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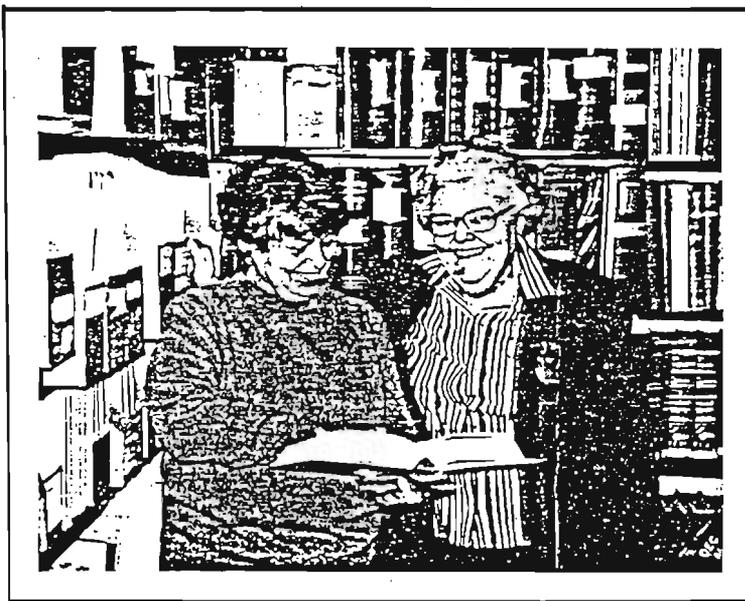
The following article was taken from the MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER, February, 1987. (Please note -- Nancy Lackie is misidentified as Nancy Macklin)

GENEALOGICAL TREASURES — MIDLAND COUNTY

by Nadine C. Messner-Loebs

This is a new feature to the Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter as we explore the genealogical holdings and items of interest in Michigan's counties. We begin with Midland - appropriately - as it was once considered the center of the state. It was created in 1831 with Saginaw as the parent county. The county seat is Midland.

Our tour guides through Midland County were Mrs. Florence G. Wise of the Midland Historical Society, Nancy Macklin of the Midland Genealogical Society, present delegate to the Council, Esme Geoski, former delegate to the Council, and Joan Somerville, Dow Librarian, genealogist and contact person.



Nancy Macklin, left, MGC delegate from Midland County, and Mrs. Florence G. Wise, Midland Historical Society, meet in a corner of the Dow Memorial Library genealogy section.

We first visited the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 St. Andrews, Midland, MI. 48640.

This is the home of the Midland Genealogical Society which meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except in July, August, and December. The genealogy section is a fine example of how the local society can work within the community to improve its resources. The room located downstairs, originally housed just a few volumes. Members' donations of their family genealogies or their personal reference materials have increased the holdings significantly. The Society also purchases books and donates them.

The Society provides forms, such as ancestor charts, pedigree charts, family group sheets, etc., which you may use or copy. This is a big bonus if you arrive from home with too few of your necessary forms. I was also impressed with their free forms for ordering federal military records, copies of

passenger arrival records, Michigan's Affidavit of Heir Form, etc. There are microfilm order forms, interlibrary loan order forms and pre-addressed library envelopes. You fill out the information, enclose your check, provide the stamp, and the library notifies you when your material arrives.

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RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

If you are unsure how to use these forms, members of the Society volunteer to assist you on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. There is also limited mail research by volunteers. They will check indexed books and send copies of the material for \$3.00 per page. Extensive research, i.e., at the courthouse or through unindexed material is available at \$5.00 per page.

The Society is actively indexing county records. Significant achievements include "Midland County, Michigan Census Records: 1850-1894" (available by mail for \$20.80, plus postage and handling..\$21.50 total) which is not only an index but includes the first eleven columns of the census, up to the parent's birthplace. There is also a wonderful card file index of Midland Genealogical Society ancestor charts and the charts are conveniently located. There is even a stool for us short people!

Was your family in Connecticut? Someone donated clippings of the Hartford Times Genealogical Queries Column for 1952-1963. Volunteers have indexed this material for 1962-63 and are working toward completion of the rest. The Boston (MA) Transcript Genealogical Queries for 1936-38 are here and are indexed. Midland newspapers from 1870 to the current date are on microfilm and some indexes have been prepared for this material: an obituary index from 1870-1915 is on the computer and not yet completed. Write and ask.

Quarterlies from genealogical societies around the country are also available, but there may not be complete sets. "Tree Talks" is here, as well as "The New England Genealogical and Historical Society Quarterly" to cite two.

The Mayflower Indexes, Burke's "Peerage", and assorted indexes for other hereditary societies, such as the National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; Founders and Patriots; and the Daughters of the American Revolution, are here (none are complete sets). Write for information if you need this material. The twelve volumes of Munsell's books are here; as well as Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary of New England"; and Stillwell's "Historical and Genealogical Miscellany". They have the Michigan Historic Collection books which I'd previously found only in the State archives.

Census records for Michigan are complete, as well as all censuses referring to Midland County. They are stored in a metal file cabinet on the far wall.

COURTHOUSE INDEXES AT THE DOW LIBRARY

Indexes to Deeds and Mortgage Records of Midland County: 1855-1902 are on microfilm.

Naturalization records for Midland County are indexed on microfilm, however they are incomplete.

Plat maps for Midland County are available here. There is not a complete set and you may need assistance in having copies made.

UNIQUE RECORDS

Assorted Midland telephone books.

Scrapbook: Midland County Servicemen and Women taken from the Midland Daily News, WW II, indexed. Lots of service photos, marriages, deaths, etc.

Scrapbooks: Two on Midland residents, mostly from the Sanford, MI. area; not indexed.

Microfiche on the Strong Family

Scrapbook: "Edenville Area Clippings: 1892-1970", not indexed.

A complete index to Abstracts of Marriage and Death notices from the National Intelligence, Washington, D.C. 1800-1850.

Pennsylvania Church Records from the Evangelical Reformed Historical Society, Lancaster PA, #s 134, 135, 139, 141.

1860 City Directory of Chicago, A-Ni.

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The Society has been strengthening its holdings of English, Canadian, Scots, and Irish materials. Also available are printed vital records from many New England and midwestern states, as well as a good assortment of county histories. There are several lists of pension applications and assorted passenger lists in the library. There are complete sets of Michigan and Midwest "Who's Who".

Ohio families may be located using the index to "Women of the Western Reserve" or Ohio newspapers which have been microfilmed by the Ohio Historical Society and are available through interlibrary loan.

DOW LIBRARY HOURS: 10:00 - 9:00, M-F; 10:00 -5:00, Sat.; and 1:00 - 5:00 Sun. (during the school). There are five microfiche readers and one printer available as well as three microfilm readers and two printers. Printing is for a nominal fee. Copy machines are available in the building for printed books. The genealogy section has been designed to be as much "self-help" as possible, but I found library staff and Society volunteers cut my searching time considerably.

FUTURE COLEMAN LIBRARY

A second genealogy resource library is planned for the city of Coleman in the north-west corner of Midland County. We can look forward to this new facility for Midland has set a fine example.

LDS LIBRARY

The Midland Stake is located not far from the Dow Library at 1700 West Suznet St. in Midland. It is a pleasant and well-appointed library with many microfilm and microfiche readers. It services the area from Bay City through Oscoda and up to Sault Ste. Marie with branch libraries in Traverse City and Mt. Pleasant which will be expanding their facilities in January, 1987.

It offers forms and charts for sale if you need them.

The IGI (International Genealogical Index) 1984 edition and the Accelerated Census Index are excellent tools for research.

Films may be ordered from the main library in Salt Lake City for a nominal fee. Microfiche listings of their holdings are available.

UNIQUE RECORDS

Microfilm holdings at this library are:

Suffolk County, MA Probate Index

Sweden Varmland

Middlesex County, NJ: 1664-1920, 3 Volumes

Revolutionary Soldiers of Redding, CT.

The Crawfords of Adams County, OH.

History of the Congregational Church of Yorktown, Westchester County, NY.

Snow Family Grave Stones

Faulkner County, ARK.

The library also has a small collection of "how-to" books, county histories, etc.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Staffed entirely by volunteers, the library does not provide extensive research but will refer you to Utan and Salt Lake City researchers. However, for information on their holdings, write to Ann C. Bowman, Librarian, 1414 Timber Drive, Midland, MI. 48640. The library does not have copy facilities.

MIDLAND COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Midland, MI. 48640

Parking at the Midland County Courthouse is located in the church parking lot one block away from the building or at metered parking on the adjacent streets. Do not use parking facilities at any other building - tickets will be issued.

Jeffrey Porter, County Clerk, is one of the best informed and most helpful clerks to be found. His office is open daily but the staff prefers that researchers come midweek (TWTu) for the best service since Monday and Friday are always busy days.

AFFIDAVIT OF HEIR FORM AND NEW RATES FOR VITAL RECORDS

The staff is familiar with this form and has copies available for your use if you need them. The vital record indexes are open and there is no charge for looking at the record books if you are just copying the information. Uncertified copies are \$.50 (fifty cents) and the NEW RATES for certified copies (as of 1 January 1987) are \$8.00 for the first copy and \$3.00 for a second copy of the same record.

OTHER RECORDS

Old city minutes and Board of Supervisor's Minutes to 1857 are here but there is only a sketchy index to this microfilm record. The originals are at the State Archives in Lansing. All Circuit Court Records such as divorces, criminal cases, and civil suits over \$10,000 are held here. These records are all open to the public.

At one time County Clerks were required to maintain professional registrations, such as doctors, dentists, beauticians, morticians, etc., for five years. However, now that there is a Department of Licensing in Lansing, most clerks no longer keep the records and Midland has none.

RESEARCH BY MAIL

Query first, and send a SASE. The staff will search the index and return a form to be filled out, listing the costs of the copies. Requests should be answered within five (5) working days after arriving at the Clerk's office.

PROBATE COURT

BIRTH RECORDS are housed across the hall in the office of the Probate Court. You may inquire about a specific birth if you have proof of death from the County Clerk or the Affidavit of Heir Form. You will not see anyone's record without proper authorization.

Probate records are available from 1856 through the current year. Indexes are alphabetical by year but are not totally alphabetical and are therefore not open to the public. You must have a specific year in order to see the record and a form must be filled out. The staff will search the record and pull it for your use. A one-day turnaround time is required.

Some records are not public, namely, juvenile, adoption, mental illness or competency hearings.

Public records include estates (testate and intestate).

Guardianships of minor children or paternity acknowledgements may be open to the researcher with the judge's permission. Only written requests may be made for this type of record.

Copies of documents are available at a cost which varies according to the size of the document.

RESEARCH TIPS

If coming from somewhere outside of the county, call first to reserve the one space available at (517) 832-6680.

Query first to see if the files are available and have them pulled for the day you are arriving. If you prefer to have the material mailed to you, staff will inform you of the costs.

Queries should be addressed to: Helen Berg, c/o Probate Court, Midland, MI. 48640.

REGISTRAR OF DEEDS

All indexes are open. Costs of the record are \$1.00 per page statewide for copying. Grantor/Grantee records exist for 1855-1957. After that, a card system was used 1957-1984. Since 1985 the indexes have been computerized.

There are very few plat maps in this office. Since these were all provided by private companies and copyrighted, copies are not available unless printed in extremely old books.

All the records in this office are beautifully maintained. Other holdings include mortgages, sheriff's deeds, liens and levies, indebtedness records, early divorces, miscellaneous files and land contracts. They also have the original and the microfilm records for all the plots laid out in the subdivisions. The tract books for 1850-1855 are laminated and bound but not indexed. Some are for Gladwin, Saginaw, Roscommon and Midland Counties before the reorganization of counties. Bounty land records or patents are intermingled with regular deeds. Dick Diment, Registrar, also showed me the original U.S. Government surveys and surveyors' notes for Midland County for 1855-1880.

In all, Midland County is truly a genealogical treasure and well worth a stop on your next ancestor hunting excursion.

NEW FAMILY NEWSLETTER

A quarterly newsletter, "CHEW FAMILY", is available for \$15.00/year. If interested, contact Frances Bringle, 6619 Pheasant Road, Baltimore, MD. 21220

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The phrase "those lazy, hazy days of summer" certainly did not apply this year. Your new officers met several times over the summer making necessary changes and organizing a full year for you.

Esme Gehoski, re-elected 2nd Vice-President, felt her time would be limited this year and asked to be replaced. Ruth Ann Casadonte stepped into that position and Nancy Burd agreed to take over as Historian. Nancy Humphrey will be chairing the "Pioneer Record" relieving Pat Worden, founder, after many dedicated years. Maxine McCullen will continue as liaison person with the library.

Ground work is being laid for abstracting marriage records at the court house. Jo Brines offered to head up this project, which will involve teams of two, reading and checking abstracts of entries. Ralph Hillman is working on getting the co-operation of the Midland County Probate Office concerning the abstraction of wills. Evelyn Fagley, who took the newspaper obituary abstraction up to 1920, asked to be replaced. Nancy Lackie will be continuing the project probably up to 1927.

The library asked us to present a beginners' genealogy session in the fall. Ed and Bari Birkhimer agreed to make such a presentation on Sunday afternoon, October 18th.

We, your officers, are looking forward to this active year and sincerely hope each of you will contribute some part of yourself to one of the many areas that will be needing help.

In closing, I would like to express our sadness at the passing of one of our members, Ben Brines, and offer our condolences to Jo. Ben was a special person to each of us.

Marion Berry

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TRAVEL ANYONE?

Where are your 'genealogy' feet itching to go? The MGS would like to coordinate some trips - do you have any suggestions? The following locations have been proposed. If you're interested be sure to come to the September 16th meeting to sign up and/or offer other suggestions.

Proposed Trips:

Lansing State Library and Archives - Lansing, MI
 Allen Country Library - Ft. Wayne, IN
 LDS Library - Salt Lake City, UT

LET US KNOW YOU'RE INTERESTED...SIGN UP AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

FALL PROGRAMS:

The MGS meets at 7:30 p.m. (NOTE NEW STARTING TIME), in the G. A. Dow Memorial Library Lounge.

September 16th - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE/GET ACQUAINTED WITH GENEALOGY - Bring a guest and get reacquainted with the "new" GADow Genealogy Library color coding system.

October 21st - YOU ARE WHAT YOU WRITE - Gerri Schramm, Graphoanalyst, guest speaker.

November 18th - ALSACE CORRIDOR - FRENCH/GERMAN/SWISS RECORDS - Rachel Berry, guest speaker. Researching ancestry who came through the Alsace corridor.

December (no meeting)

January 20th - WHAT'S NEW AT THE LDS LIBRARY - Ann Bowman, LDS Librarian. NOTE: Meeting will be held at the LDS (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints) Library, 1700 W. Sugnet, Midland, MI

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

4TH ANNUAL SERIES OF GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS - The National Archives - Chicago Branch, 7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629 (312) 581-7816 - Offering one-day genealogy workshops for beginners. COST: \$5.00. DATES: September 1 and 23, October 15, November 13. TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

RESEARCHING IN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND - With Donna Reid Hotaling - Sponsor: The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw Co. MI. DATE: October 24, 1987 LOCATION: Holiday Inn - Holidome West, Ann Arbor, MI INFORMATION: SASE to Mrs. Anne Holland, 111 Golfview Ln., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

A FAMILY AFFAIR - NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE - LOCATION: Biloxi, Mississippi DATE: April 27-30, 1988 INFORMATION: NGS Conference Committee, 4527 Seventeenth Street, Arlington, VA 22207-2362

HELP WANTED!!

Is any MGS member planning to attend the Michigan Genealogical Council seminar in Troy, Michigan on September 25-26, 1987? We have rented a half-table to sell our three publications. I would like some help manning the table. Please call Jo Brines, 832-8312.

NEW BOOK AT LIBRARY:

by Marion Berry

"PERiodical Source Index", compiled by Genealogy Staff of Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 331 pages. . . at present available for use at the Reference Desk of Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

"PERSI", as the book is known, is an index of articles from the tables of contents of all genealogical and local history periodicals received and published in 1986. This is an article index, not an every name index. A retrospective PERiodical Source Index covering periodicals from 1847-1985 will be available in 1989. No family journals and few foreign journals are being indexed at this time.

There are five sections to this book, the bulk is a listing by state and county of the record type, title of article, journal source. The next section deals with Family Records, surname, title of article, journal source.

There is a 22 page section giving an index to the codes used for sources.

Without a doubt, this is the best research tool we've seen in some time. You might like to have a copy of your own.

(sample of records)

STATE	COUNTY	RECORD TYPE	TITLE OF ARTICLE	JOURNAL	VOL	NUM	MON	YEAR
AL	Dale	History	Cole's bridge	ALPR	12	2	Fal	1986
AL	Dallas	Court	Records of the orphans' court, 1819-1820	ALCN	12	1	Jan	1986
FAMILY RECORDS			TITLE OF ARTICLE	JOURNAL	VOL	NUM	MON	YEAR
			CLARK/Henry Clark cemetery, Christian co., KY	KYTB	73	3	Sep	1986
			CLARK/Hugh Clark, NC	NCAC		1	Apr	1986
CANADA	PROVINCE	RECORD TYPE	TITLE OF ARTICLE	JOURNAL	VOL	NUM	MON	YEAR
	Ontario	Biography	Early settlers of Walter's Falls, Grey co.	CNOF	25	4	Nov	1986
	Ontario	Cemetery	St. Mary's Roman Cath. cemetery - Wilno	MIPO	6	2	May	1986
COUNTRY	RECORD TYPE	TITLE OF ARTICLE	JOURNAL	VOL	NUM	MON	YEAR	
Australia	Biography	More Amer. civil war vets.-migrated to Australia	ARFH	24	4	Dec	1986	
Australia	Church	St. James' church, New South Wales, Australia	CAOR	23	3	Sep	1986	
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	RECORD TYPE	TITLE OF ARTICLE	JOURNAL	VOL	NUM	MON	YEAR	
	Deeds	Proving his death by their deeds	FLGN	9	4	Sum	1986	
	Directories	Researching with city directories	MIGN		38	May	1986	

Appendix A

Journal	Title	State
OHDF	PASTFINDER	OH
OHPH	PERRY COUNTY HEIRLINES	OH
OHPO	PICKAWAY QUARTERLY	OH

SHELFSIDE

(recent additions to the Genealogy Collection at
GADow Library)

- "Passenger and Immigration Lists" 1982-85 Cumulated Supplement (4 volumes)
1986 Supplement -- edited by P. William Filby with
Dorothy M. Lower
- "Wurttemberg Emigration Index" Volume 2 1986 -- Trudy Schenk and R. Froelke
- "Landsmen of Lenawee County" (1981), "Landsmen of Hillsdale County" (1984)
"Landsmen of Jackson County" (revised 1986), "Landsmen of Monroe
County" (1984), "Landsmen of Wayne County", (1985) -- P. R. Peck
Liberty Town Press
- "Michigan Centennial Family Farm Heritage" -- Mary L. Wermuth and
Michigan Centennial Farm Association (1986)
- "Sixteenth Report of the Record Commissioners" -- Boston Town Records
(1758-1769)
- "Genealogical Abstracts from American Weekly Mercury 1719-1746" -- K. Scott
(first paper published in Pennsylvania)
- Missouri Archives Bulletin: "A guide to county records on microfilm" --
by Secretary of State
- "The Negro in Colonial New England" -- L. J. Green (1969)
- "Genealogical Periodicals - A Neglected Treasure" -- L. C. Towle (booklet)
- "Generations and Change - Genealogical Perspectives in Social History" --
R. M. Taylor, Jr.
- "Michigan Genealogy - Sources and Resources" -- Carol McGinnis (1987)
- "Gazetteer of New York State - 1860" -- J. H. French
- "Confederate Resource Sources - A Guide to Archive Collections" --
James C. Neagles (1986)
- "Descendants of Jacob Wiltse, Linus Frost and Henry and Francis Dice" --
Elizabeth Johnson Salchow (1975) donated by Do Johnson
- "10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York - 1777-1834" -- F. G. Bowman
- "Chicago and Cook County Sources" -- L. D. Szucs (1986)

Census Indexes as follows:

Connecticut	1810, 1820
Delaware	1810, 1820, 1830, 1840
Illinois	1840
Kentucky	1840, 1850
Maine	1810, 1820, 1840
Maryland	1820, 1840, 1850
Massachusetts	1810, 1820, 1840
Michigan Veteran Census (1890)	
New Hampshire	1820, 1830, 1840, 1850
New Jersey	1830, 1840, 1850
North Carolina	1830, 1840, 1850
Pennsylvania	1810, 1820
Rhode Island	1790, 1810, 1830, 1840
South Carolina	1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850
Vermont	1800, 1820, 1830
Virginia	1830

QUERIES

ADAMS. Would like to hear from anyone related to, or with knowledge of William A. and James ADAMS, sons of Peter and Emily ADAMS. Moved to Clare County, Michigan from Canada 1893. Sylvan Township, Osceola County, 1895-1904. Members Methodist Epworth Church. Niece Mrs. McKinsey in Clare in 1904. Sherry Veitenheimer, North 5307 Oakland, Otis Orchards, Washington 99027.

PERRY/GOULD. Searching for parents of Almerin PERRY b. 1810 New York, d.4 April 1857 Genesee Co. MI. M. Ann Eliza GOULD ca. 1830. Her parents were Jared GOULD and Polly ALLEN. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Helen DePlonty 4130 E. Baker Road, Midland, MI 48640

CHAFFEE/BRIGHAM. William H. CHAFFEE b. 1816 in Northfield, Vermont. He married Sophronia Delight BRIGHAM in 1844. Sophronia's parents were Elisha and Sophronia BRIGHAM. She was born in 1825 in Fayston, Washington Co. Vermont. William and Sophronia moved to New York in 1852 and to Flint, MI in 1855. William died 17 Nov 1882. Seeking any information on either family. Helen DePlonty, 4130 E. Baker Road, Midland, MI 48640

WELLS/PAQUETTE. Joseph WELLS b. ca 1845 in Canada. His parents were Casimir DUPUIT and Sophia LAVILLE. He died 18 May 1898 Saginaw Co. MI. He married Philomena PAQUETTE 25 April 1870 in Saginaw, MI. Philomena was born 1853 in Canada. Her parents were John PAQUETTE and Christine MARTIN. Philomena died 31 May 1878 in Saginaw Co. MI. Would appreciate any information on the above. Helen DePlonty, 4130 E. Baker Rd. Midland, MI 48640

NOSING THRU THE NEWSLETTERS by Maxine McCullen

(This column is a new feature of the PIONEER RECORD. Maxine McCullen has generously 'volunteered' to 'nose' through the newsletters which arrive at the GADow Library Genealogy Department and pick out items of interest.)

TIP: If the death record reads: died the 2nd inst, instand means current or present month. If the record reads: died the 30th ult, ultimate means last or previous month. (DeANZA Heritage Ge. Soc. via GAS, Spring, 1986)

INDIANA RESEARCH -- the Genealogy Division of Indiana State Library has genealogical records for the entire state, including census, vitals, cemetery records, family histories and Bible records. Will research requests for specific names but only in standard indexes, one personal name per request. Write: Genealogy Div., Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46204.

OHIO RESEARCH -- a 5-page listing of libraries, archives and societies which have material of interest to genealogists is available for a SASE from: Cincinnati Public Library, 800 Vine St., Library Square, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071.

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH -- the Dept. of Community Affairs, Harrisburg, PA 17120 has available for \$.25 plus a large SASE, "Genealogical Map of the Counties-Commonwealth of PA". The large map shows the various tracts of land grants surrounded by 14 small maps that portray how the counties developed over the years. (previous three items taken from THE PASTFINDER, Vol. 16, No. 4)

DID YOU HAVE FAMILY members killed or captured by the Indians in western Pennsylvania prior to 1812? An early project of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Library, 4339 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, was the compilation of an Index of people who had been captured or killed by Indians prior to 1812. (Allen County Lines)

WHEN WRITING HAS FADED, a suggestion is to use a black 75 watt bulb in any lamp that will cast light directly on the subject. The black light is said to bring out the dlm copy. (Newsletter of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois)

DURING THE NAZI REGIME, each family in Germany was required to prepare an AHNEPASS, which listed from three to six generations of ancestry. The Genealogical Society of Utah has microfilmed 671 reels of these passes for the area of Mittelfranken (in Bavaria) in the Brenner collection . . . St. Clair Gen. Soc. Newsletter, Feb. 1986 (reprinted in THE PASTFINDER, Vol. 16, No. 4)

IRELAND PAID SHIP FARE: the government of Ireland paid for the transportation of many of its countrymen to America during the great potato famine of the late 1800s. It justified the expenditure by saying it was cheaper than providing food or burial expenses for the thousands. Half the potato crop of 1845 rotted and in 1846 it was an almost complete failure. (Tree Climber, April 1987)

ATTENTION MGS MEMBERS: MEMBERSHIP DUES

by Jo Brines

By the time you receive this newsletter, the month of September will be coming quickly or may have already arrived, and our September 16 meeting will be fast approaching. Our Society's year runs July 1 thru June 30, and the by-laws state that all dues shall be collected by September 30 or the member is dropped from the current list. At present, only one-third of our past members have paid their membership dues for 1987-88. We value your continued interest and support in the Society. If you haven't done so, please plan to renew your membership at the September meeting.

Single membership is \$7.00 and couples, \$10.50. If you cannot attend the September meeting, please send your check to MGS, c/o Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W. St. Andrews Drive, Midland, MI 48640.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

NEW _____	RENEWAL _____
Individual.....	\$ 7.00
Family.....	\$10.50

MEMBERSHIP MAILING ADDRESS:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BY:

Telephoning _____ Education _____ Typing _____ Library _____

Reporting _____ Other _____ (If Other, please specify)

I AM INTERESTED IN:

Genealogical Computing _____ Library Trips _____

Researching for Others _____ Other _____

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WHY SPINSTER?

An unmarried woman was called a spinster because women were once prohibited from marrying until they had spun a full set of bed furnishings. And so, until marriage, they spent much time at the spinning wheel and were called "spinster" - - - Jackson Co., IL Hist. Soc.

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MELVIN (BEN) BRINES 10 SEPTEMBER 1906 - 9 JULY 1987

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Dear Friends:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have expressed concern, thoughts, and prayers over the period of Ben's illness, and additionally, the sympathy shown to me since July 9. In the nine years we have been members of the Society, we have become part of a very caring "genealogical family". The friendships we have made will continue to be very important to me for years to come. Ben's memory will live on through the items purchased with the generous memorial contributions given to the GADow Library. THANK YOU, my "genealogical" friends.

Sincerely,

Jo Brines

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