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Midland Pioneers

Submitted by Ruth Ann Casadonte

TOWNSEND Chester C.

b. 16 Mar 1869
m. 12 Jul 1889
d. 24 Sep 1909

TOWNSEND, Joseph C., Jr.

b. 23 Jan 1834
m. 26 Feb 1856
d. 28 Jan 1890

PATTERSON, Evaline

b. 27 May 1834
d. 18 Jan 1916

TOWNSEND, Joseph C., Sr.

b. 1738
wh. Mt. Morris, Genessee
Co. N.Y.

m. 1820
CRONKRIGHT, Mary (Polly)

b. 1789
wh. Genessee Co., N.Y.

PATTERSON, Henry

Harriet

TOWNSEND, Leo N.

b. 21 Feb 1903
wh. Illinois
m. 18 Jul 1926
d. Apr 1983

REYNOLDS, Hannah

b. 3 Feb 1872
d. 16 Aug 1925

REYNOLDS, Benjamin

b. 1842
wh. Toronto, Canada
m. 1869

O'DELL, Elizabeth

b. 1850
wh. Queens, New York

O'DELL, Lorenzo

Hannah

spouse of Leo N. TOWNSEND
was: Hester WOLFLEY

This is the continuation of the Midland Pioneers, submitted by Ruth Ann Casadonte in the previous issue. The article was compiled by Leo N. Townsend and written by Patricia J. Erckmann. It was reprinted in the interest of the preservation of local history by the MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Midland Pioneers, cont

Joseph married Evaline Patterson in 1856. She was born in 1834 in Midland and raised here by her parents, Henry and Harriet Patterson. Joseph and Evaline, reared eleven children: Cora Ann, Emoline, Harriet, Jacob, Angeline, Chester, Cornelia, Ianthia, Sophronia and Geneva.

Just before their marriage, Joseph built the first house in Midland at the end of Flint Street (now the 15th green at the Currie Municipal Golf Course). His children were born there and some of his son Chester's children. In 1868, Joseph built a second house 300 feet away. It was still standing and inhabited in 1950 during Midland's Centennial. The first house was torn down in 1918 because it needed many repairs. In 1958, the owner of the second house, Willis Briggs, sold it and it was subsequently torn down.

A drayman, Joseph Jr. carted the supplies of Herbert H. Dow to a local gristmill. This was where Dow began his bromine experiments.

Joseph Jr. was a Republican. With the backing of the Greenback and Independent parties, he remained in local office for many years. He was a Notary Public, County Agent of the State Board of Charities, Superintendent of the Poor, County Coroner and sometimes acted as constable.

In 1890, Joseph died at the age of 56. His wife, Evaline lived until 1916, spending the last seven years of her life helping look after her grandson, Leo, while he was sick. With the death of Evaline the Midland Townsends no longer had family ties with the Townsends of Detroit and New York State.

Thomas Townsend, Joseph's older brother lived in Midland until his death in 1881. His wife, Augusta, and son Augustus, are buried near him. He was one of the first local judges.

Chester C. Townsend, born in 1869 in the first house of Joseph Townsend Jr., grew up in Midland with his brother and sisters. In 1889, he married Hannah Reynolds. The daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (O'Dell) Reynolds, Hannah born in 1872 and raised in Midland.

Chester and Hannah had two children in Joseph Jr.'s first house: Joseph (1890 to 1892) and Beatrice (1893). To find work Chester and his family followed Hannah's parents to the Chicago area. They had Arthur (1896 to 1975), Lloyd (1900 to 1969) and Leo (1902) while living in Whiting, Lake County, Indiana.

Chester worked for the Standard Oil Company in Whiting from 1894 to 1905 as a millwright foreman. Moving back to Midland in 1905, he worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker in the woodshop at Dow Chemical Company.

Chester and Hannah had Leila (1906) and Roy (1909 to 1967) after returning to Midland. She was a semi-invalid with congestive heart failure by this time. He died in 1909 of typhoid and pneumonia. She died in 1925. Their son, Leo, went to live with Hannah's parents in 1909 because he was ill with typhoid, pneumonia and a succession of other childhood illnesses. His grandmothers, Evaline Townsend and Elizabeth Reynolds, told him stories of his ancestors to keep him occupied while confined to bed.

The President Speaks

Locating projects that would be embraced by members is sometimes a difficult task for an executive board. Numerous activities have been tried the past few years... researching and publishing books, and the State Seminar were successful endeavors and received good membership participation. The library trips to Detroit (the Burton Collection) and Fort Wayne, Indiana have proved to be great aids to people who for one reason or another may be reluctant to go alone.

This type of research venture could be planned for the Nation's capitol and would make the Library of Congress, the National Archives and the D.A.R. Library available in a single trip. Over the coming months, think about your participation in such an adventure and advise board members of your desires. Maybe we can turn such an idea into reality.

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We would like to extend our sympathy to Patrick Whelan and his family on the loss of their wife and mother, Isabel Whelan.



Thank You



Ben and I would like to thank most sincerely all the members of our society who sent cards and expressed their concern and prayers during Ben's recent stay in the hospital. It is very comforting to be a part of such a caring and sharing group.



Bells Are Ringing 

Our congratulations to Daniel Stull, and our best wishes to his bride, Mary Lowe Haldeman, on their marriage, April 28, 1984.

By the time you read this, the marriage vows will have been spoken. We are so pleased to welcome Mary to our family of genealogists, and hope to find in her an active new member.

For further wedding details, please check your Midland Daily News.

The Stulls plan to divide their time between Midland and Connecticut.



Editorial Notes

Spring is here, along with robins, budding trees and hyacinths and tulips. It follows that strange urges hit men and women, at this lovely time of year and one of the strongest of these is the urge to hit those with a genealogical bent. CEMETERIES are calling us. In mind of this, I submit to you, two articles concerning this most fascinating of places. I hope you enjoy them.

The following article was found in the book, "Cemetery Inscriptions of Brown Co., Ohio", by Linda H. Wilson. While I didn't get a lot of new information from my trip to Ft. Wayne, I did in a very round about way. I found this book there, and when I tried to call Linda, I couldn't get her phone number, so I called Pat Donaldson in Georgetown, Ohio. She was gracious enough to give me Linda's phone number and I found that we can swap information about my Waters line. Thank you Linda, for permission to copy your delightful article and thank you Pat, for my James Waters, Sr.

HOW TO COMPILE

The compiling of tombstone inscriptions consists of numerous tasks. First to locate an unknown cemetery, you search the W. P. A. records, Geological Survey Map, the County Atlas, drive 110 miles, ask 30 people and then stare open mouthed in amazement if you do succeed.

The second step requires you to become a pack horse. You will need a wire brush, crowbar, prober, styrofoam, notebook, pencils, chalk, camera and anything else you can carry. Most family cemeteries are located as far from the road as possible, in the dense undergrowth and/or upon the highest hill. The old saying, "go when the frost takes down the weeds", is only true in the Arctic. They never seem to go down, but remain waist high to grab or poke at you. Some graveyards are so dense you must decide whether to crawl in and back out or to back in and crawl out. Bumblebee hests, snakes, poison ivy, red ants, tons of honeysuckle, fallen trees, chiggers, wild rose bushes, briars, ground hog dens and sagging fences all add a touch of pioneer feeling. Another added pleasure can be jogging practice in front of a horned bull or buck sheep.

After you have walked 1 to 3 miles and finally located the cemetery, step three begins. The entire grounds should be probed for possible buried tombstones and these dug up. All available pieces of broken stones should be assembled. You should copy the important data from each stone. Always include the person's full name, the w/o, d/o or s/o and their name, plus all dates and ages. The many creekstone and sandstone markers have crumbled from exposure, but even a partial name or date can sometimes locate an ancestor. Marble stones may erode until the inscription is very difficult to decipher and the further hard scrubbing with a wire brush can damage it more.

Once the entire cemetery has been copied, recheck the grounds. Tombstones have been found nearby in creeks, against trees, lying in piles or along fences. The exact location and date it was copied is also important. Different areas present different hazards, so it is wise to take someone with you from the area. You'll find most family cemeteries have been left to the elements. Cattle have overturned and broken many stones, trees or ground hogs severely damage even present isolated graveyards. They have been plowed over or bulldozed and are rapidly disappearing.

Step four is trying to return from whence you came. You are now in a strange area, waist or head high in undergrowth, hungry, thirsty and the sun has moved. If you do get home, you'll keep on seeking unknown cemeteries, or you'll decide to let your bruises, scratches and blisters heal while someone else compiles a cemetery book.

A little cemetery in the hills of Southern Ohio, hidden to most of humanity is being cleaned up and given a face lift, due to the efforts of a number of people and due to some very strange coincidences.

I happen to be a member of the Clermont County Genealogical Society and when I get my newsletter, everything stops, while I sit down and read it from cover to cover. Fortunately, all of my newsletters don't come on the same day, because there wouldn't be enough time to eat or do anything but read. The reason for my joining the Clermont group is the Tracy family.

There in the middle of the newsletter was the caption, "WHAT'S THE NAME FOR CEMETERY LOCATED PIERCE TWP BEHIND THE TALL TIMBERS MOBILE HOME PARK?" I just had to jump up and holler a bit. After all, I was by myself and nearly all those names were TRACYS. There were listed nine names, death dates and ages at death. All but two were Tracys and most of the names were repeats of those in my family. The article said, "If anyone has information on this family, please contact, Mrs. Caudell, or Mrs. McGraw", and their phone numbers. This had been a want ad placed in the Clermont Courier, September 2, 1982. I had no information, but I surely wanted some. It was worth a phone call to find out what was happening down there in Ohio. I had been there just a month before and had missed this cemetery. I could hardly believe it. I never miss a cemetery!

It seems that when the Caudells had moved into the trailer park, they kept hearing the boys that lived in the park talk about the old cemetery. Upon closer questioning, they found out that there really was one, and that it was one of the boys favorite playing areas. It was old, deserted and very hard to find. A number of trails led to it, but you really had to want to get there badly and know exactly how to do it...or be a ten year old boy. What the Caudells really wanted, was to find someone interested enough to clean it up.

Next I called a cousin, Oliver Kautz, who lives in Georgetown, Ohio. Oliver is a Tracy and has written the Tracy family history. I told him what I had found out and he said that he would see what he could find out about it, so I contained myself as best I could. On the 7th of August I got a letter from Oliver. I would like to copy parts of it for you as he wrote it.

"On Saturday, July 30th, mother and I started out to find the Tracy Cemetery you mentioned. With a phone call from my cousins house at Amelia, I found the location of the Caudell family located in Tall Timbers Mobile Court. They are friendly folks and were awaiting our arrival. Since mother can hardly walk, she stayed at the mobile home with a daughter of the Caudells, so with mother and granddaughter in the lead, and I and papa Caudell in the rear, we started out on the hike up through the mobile court and then into the jungle, which was full of paths.

After going and going and going, up grades and down grades, we arrived at the site of the honeysuckle and small tree, over run cemetery. All the stones but two are in real good shape. Henry Tracys stone is crushed, but was pieced back together enough to read his name and death. The six Tracy's are all children. I believe you have their names."

(Anyone wanting these names, please send me a SASE, and I will be happy to send them along with the dates of death and ages.)

"The Caudell family said there could be four of them that would help clean the cemetery. Mrs. Malcom Tucker, whose husband owns the land, said it probably wouldn't do much good to fence it in, as there is always someone from the trailer park back in there." (Probably ten year old boys. They are the only ones endowed with the stamina it takes to get there.)

As I said before, I didn't know that cemetery was there, but I certainly recognized the given names. They were repetitions of names that I had in my Tracy family as adults. And these were all babes, except one that was 21 years old and one that was not dated at all. Names do tell a story, and families did use them over and over again. Neither Oliver nor I have proof that these are our Tracys, but we both feel that they are. Now we must dig up "PROOF".

I can hardly wait to get back to Clermont County. I'm going to find me a ten year old boy and hit the trails, with my camera and cemetery kit, of course.

From the Shelves

by Marion Berry



DONATIONS TO THE Genealogical Section of the Grace A. Dow Library

Publications donated by Betty Bellous, Grand Rapids, Michigan:

- "The Germanic Genealogist", issues 1978-83 (black binder)
- "Eastern European Genealogist", issues 1977-81 (in with above)
- "Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan", issues 1981-83 (black binder)
- "Polish Genealogical Society Newsletter", issues 1980-83 (with above)
- "Michigana", issues 1981-83, index 1955-64 (black binder)
- "Central N.Y. Genealogical Society", issues 1982-83, index 1962-83,
(black binder)

Publications donated by Lola Willett, Flint, Michigan:

- "The Bulletin", Stanford, Connecticut Gen. Soc., issues 1959-72
- "Car-del-Scribe", Middleborough, Massachusetts, issues 1971-81
- "Lost in Canada", Middleborough, Massachusetts, issues 1976-83
- "Branches and Twigs", Vermont Newsletter, issues 1973-83
- "Genealogical Helper", miscellaneous issues
- Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine - several years
- Ontario Genealogical Society, Leeds and Grenville Branch-Assortment of
Newsletters
- "American Genealogist Magazine - 5 years
- "Tree Talks", Central New York Genealogical Society - 15 years

Donated by Bonnie Kennett:

- "Pioneer Women - Voices From the Kansas Frontier, by Joanna L. Stratton



by Marion Berry



The past few months have seen our members traveling to various spots to use some excellent research facilities. Nineteen people rode in four vehicles to Detroit, Feb. 21 - and Norma Furlo returned there three more times, with her car filled, each time.

The Ft. Wayne, Indiana trip, on April 6 and 7, received such enthusiastic support that I think we'll need to arrange another one. Five cars carried twenty people, who stayed the night at the Red Roof Inn.

If you are interested in being included on these jaunts, give me a call so that I can add your name to the growing list. If someone is planning a research trip and would like passengers to share expenses, either contact me or put a note up on the bulletin board in the lower level of the Grace A. Dow Library.

On the Council trips to Lansing...Next one on May 10.....contact Norma, 689-3498. She can take two passengers, and you can use her car to work at the Archives and then either use the library in the afternoon, or come back to the library to pick her and Esme up at 4:30.

The Fort Wayne Expedition

by Mary Ledbetter

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On Friday, April 6, 1984, dawn broke over three cars wending their way down I-69 to the Genealogist's Heaven, (known to non-genealogists as Fort Wayne, Indiana. They were following the trail blazed on Thursday by Marilyn Watkins and her fearless crew.

Maxine McCullen and passengers were just leaving the motel when Norma Furlo's group arrived. We made it to the Fort Wayne and Allen County Library before the doors swung open. Coats were barely off and brief cases opened in the Reynold's Collection when Wilma Diesen and her team came in, all ready for action.

If luck plays any part in genealogical research, the luckiest person in the assemblage was Carolyn Bacon. She had taken an obituary with her and used the information there-in to complete two generations of family record sheets. The rest of us expanded our lines or filled in missing facts.

Fortune smiled on Carolyn all day Friday. When she dropped a nickel while helping Norma at the copy machine, she reached to pick it up. But in her hand she found a quarter. Knowing it was a nickle she had lost, she searched further and found it. Next to it was a dime. Norma Furlo was seen on her hands and knees crawling behind the copy machine, however, she couldn't find a penny much less a relative!

The Red Roof Inn sheltered us well and Saturday offered the greenhorns an opportunity to use what they had learned about the library on Friday.

The day concluded with follow-the-leader to Duff's Smorgasbord. We had no trouble following Ed and Bari Birkhimer's new van. But Duff's was closed. It was decided that we would eat at the Heritage House. Norma took over the lead. Her little red car zipped around a curve. A check over the shoulder showed nobody behind; a look around and the others had vanished! Heritage House fed the Birkhimer's and their passenger, Kay Lorton. Heritage House also fed the occupants of Willie Diesen's car. Norma and her crew never found Heritage House. We ate at Pancake House.

As the sun sank slowly in the west, we headed back up north on I-69 with pleasant memories, notebooks and briefcases bulging with genealogical gleanings and were grateful to have had the opportunity to become better acquainted with other members of the Society.

We would like to thank Marion Berry for planning the trip for us. First, Detroit, and now Fort Wayne! What an exciting and productive spring it has been for the members of the Midland Genealogical Society.

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The Nomination Committee presented the following slate of officers for the year 1984-85.

President: Les Berry
Vice Pres. - Program: Quita Shier
Vice Pres. - Membership: Nancy Lackie
Treasurer: Jo Brines
Recording Sec'y: Nancy Humphrey
Corresponding Sec'y: Sandy Zilnick



The Vice President in charge of program has a committee to help her provide us with the best programs available. They are: Helen Craig, Pat Worden and Beverly Keicher.

I received the following letter on April 17. It sounds like great fun, especially for any of you who might have ancestors from the area. I will print it in its entirety, so you won't miss any of the good parts.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The community of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan formally invites you and members of your society to participate in a unique and extraordinary event.

During the week of June 2 through June 10, "the Sault" community will celebrate its historical roots. The celebration will be called "Le Rendez-vous du Sault". It will begin with a Festival Parade at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 and will end with closing award ceremonies the afternoon of Sunday, June 10.

Following the parade, an encampment of "modern-day voyageurs" and members of the Ojibway Indian Nation of Lake Superior will be opened on the St. Mary's River. This encampment will be the center of activity during the week-long celebration. In the encampment, craftsmen, musicians and dancers will perform as they might have in the earliest Sault settlement. Throughout the city there will be pageants and plays, a film festival, musical performances, a variety of demonstrations and contests, dances and feasts. The week will be filled with fun and educational opportunities for all ages.

We hope you will be able to join us at "Le Rendez-vous du Sault".

Sharon MacLaren
Chairman
Spring Festival Committee

**Sault Area
Chamber of Commerce**

2581 I-75 Business Spur
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783



The Midland Branch Library expects to have an up-dated IGI (surname index on microfiche) by the end of the year. In July they will have available on fiche from Salt Lake 1,000 books that the main library declared as "most used". By fall, the local library hopes to have, on fiche, all indices to Federal Censuses for all states, 1790-1850.

Family Registry A new service by the LDS Church for anyone interested in genealogical research...available at no charge. It is designed for individuals seeking information on others working on the same lines and/or information about family organizations. An active researcher may register deceased individuals or family organizations centered around deceased ancestors by completing a Research Coordination Registration Form and sending it to one of the branch libraries of the Church. Microfiche copies of the registration forms and an index of the registry will be available for searching at the branch libraries as well as at Salt Lake. You are expected to respond to others wishing to coordinate with you. (Forms are available at the local Church library.)

Remember the library hours: Wednesday 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Thursday hours were extended because of added patron usage.....so be sure to take advantage of this wonderful service.

May I also remind you to insert these new hours into your library chart that was printed last month.



COMPUTERIZED
GENEALOGY
LIBRARY

1864 SOUTH STATE ST., SUITE 100
P.O. BOX 27193
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84127
(801) 486-3111

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The following came with a letter from this company. I don't know how reliable the company is. I wondered if any of you have had any correspondence with this firm. If the company is reliable and it's worthwhile, is there a possibility of getting the microfiche for the library? We really need to know about any responses you have had from these people. If this fake or fact?

ARE YOUR ANCESTORS IN OUR COMPUTER?

That is the question asked by the COMPUTERIZED GENEALOGY LIBRARY, an obscure company which offers a unique genealogical resource to its patrons. A lineage linked computerized genealogy database of about 310,000 names, the major function of which is to help you to avoid duplicating research work someone else had already done.

How can you check this resource for your ancestors? It's easy, you just send them \$10.00 and they will send you all entries from the index to their database for the surname you requested. If you want to look up more than eight surnames you can buy a copy of their index on microfiche for \$75.00 per set. You can then use the readers at your local library to do your own searching. If you find the ancestor you are looking for you can purchase print-outs from their computer in several forms including pedigree charts with index, family group records, and descendant lists with addresses.

Those who catch the vision of this far reaching project invest in its cause by having their pedigree computerized. Most patrons find that they will receive more information than they submitted. When this is not the case, patrons still benefit because their research findings are now stored in a safe place that is easy to access. In addition to this the lineage linked database has a magic all its own on Family Trees. It makes them grow like weeds. Most new projects bring with them new data that extends lines which are already in the computer. As each line is extended someone else's pedigree grows. Not everyone will benefit from this kind of growth but most pedigrees will to some extent, some growing as much as four or five times their original size.

If you would like to know more about the COMPUTERIZED GENEALOGY LIBRARY send them a legal sized, self-addressed stamped envelope and they will send you their free brochure. Their address is P.O. Box 174, North Salt Lake, Utah 84054

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Mr. Robert W. Elliott, 9473 Sherborn Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45231, who has visited and used our library a few times, has said he would be willing to do limited research in Cincinnati for anyone in our local group having an interest in Cincinnati. (Probably checking court house records, etc.) His names in Midland are one of the families of MILLS in Hope Twp. and a Christie Ann DOAN.

Submitted by Jo Brines

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EASTERN EUROPEAN MAPS AVAILABLE

Maps Anyone?

Many genealogists have not been successful in locating their Eastern European villages and towns on available maps. Map specialist, Freya Maslov, of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois, has a vast collection of Eastern European maps, some dating to 1790. If you would like a detailed map with your village highlighted, send the following information.

1. The phonetic spelling of the village name and the various ways it might have been spelled.
2. The approximate area to be searched listing the province or district.
3. The names of other towns reported to have been near your village.

Please PRINT or TYPE all information, and include a SASE (#10 envelope) and \$2.50 for each village you wish to locate. Make checks payable to:

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois
and mail to:

Mrs. Freya Maslov, 5819 West Keeney Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053

If your village or town can't be located, your check will be returned and in future issues of their quarterly "SEARCH", they will ask their readers for their assistance.

Taken from: Kansas Kin, 21:2

Queries

Bunny Wilson
23900 Florence
Detroit, Mi
48219

would like some help in Gladwin County. Bunny says JENNIE CHATLIN is on the 1910 census for Gladwin County. Possibly she is buried same place?? Can anyone help her??



I received this letter and would like to share it with you. 1-9271-16

Dear Ms. Furlo

Wauseon, Ohio 43567

My name is Amy Towers and I am 15. I would like to request any information you might be able to send me on the following people: Jesse Alvin Towers, Audrah Iren Root Towers, Joseph Lewis Parks, Kathryn Blanche Spencer Parks and Harry Spencer. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

Amy Towers

Dear Amy,

There is a Towers Family Association from Washington or Oregon. I do not know the address, but if you will write to the North Oakland Genealogical Society, 835 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48035, I am sure they will get it to you. Good luck.

(As of April 17, 1984. Add these to your list from last issue.)

86. ALTMAN, Janet, 5220 Hedgewood, Apt 307, Midland	48640	
87. PENDELL, Karen, 1904 Ardmore, Midland	48640	835-8102
88. CRAIG, Helen, 2396 W. River Road, Sanford	48657	687-5356
89. TOMLINSON, Donald W., 26 Doncaster Drive, Bramalea, Ont., Can.	L6T 1S7	
90. BUFKA, Norbert, 611 Coolidge, Midland	48640	835-2832
91. SHIER, Quita, 215 W. St. Andrews Road, Midland	48640	835-3278
92. HUNEMORDER, E.J. and Helen, 908 Balfour, Midland	48640	835-1534

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PROGRAM FOR May: Annual Meeting and the Program Topic: My Favorite Ancestor by
Midland Genealogical Members

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Share your family history.....if you've written one and would like to place it in the Library at Salt Lake, here are the requirements: The manuscript must be typed; sources must be listed; a name index must be included. Send to: Acquisitions Dept. of Genealogical Library, 50 E. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

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Our surname books are growing...too large in fact to be indexed in a book. Therefore we are going to be starting an index file for this purpose. We are going to include family history sheets, also. I hope that by the end of the year ALL members will have their ancestor sheets in and updated and that at least half of our membership will have family sheets in. Copying can be done in Saginaw at Easy-Print for 5¢ per sheet. I go in frequently, and if you want yours done there, I will be happy to do so. Please call. 689-3498.

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Our fiscal year runs July 1 - June 30. Dues will be collected at the May meeting or may be sent to: Jo Brines, 4300 Castle Drive, Midland, Mi 48640.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: NEW _____ RENEWAL _____
Individual. \$ 7.00
Family (any number at one address). 10.50

MEMBERSHIP MAILING ADDRESS:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____

Things I am willing to volunteer my time to help the Society grow.

Telephoning _____ Education _____ Typing _____ Library _____ Other _____

If other, please specify _____

Your membership entitles you to a query to be published in the Pioneer Record. Please send it to: Norma Furlo, 5437 Mangus Road, Beaverton, Michigan 48612

QUERY:

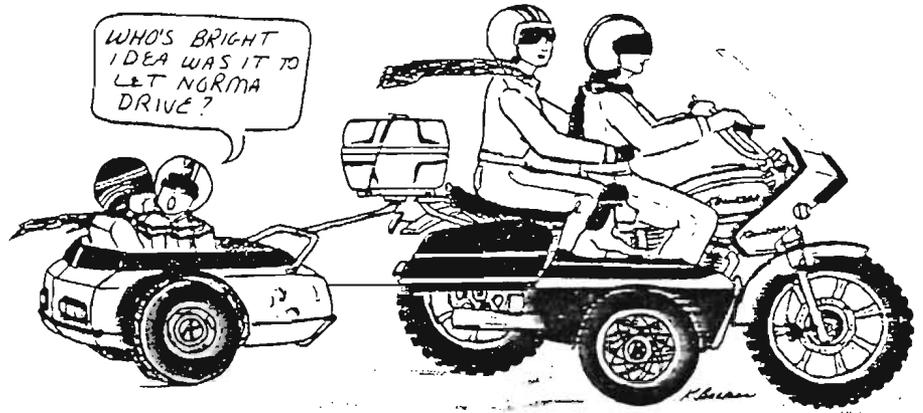


First Log Cabin

Many persons believe that early American colonists lived in log cabins. Not true. The log cabin in North America was the result of an attempt by Sweden to colonize an area in the present state of Delaware. And it was this group of early settlers who brought the concept of log shelters from their native land.

While the Swedes failed to establish a permanent colony, the log cabin became a permanent fixture on the American frontier. This building was ideal for pioneers because an ax was the only tool that was needed to construct one. While Sweden's attempt to colonize may not have been a success, its log cabin kept the American frontiersmen warm and dry.—Paul M. Liikala.

"I believe that one of the responsibilities of having ancestors is the necessity of not being ashamed of them"
Woodrow Wilson



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Midland, Michigan 48640



All meetings of MGS are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified...SEE YOU THERE!