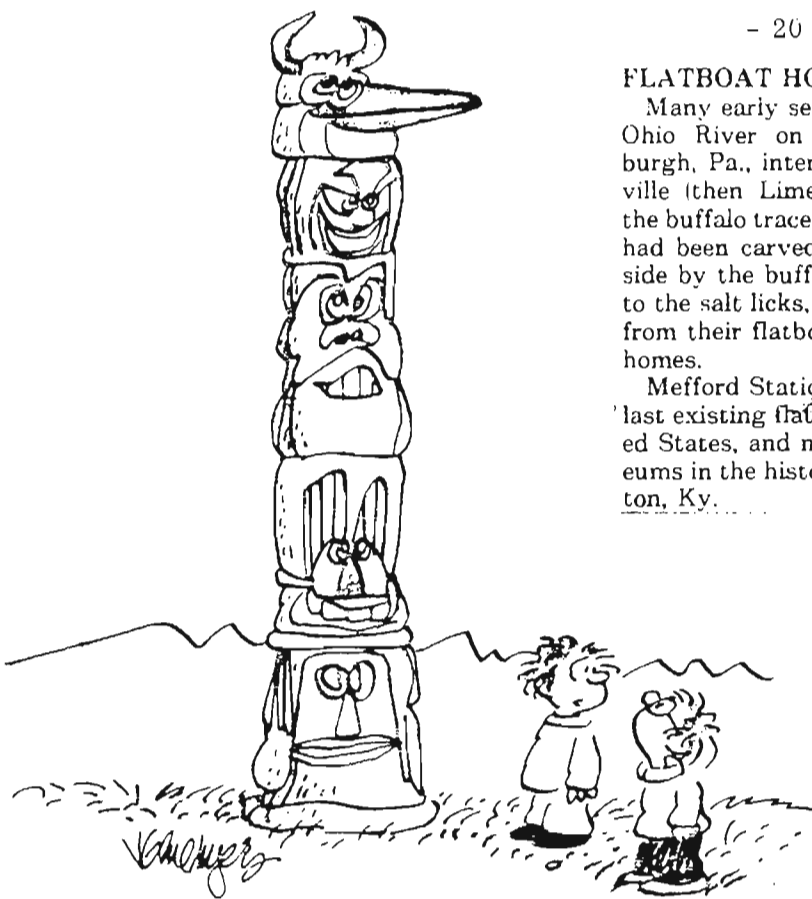
Many early settlers floated down the Ohio River on flatboats from Pittsburgh, Pa., intending to land at Maysville (then Limestone), Ky. Following the buffalo trace into the interior, which had been carved through the countryside by the buffalo on their way south to the salt licks, settlers used the wood from their flatboats to build their first homes.

Mefford Station, built in 1787, is the last existing flatboat house in the United States, and now one of the six museums in the historic village of Washington, Ky. TST 9-25-82

1642 COMPUTER

A forerunner of the modern computer was created in 1642 when Blaise Pascal built for his father a small machine that could add and subtract and was worked by geared wheels.

TST 9-3-83



"I think it's a family tree."

MAILBOXES

The first street letter boxes for mail collection were installed in Boston and New York in August 1858. TST 12-11-82

CIGAR SMOKE

Until the 18th century, French doctors prescribed smoking cigars as an antidote for everything from tetanus to bad breath. (DAC - TST 9/18/82)

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