



INDEXERS ARE THE GENEALOGIST'S BEST FRIENDS

1,041,572 Names Indexed to date (See p6)

HSGS Web Site. <www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm> is the address for our HSGS's indexes on the Internet. The search engine for this site, or all of Michigan or any of the other Michigan's counties is www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/search.htm. We currently have (Jan 31 2006) 880 indexes, 23,383 printed pages, and 1,041,572 names indexed. All these files are on HSGS's master file & the CD we sell, but only 93% are on the web site (does not include new indexes within the last month, draft indexes not yet finished, & a some random data corrections). The status of our master indexes & CD follows:

Master Index Status	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
On the web, current date	655	665	675	684	689	696	696	704	709	717	735	742
On the web, outdated date	49	49	49	51	52	52	52	53	53	53	52	51
New, not yet sent to web	11	11	11	6	7	4	9	5	8	16	7	29
Future, being edited	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	21
Future, partially keypunched	29	29	29	36	38	38	37	37	36	37	37	37
Totals	758	768	778	790	799	803	807	813	820	837	849	880

HSGS member Dan Stock HSGS's Web Master is placing our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site.

New Indexes Added This Month:

- Home Coming Week On the "Sable" 1906. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- News Herald 1984 Jan-Jun. By Charles Birnbaum.
- News Herald: 2005 Jan-Dec. By Charles Birnbaum of Tawas City.
- Tawas Herald Dec 1916; Jan, Feb & Mar 1909. By Joan Doerr of Ellicott City MD.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Roster 1972-1973. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Roster Revision 1974. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #18 1962-1977 Choral. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #21 1965-1966. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #22 1966-1967. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #23 1968-1969. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #26 1972-1973. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #27 1973-1974. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook #30 1976-1977. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club Scrapbook 1971-1973. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives' Club, Warbler Magazine: Nov 1959, Dec 1959, Jan 1960, Feb 1960, Mar 1960, Apr 1960, May 1960, Jun 1960, Sep 1960, Oct 1960, Nov 1960 Jan 1961 & May 1961. By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives' Club, Warbler Magazine: Dec 1963, Jan 1964 & Jun 1968. By Jim Farrand of National City MI.

New Documents Added to HSGS's Library This Month:

- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club, 1962-1977, Scrapbook (Choral). Digital Record #18, by Allen Sherman of Bremerton WA.
- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club, 1973-1974, Scrapbook. Digital Record #27, by Allen Sherman of Bremerton WA.

- Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Officers Wives Club, 1976-1977 Scrapbook. Digital Record #30, by Allen Sherman of Bremerton WA.
- Red Book- American State, County & Town Sources, edited by Aslice Eichholz, Ancestry Publishing, ©1989). Donated by Iosco-Arenac District Library.

HSGS's Treasurers Report (01/31/2006). Savings \$1,112.60, Checking \$854.48, cash \$10.14 = Total \$1,977.22.

Castle Garden, Port of Immigration in NYC from 1820-1913. These records are on a free web site at www.CastleGarden.org. 10 million records from 1830-1892 are completed, and 2 million records from 1820-1913 are not yet completed. Ellis Island started in 1892, however the first class passengers were still debarked at Castle Garden, probably through 1913.

Tawas Herald, January 8 1885, p1c4. Mr William Drager has paid his taxes \$68.00 in gold with the remark, "this is democratic style."

UK Orders Registry Offices to Remove All References to "Marriage." Registry offices in the UK are taking down all signs referring to "marriage." The Government has advised regional councils to change sign wording in case gay couples are offended. Homosexual relationships can now be registered as Civil Partnerships under the UK's new legislation. (Dick Eastman Newsletters, January 17, 2006). [Note: The article did not mention what word will be used instead of marriage. ajs].

Everton's Handybook for Genealogists, 11th Edition is now available. This is the all-time best selling, favorite reference for genealogists and family history researchers. Over 1,000,000 copies of earlier editions in print. 900+ pages of your favorite features completely updated, plus plenty of new material. For the first time an optional CDROM is available... containing the complete Handybook, 11th Edition... word searchable... all maps (incl. color) can be printed. Handybook for Genealogists, 11th Ed. \$50.00 and with CD \$60.00. For more information or to order contact us: 800-443-6325, 435-752-6022, or www.everton.com.

Dick Eastman Newsletters. This is the last month that extracts will be given here from the Dick Eastman On Line Newsletter. It is one of the best sources information about genealogy, and it is free to all on the internet at www.egon.org. HSGS encourages all to read it directly. This will expose you to all of the newsletter articles rather than only selected articles by HSGS, and it will reduce some of the HSGS's workload. HSGS will continue to bring you the best of the newsletter from several other sources, such as genealogical society had copy newsletters.

In the following months I expect to announce that I have stopped abstracting from all newsletters available free to the public via the Internet. I expect to add a list of these newsletters and their Internet addresses to the HSGS newsletters. I will continue abstracting the hard copy newsletters for the HSGS newsletter.

I request anyone with favorite Internet newsletters to let me know what they are so I can add it to the list. Thank You, Alonzo Sherman.

Iosco County Naturalization Records. The "letter of intent" to become a citizen", the "petition for naturalization" and the "final citizenship papers", were filed in the separate Naturalization Ledgers kept in the Iosco County Clerks Office. These records were not open to the public.

However, in 1994 HSGS help to arrange to have these records transferred to the State of Michigan Archives, 717 W Allegan St, Box 30007, Lansing MI 48909, 517-373-1408, where they became available for

public use. These ledgers have been indexed at the State Archives and are now available on their web site <www.michigan.gov/satearchives>, then link to Quick List, then link to Naturalization Records. This index contains 145 pages and about 1,300 names.

In 1995 HSGS extracted 250 naturalization records from the Iosco County Circuit Court Calendar Index Number 1 for 1884-1910, as well as from a few newspapers etc. This information was published by HSGS on January 3 1995, titled Index to Naturalization 1884-1911.

Farm Directories. By Elaine M. Kuhn. While city directories are a popular tool for finding urban ancestors, researchers should keep in mind that there are farm directories geared toward the rural population. Not only do farm directories provide valuable family information—especially for those years in between the federal censuses—they also offer a kind of "snapshot" of life on the family farm.

Several publishers produced farm directories from the mid-nineteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries with the "Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders" series out of Chicago being one of the most popular. Early farm directories usually list the name of the farmer, the township and section of the farm, whether the farmer owns or rents, the number of acres owned or rented, and the farmer's post office address.

Prairie Farmer directories built upon this basic information and, though their entries are still brief, provide a fantastic amount of data. Each entry includes the farmer's name, the wife's maiden name, the first names of the children (names of children followed by an asterisk indicate children not living at home), the farm name (if any), the post office address, the township and section of the farm, how many acres the farmer owns, the land owner's name (if the farmer was a tenant), and the year when the farmer first moved to the county. Some directories also include the names of parents, siblings, in-laws, nieces, nephews and grandchildren living in the home and occasionally give the farmer's primary crop and names of any farm hands.

Owners of purebred animals such as cattle, chickens, hogs, goats, ducks and even bees are then listed by types of animal and breed. Later directories provided a listing of automobile owners and the makes of their vehicles as well as tractor owners and the makes they owned and even what type of silo a farmer possessed. A directory of county businesses is always included; as with modern directories, advertisements from local proprietors financed much of the publication costs and can be found throughout. As informative as the general farm directory information is, the supplemental data can prove as much a gold mine.

Don't hesitate to look all through the directory to see if there are any pictures of your ancestors' homes, their livestock, or even your ancestors themselves. Some farm directories include brief histories of the county's settlement and its early pioneers. Finally, remember to check nearby city directories for farmers and others living in outlying areas. Residents of rural Allen County, Indiana, for example, are listed in the back section of older Fort Wayne city directories.

Use the ACPL Library Catalog at <www.ACPL.Info> to identify what farm directories the library owns in book form. The Genealogy Department also holds a number of farm directories on microfilm. Researchers visiting the library can check the microtext card catalog to see what is available. Some farm directories can also be searched and perused through the Ancestry.com (From the Fort Wayne IN Library Newsletter).

Irish Censuses to be Available Free Online. Yahoo News reported recently that a cooperative venture between the national archives of two countries, Ireland and Canada, will index the 1901 and 1911 censuses of Ireland and make them available for free on the internet. The first phase will be released in December, 2006, with the records of Dublin. It is estimated that the project will take three years to complete.

Information includes name, age, sex, marital status, occupation, country and county of birth, literacy level, ability to speak Irish, number of years married for women and the total number of children born. Visit http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20051206/tc_afp/irelandcanadahistory. (NEHGS eNews #250, 01/21/2005).

The Irish in New York City Web Site. It is a history site, not a genealogy site. Nonetheless, anyone with Irish ancestry in New York City will want to look at this one. It is fascinating. You can access the free "Irish in New York City" web site at: <http://www.irishinnyc.freeservers.com>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter, January 25 2006).

Genealogy Records in the Guinness Book of World Records. The *Guinness Book of World Records* says that the Confucius family genealogy is considered to be the longest documented genealogy in the world. Confucius (pronounced K'ung Ch'iu in Mandarin) lived from 551 to 479 B.C. His great-great-great-great-grandfather, K'ung Chia, lived in the 8th century B.C. and is the earliest documented member of the family. Seven of Chia's documented 86th generation lineal descendants are still alive. Since the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the Confucius family tree has undergone extensive revisions (updates) every 60 years and minor revisions every 30 years, and in 1999 Confucius' 82nd-generation lineal descendants embarked on the largest update so far. (Dick Eastman Newsletter, January 19 2006).

MyFamily.com, Inc., has launched a new Canadian genealogy web site. The site contains Canadian genealogy data, including the first and only fully indexed 1911 Census of Canada, and many other records. More information can be found at <http://www.ancestry.ca> . (Dick Eastman Newsletter, January 24, 2006).

HSGS Records ready to be keypunched (We need some new indexers to help index these records, we have over a half million records be indexed): See August Newsletter for the list of files.

HSGS's Jobs List. 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 only 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
Letter 40 Pioneer Society Book spines	2-4hrs	Library	Gelink Pen (HSGS has)
New Labels on Gazette Microfilm cans/boxes, that include roll # & date span. 36 cans/boxes.	2 days	Library	Computer, label program
Project Officer for Poor Farm Cemetery	1 wk/yr	Spartan Rd, Tawas City	Lawn mowing/trimming
Proper shelving of books, check for	1 wkly	Library	None
Time Report- Help design & maintain HSGS Time Report (For stats for future grants etc)	4 mo	Home (anywhere)	Computer, Excel or Word (tables), & Email

INDEXERS ROLL OF HONOR

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (Alphabetical Order), January 24 2006

<u>Name/Town/State</u>	<u>Indexes</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Names</u>
Rancy Beuthin, Falmouth MI *	1	14	1,250
Charles Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	64	3,200	147,682
Karen Brewer, Chesterfield MI	7	145	5,925
Samantha Burns, Oscoda MI	1	11	500
Harold Burtzloff, Tawas City MI	1	31	1,850
Marianne Carraway, Oscoda MI *	5	158	7,220
County Clerk, Iosco County MI *	5	246	11,550
Lawrence Daley, Bloomfield MI *	1	200	9,650
Doris Dement, Union Grove WI	22	295	13,460
Ginger Dingus, East Tawas MI *	43	1,176	49,731
Joan Doerr, Ellicott City MD *	292	9,805	441,655
James Donaldson, Detroit MI	2	40	1,925
David Dressel, Tempe AZ	8	271	12,400
Jim Farrand, National City MI *	19	575	29,818
Ruby Foust, Brookfield FL	8	272	12,565
Jan Groff, Tawas City MI	2	27	1,140
Dean Guest, Hale MI	1	39	1,800
Christine Huebner, East Tawas MI	3	134	6,240
Barbara Johnson, Eden Prairie MN *	7	103	4,525
Rosemary Klenow, East Tawas MI	11	156	6,650
Anne Kruszka, Livonia MI	2	170	7,400
Dianna Lascon, Union City CA *	12	272	12,005
Bonnie Petee, Swartz Creek MI *	11	350	16,940
Duane Schoonover, Oscoda MI	2	13	325
Jennifer Selbreed, Mojave CA	6	403	19,300
Alonzo Sherman, Oscoda MI *	309	3,612	142,720
Eleanor Sherman, Flint MI	1	68	3,000
Grace Stevens, Kalamazoo MI	4	148	6,800
Dan Stock, Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826
Naomi Stonehouse, Tawas City MI	7	380	18,050
Leona Summers, Greenbush MI * (Note 1)	0	0	0
Sandy Whitford, Tawas City MI	2	43	1,920
Emogene Wright, East Tawas MI	1	19	700
Sandra Yokell-Parker, Ponderay ID	2	69	3,555
TOTALS	880	23,335	1,040,077

There are a total of 34 indexers located in 8 states, with 13 (*) being active in 2005 and 2006.

Note 1: Leona Summers has been indexing the Oscoda Press for several years. The indexes have been recorded on paper, and have not been keypunched . It is planned to have someone else keypunch these indexes in 2006.

Indexers Roll Of Honor (10 Or More Indexes Produced), January 24 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Indexes</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Names</u>
Alonzo Sherman, Oscoda MI *	309	3,612	142,720
Joan Doerr, Ellicott City MD *	292	9,805	441,655
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Dianna Lascon, Union City Ca *	12	272	12,005
Bonnie Petee, Swartz Creek MI *	11	350	16,940
Rosemary Klenow, East Tawas MI	11	156	6,650

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (500 Or More Printed Pages Produced), January 24 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Indexes</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Names</u>
Joan Doerr, Ellicott City MD *	292	9,805	441,655
Alonzo Sherman, Oscoda MI *	309	3,612	142,720
Charles Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	64	3,200	147,682
Ginger Dingus, East Tawas MI *	43	1,176	49,731
Dan Stock, Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826
Jim Farrand, National City MI *	19	575	29,818

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (25,000 Or More Names Produced), January 24 2006

<u>Name</u>	<u>Indexes</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Names</u>
Joan Doerr, Ellicott City MD *	292	9,805	441,655
Charles Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	64	3,200	147,682
Alonzo Sherman, Oscoda MI *	309	3,612	142,720
Ginger Dingus, East Tawas MI *	43	1,176	49,731
Dan Stock, Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826
Jim Farrand, National City MI *	19	575	29,818

TRAINING AVAILABLE (One Time Events):

<u>Year/Mo/Day</u>	<u>Description/Location/Contact</u>
2006/02/10-11 Fri-Sat	Genealogy & Family Heritage Jamboree, Dixie Convention Center in St George Utah. Sponsored by My Ancestors. See www.myancestorsfound.com .
2006/02/18 Sat	Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan, 10 th Anniversary. Info/InfoL Sue Cromwell 248-477-5846.
2006/04/08 Sat	29 th Annual Spring Seminar, at Monroe County Community College. Info at Administration Building, 1555South Raisinville Road, Monroe MI 48161.
2006/04/08 Sat	A Genealogical Conference, Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society, Western Michigan University, Fetzer Center, Kalamazoo MI. Info: Sue Sanders 269-685-9412.
2006/05/26-28 Fri-Sun	Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar, Osgawa ON. Info: Anne Delong 905-623-6975 or info@ogsseminar.org .
2006/06/7-10 Sat	National Genealogical Society, 2006 Annual Conference, Hyatt Regency (O'Hara) Chicago Ill. Info < www.ngsgenealogy.org or 800-473-0060.

2006/06/23-25 Fri-Sat	Palatines to America- Researching Your German-speaking Ancestor, Marriott Hotel, Richmond VA. Info, RalphKroehler@prodigy.net .
2006/11/11-18 Sat-Sat	Genealogy Conference & Cruise, Mexican Riviera, sponsored by Wholly Genes Software. Info www.whollygenes.com/crusie.htm .

OTHER TRAINING:

- Individual Training Schedule (Recurring), see p10 of February 2005 Newsletter.
- Individual Training Schedule (By Appointment), see p11 of February 2005 Newsletter.
- Training Courses Online, see p11 of February 2005 Newsletter.

SOME USEFUL GENEALOGICAL INTERNET ADDRESSES:

See June 2005 Newsletter. Prepared by Judy Sheldon. Please notify us at judesheldon@yahoo.com of any broken links or links you think should be added to this list.

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See January 2006 Newsletter

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

See August 2005 Newsletter

HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ACTIVE MEMBERS.

C/o Robert J Parks Public Library, 6010 N Skeel Ave, Oscoda MI 48750, and Phone 989-739-9581. The Library is open Mon, Fri & Sat 9:00am-5:00pm & Tue-Wed-Thur 9am-8:00pm (HSGS member available 9:00am-3:00pm Sat). HSGS's meetings are 7-8pm the 3rd Thursday of Jan, Apr, and Jul & Oct in the Oscoda Library (This may change in 2005, so call before coming). Officers, project leaders & active indexers are listed below:

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Burns, Samantha	Transcribing various records	989-739-7431 <none>
Carraway, Marianne	Hale Year Books	989-739-9569 < mcarraway@charter.mi.net >
Daley, Lawrence	Hale Yearbook 1901-2002	248-253-7472 < daleymart@msn.com >
Doerr, Joan	Tawas Herald Newspaper Index	410-461-1407 < JoanDoerr@hotmail.com >
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