

ADVICE FROM DAD

THINK BIG THOUGHTS, BUT RELISH SMALL PLEASURES LEARN TO LISTEN. OPPORTUNITY SOMETIMES KNOCKS VERY SOFTLY.

NEVER DEPRIVE SOMEONE OF HOPE; IT MIGHT BE ALL THEY HAVE. BE KINDER THAN NECESSARY. WEAR OUT, DON'T RUST OUT. DON'T QUIT A JOB UNTIL YOU'VE LINED UP ANOTHER. NEVER WASTE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL SOMEONE YOU LOVE THEM. BE THERE WHEN PEOPLE NEED YOU.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR REPUTATION. IT'S YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET.

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Indexers Are The Genealogist's Best Friends

HSGS Web Site. <www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm> is the address for our HSGS's indexes now on the Internet. The search engine for this site, or all of Michigan or any of the other Michigan's counties is <u>www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/search.htm</u>. We currently have (May 29 2004) 633 indexes, 16,470 printed pages long, 779,987 names indexed, and file size is 448MB. All these files are on HSGS's CD, and only 90% are on the web site. The status of these indexes is as follows:

Master Index Status	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
On the web with a current date	188	224	247	254	258	286	370	440	451	470	458
On the web with an outdated date	125	123	123	125	122	124	99	100	101	101	113
Sent to the web site but not yet on	0	28	12	10	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
New indexes not yet sent to web	89	26	77	96	115	112	71	12	21	17	28
New indexes, not edited	44	57	12	14	13	10	12	14	15	15	16
New indexes partially keypunched	3	11	15	15	16	16	16	21	18	18	18
Total	449	469	486	514	528	551	568	587	606	621	633

HSGS member Dan Stock is placing our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site. The new files to be added this month were ready to be uploading, but computer problems precluded it.

New Indexes added this month to HSGS Web Site & the HSGS Library:

- Index To Herald 1925: Mar, Apr. By Joan Doerr of Ellicott City MD.
- Index To Revolutionary Soldiers In Michigan 1818-1873. By Alonzo J Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Index To Grace Lutheran Church Records: 1980-2004. By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Index To Grace Lutheran Church Minutes: 1947-1979. By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Index To Tawases Telephone Directory: 1952. By Bonnie Peete of Swartz Creek MI.
- Index To Oscoda Telephone Directory: 1952. By Bonnie Peete of Swartz Creek MI.
- Index To Tawas Areas School Yearbook: 1980. By Jim Farrand of National City MI.
- Index to Ghostly Lights" Great lakes Lighthouse Tales Of Terror. By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Index To Fly Fishing. By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.

New Books Added this Month to HSGS's Library:

• *Genealogical Classification By Family Group Coding For Descent From Common Ancestors*, by Cameron Ralph Stewart, ©1986, 2,259 pages. Donated by author.

New Computer Added For HSGS's Patron's Use:

- e-Computer model W2846, (2.60GHz processor; 40GB hard drive; Windows XP Home Edition; purchased by HSGS.
- Hewlett-Packard model Desk Jet 695C printed, donated by Alonzo Sherman.
- Iomega 250 Zip Drive, donated by Dan Stock.

The New HSGS's Patron Computer. It is up and running well. A set of instruction has been written to help patrons use it, without HSGS assistance. It will be further tested during June, and if all goes well all the hard copy indexes will be removed from the shelves at the end of June. A patron with some knowledge of genealogy and Windows XP & MS-Word should have no problem using this computer indexes, and then find the original document relating to the indexes. This will allow full researching whether a HSGS member is in the library or not. For that patron without the necessary skill it is suggested they bring along a friend to help them, or come in on a Saturday 9am-3pm when a HSGS member can help them. They can also buy a CD and let a friend help them at home.

<u>Genealogical Records ready to be keypunched</u>. These records are ready to be keypunched, and most of them can be keypunched on your home computer. The records can be mailed to people who live out of town, unless indicated below. The MS-Word format is already established on a 1.4KB floppy disk, along with the keypunch instructions. If you can keypunch any of these indexes please contact Mr Sherman at 989-739-3650 or <shermanaj@hotmail.com>.

- Plat Books for Iosco County MI (Land Owners): 1956, 1973, 1979 & 2001 (about 2000 names each)
- Iosco Community Concert Association, 4 Scrapbooks: 1964-1994.
- Iosco Community Concert Association, Secretaries' Book: 1976-1994.
- Alcona-Iosco Retired Teachers' Association Scrapbook: 1964-1972.
- Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Club Scrapbooks: 1951-1991 (27 books, about 250 names each).
- Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Garden Club Scrapbooks: 1962-1974 (4 books, about 250 names each).
- *Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Newsletter, The Warbler: 1963-1988* (about 250 names for each monthly issue, and about 72,000 names in total). These can be checked out and done at home.
- *Wurtsmith AFB News: 1955-1993 (Weekly Newspaper),* most issues must be indexed in the Parks Library, however some duplicate issues can be done in your home (about 100 names per issue, and about 200,000 names in total).
- *Wurtsmith AFB Family Services Scrapbooks* (6 scrapbooks, about 300 names for each scrapbook, and about 1,800). These can be checked out and done at home.
- *Glass Negatives: 1892-1905* needs improvements. Must be done at the losco Co Historical Museum, (estimated 3,000 names)
- *Obituaries on 3x5 cards* (must be done at the Iosco Co Historical Museum)
- Short Family Tree: Descendants Of Samuel Short, Iosco & Other mid-Michigan Counties, (estimated 2,500 names)
- *7 Justice of the Peace Records,* can be borrowed for keypunching from the Iosco Co Historical Museum, (estimated from 1,000-2000 names each):

East Tawas Village 1945-1951 Civil; 1949-1952 Criminal; 1950s Criminal; 1951-1961 Civil; 1951-1961 Civil; 1951-1961 Criminal; 1952-1956 Criminal; & 1955-1959 Civil.

- *Michigan Pioneer Society: 1877-1929, 40 Volumes, (estimated 3,750 names per issue).* The following volumes are ready to keypunch: *Volume 29, 1899-1900.*
- Central Michigan University Commencement: 1979 (estimated 4,000 names)
- Central Michigan University Directory: 1900-1991, purchased by HSGS (estimated 300 losco County Names)
- Social Register Summer 1926, Detroit MI area © 1926 (estimated 750 names)
- Biography Index to the Michigan Manuals: 1923-1973, (estimated 30,000 names)
- *Michigan Manuals (Biographies Only) 1887 & 1891-2000* (about 225-350 names per issue: Must be keypunched in the Parks Library as they are reference books that do not circulate).
- *Michigan's Early Military Forces* (Estimated 8,000 names). Must be done in the local area.
- University Of Michigan Yearbook: 1924, (Estimated 5,600 names).
- Michigan Biographies, (estimated 4,500 names). Must be done in Parks Library.
- Hale Area High School 100 Year History 1901-2002 (Estimated 2,000 names).
- Oscoda Area High School Yearbooks: 1978, 1979, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989 (estimated 1,500 2000 names each.
- The Northern Journal: Northern Michigan's Magazine of Heritage, Jan, Apr, Aug, Oct, Feb 2003 & Dec 2004
- AuSable River Canoe Marathon: 1947-1997. (Estimated 4,000 names).
- Native Americans In Michigan: A Bibliography of Material In the Clarke Historical Library (Estimated 550 names).

HSGS's Treasurers Report. Savings \$340.70, Checking \$250.01, cash on hand \$25.00, Total \$615.71.

<u>Grace Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church Records: 1864-2004</u>. Charles Birnbaum has been talking to this church for 3-4 years about getting a copy of their records. It just happened. These records consist of 6 separate journals with 906 pages and about 6,500 names. Thank you Charles. Anyone want to do the indexing for HSGS? If so contact Alonzo Sherman 989-739-3650 or <shermanaj@hotmail.com>.

<u>Godfrey Library Web Site</u>. This web site has added over 400 historical newspapers online, and was prepare by Newspaper Archive Elite. There are 12 million digital images of newspaper pages that are fully searchable. There will be about 2 million page added each month. A full list of the newspapers appears in the Godfrey Quarterly for Spring 2004. This web site has also added the Beers Atlases for Massachusetts 1870-1876. See <godfrey.org> for the details.

<u>HSGS's Jobs List</u> (This will be a recurring article in this newsletter). It is necessary for other HSGS members to step forward and accomplish these jobs. The members currently working in the library are busy serving the patrons research needs, and do not have time left for this work. Note some of these jobs can be done in you home wherever you live, and some can only be done in your home if you live in the local area, and some need to be done in the library. Contact Mr Sherman if you can help at shermanaj@hotmail.com or 989-739-3650.

Job Name	Hrs	Location	Special Skills
Correspondence Files, maintain	1 wkly	Library	None
File Box Liners, add cardboard liners to	8	Home (local only) or	None
new file-boxes		Library	
File-box Labels, make labels for Index &	40	Library	Typing
Document file-boxes			
Letter 40 Pioneer Society book spines	2-4hrs	Library	Gelink Pen (HSGS has)
Newsletter File Organized	8	Library	None
Project Officer for Poor Farm Cemetery		Spartan Rd, Tawas City	Lawn mower & trimmer
Proper shelving of books, check for	1 wkly	Library	None
Time Report- Help design & maintain	4 mo	Home (anywhere)	Computer, Excel or Word
HSGS Time Report (For stats for future			(tables), & Email
grants etc)			

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Abrams Genealogy Series- 2004. Contact <www.Michigan.gov/hal> for info. (Flint Gen Soc Newsletter v27n2 March 2004).

Aug 7	Dutch Genealogy
Oct 2	Ship's Passenger Lists
Dec 4	Finding your 20 th Century Ancestors

The Drouin Collection. The Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in FtWayne IN is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Drouin Collection, one of the most important resources for doing genealogical research in the province of Quebec, Canada.

Published and distributed by the American French Genealogical Society, the collection consists of 2,366 microfilms of original church registers and notarial documents from Quebec, some of which date from the seventeenth century. A nearly comprehensive list of Roman Catholic, Jewish, and various Protestant congregations is presented, as well as some Indian Missions, with the records dating generally from the beginning of the congregation to the early 1940s.

The collection also includes the registers of a number of French and Acadian Roman Catholic parishes in the United States, and in the provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Because these are films of the actual records, they allow researchers to make their own interpretations of handwriting and in some instances view the actual signatures of ancestors. Thus, the microfilms represent a major primary source for researching vital records in Quebec.

The key to using the set is a multi-volume guide, the Inventory of the 2,365 Microfilms of the Drouin Collection, listing all of the congregations by town, denomination, and parish name. It includes the available dates for each and keys them to the appropriate microfilm number in the above set.

Many, but not all, of the marriages from the above microfilms are indexed by bride and groom in a separate microfiche collection known as the Men Series and the Women Series. This index consists of over 33,000 pages of French Canadian marriages from 1760 to 1935, listing the parish where the marriage is found. While it pertains primarily to Roman Catholic marriages and is not comprehensive, it is a useful place for beginning research if a family's place of origin is not known. Because not all marriages appear in the index and many Protestant marriages are excluded, one should always check the original register on microfilm when one knows the town or parish.

The Drouin Collection enhances ACPL's already extensive research collection of Canadian genealogical materials. With its acquisition the library becomes one of only several institutions in the United States to own the complete collection. (By John D. Beatty, Allen County Public Library newsletter April 30 2004).

Parliament Members Fighting For Early Access to the 1911 Census. Forty-nine Members of Parliament are suggesting that the 1911 England and Wales Census be published earlier than the scheduled release of 2012. They want the government to open up the census records so people investigating their family trees can gain access.

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After huge interest when 1901's census details went online they say up to £40m could be raised. They also argue that censuses used to be published after 80 years, instead of 100 years. But ministers want to protect the right of privacy, which people expected when they submitted personal details for the 1911 census. Confidentiality is of course the main concern.

In 2002, when the 1901 census went online - the first census to do so - the site had to be withdrawn five days after its launch in 2002 after visits from about 1.2 million users an hour. The site was reopened seven months later and now caters for between 8,000 and 10,000 Internet users every day. The level of interest in the website had not been expected by the Public Record Office. The report said the site had operated effectively since reopening. It has generated gross revenues of £4.5 million in the period up to 31 October 2003 through charges for detailed information.

If those members of Parliament have their way, they should be prepared for another user overload because there will certainly be just as much interest in the 1911 Census and the Online Access to it. (Everton's Newsline 5/5/2004).

Education and Genealogy, By Erin Rigby. As genealogy grows in popularity as a hobby and profession, so does interest in genealogical education. There are an expanding number of institutions that have programs or classes in genealogy. Some offer degrees and others grant certificates. There are programs that require attendance at a university; others are exclusively online. There are a variety of educational opportunities out there and hopefully this introduction to them will inspire you to continue learning. For some ideas, Cyndi's List <u>www.cyndislist.com</u> has an entire section on education that includes links to several programs. (Everton's Newsline May 11 2004).

<u>Access Arizona Birth & Death Records Online.</u> Arizona seals birth records for 75 years and death records for 50 years. They have on line birth records (1887-1928) & death records (1878-1953). An amendment to State House Bill 2357 would allow local governments to charge "a reasonable fee" for the cost of preparing public records for viewing. Current law permits fees only for providing copies of document. (The Downriver Seeker, v23n2p1 Feb 2004).

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