



**INDEXERS ARE THE GENEALOGIST'S BEST FRIENDS**

**HSGS Web Site.** <[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm](http://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](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/search.htm). We currently have (April 30 2007) 1,071 indexes, 26,203 printed pages, and 1,158,435 name citations indexed. All these files are on HSGS's master file & the CD we sell, but only about 94% 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	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar	Apr
On the web, current	834	830	835	849	871	877	891	904	928	979
On the web, out dated	49	55	54	55	54	54	54	54	54	31
New, not yet sent to web	3	6	14	16	5	13	13	20	24	16
Future, being edited	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Future, partially done	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	37	38	38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>1071</b>

HSGS member and Vice-president Dan Stock is HSGS's Web Master and places our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site.

**New Indexes Added This Month:**

- The Warbler: Sep, Oct & Dec 1962; Jan, Feb & Mar 1963. By Greta Anschuetz of Philadelphia PA.
- The Warbler: Apr & May 1970; Jan & Feb 1972; Nov 1979; Apr 1980; & Feb 1981. By Jim Farrand of National City MI.
- The Tawas Herald: Jan, Oct, Nov & Dec 1929; Feb & Dec 1930. By Joan Doerr of Gettysburg PA.
- The 1969 Tawas Area School Yearbook. By Jim MacMurraray of Warren OH.

**New Books This Month:**

- 7 large boxes full of a variety of genealogical society newsletters were donated to HSGS last month: These were not cataloged last month as planned, but should be done in May. Donated by Carol Adams of East Tawas MI.

**HSGS's Treasurers Report (April 30 2007).** Savings \$1,214.24, Checking \$733.25, cash \$2.00, = Total \$2,147.49.

**HELP.** Need someone to move HSGS's microfilm reader from Gettysburg PA to Oscoda MI during May 2007. The microfilm viewer is 25" wide x 25" deep x 42" high, and weighs 152 pounds. Will pay a reasonable fee. Call Alonzo Sherman at 989-739-3650 if you can help.

**Allen County Public Library – Fort Wayne, IN.** The Allen county Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana celebrated the grand opening of its completely renovated building on January 27, 2007 after four years of being in a temporary location. The Genealogy Center is twice as large as the the department before the renovation began. The collection is open stacks – so if you have not been there since renovation started you can go to the shelves to get the books you want instead of waiting for someone to bring you the books you want. This collection of Genealogical material includes over 332,00 printed volumes and 362,000 items of microfilm and microfiche. It has 39 internet terminals and 7 catalog-only computers. (Flint Gen Soc Newsletter, v30n2p2, May 2007).

### **INDEXERS ROLL OF HONOR**

See the January 2007 Newsletter, the next update is planned for July 2007.

### **TRAINING AVAILABLE (One Time Events):**

<b>Year/Mo/Day</b>	<b>Description/Location/Contact</b>
2007/05/12 Sat	Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Beginner's Workshop. Info 248-541-0403 or 313-884-0039 or <cpsrch@aol.com>.
2007/07/13-14 Fri-Sat	Land Records & Genealogy Symposium, Southeast Community College, Beatrice NB. More info at <a href="mailto:kmorgan@southeast.edu">kmorgan@southeast.edu</a> or 800-233-5027.
2007/07/20-21 Fri-Sat	Abrams Genealogy Seminar Details- Check Lib of Mi web site for details.
2007/08/15-18 Wed-Sat	Federation of Genealogical Societies & Allen County Public Library will hold their conference "Meeting at the Crossroads of America", at Grand Wayne Center, Ft Wayne IN. See < <a href="http://www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm">www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm</a> >.
2007/10/07 Sat	Washington DC Genealogy Tune-Up Tips. Fairfax VA Gen Soc 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual; Gen Fair, contact <a href="http://www.fxgs.org">www.fxgs.org</a> .

### **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.

**ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION**

See August 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. If you have any updates please let us know, as we will publish an updated list in the next few months.

**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 by chance or appointment). HSGS meetings are 6-7pm the 3rd Wednesday of Jan, Apr, and Jul & Oct in the Iosco County Historical Museum, 405 W Bay St (US-23), East Tawas MI. Officers, active project leaders and indexers are listed below:

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### **HISTORY OF THE HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

See March 2006 Newsletter.

### **MICHIGAN MANUALS FOR SALE**

Send your check payable to the Iosco County Historical Society, 405 W Bay St (US-23), East Tawas MI 48730, 989-362-8911.

Year	Condition	Price
1897-1898	Poor, Spin torn	\$25
1899	Fair	\$35
1919	Good	\$20
1921	Fair	\$15
1949	Good	\$15
1951-1952	Good	\$15
1953-1954	Good	\$15
1957-1958	Good	\$15
1959-1960	Good	\$15
1963-1964	Good	\$15
1967-1968	Good	\$15
1969-1970	Good	\$15
1971-1972	Good	\$15
1973-1974	Good	\$15

**FOR-FEE-RESEARCHERS**1. **Iosco County Michigan:**

- **Naomi Stonehouse**, 111 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tawas City Michigan 48763, 989-362-8187, [alvena2000@yahoo.com](mailto:alvena2000@yahoo.com).
- **Jean Dudley**, 4591 Deep River Rd, Standish MI 48658, 989-846-4653, [defdudley@eJourney.com](mailto:defdudley@eJourney.com).
- **Iosco County News-Herald**, 110 W State St, POB 72, East Tawas MI 48730, 989-362-3456. Reportedly published articles can be purchased for \$5.00 per page plus postage.

2. **Arenac County Michigan:**

- **Jean Dudley**, 4591 Deep River Rd, Standish MI 48658, 989-846-4653, [defdudley@eJourney.com](mailto:defdudley@eJourney.com).
- **Arenac County Historical Society & Museum**, 304 E Michigan Ave, Au Gres MI 48703, 989-876-6399.

3. **Other Michigan Counties:** Inquire at the Library of Michigan for a list of for-fee-researchers, 717 Allegan St, Box 30007, Lansing MI 48909, 517-373-1580.**THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT TO HSGS BY THE MI GEN COUNCIL:**

**Guidance from the Division of Vital Records & Health Statistics, MDCH  
March 2006:**

**Public Inspection of Vital Records at Local Registrar Offices.****Purpose:**

Access to birth RECORDS LESS THAN 110 YEARS OLD, OR ACCESS TO marriage or death records LESS THAN 75 YEARS OLD in a local office must be restricted to situations that meet the definitions set up within Michigan Law and Administrative Rules.

Current Michigan Law and Administrative Rules prohibit the direct review of vital record files, except in unusual circumstances. These circumstances are limited to the inspection of specific individual marriage and death records in a local registrar's office. Inspection of indexes is clearly allowed under both Michigan Law and Administrative Rules.

Secondly, the Social Security Number Privacy Act of 2004 (MCL 445.83) allows Michigan vital records offices to issue certified copies of vital records that contain social security numbers to eligible applicants. However, the law does not allow for the physical inspection of vital records that contain social security numbers.

GUIDANCE FOR BIRTH RECORDS MORE THAN 110 YEARS OLD, OR MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS MORE THAN 75 YEARS OLD, WILL BE ADDRESSED IN A SEPARATE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.

**Legal Rationale:**

**MCL 333.2895 states** "The state registrar or a local registrar or an agent or employee of the state or local registrar shall not disclose or permit the inspection or copying of information contained in the system of vital statistics except as authorized by this part or the procedures adopted under section 2896." Section 2896 gives the department the right to promulgate administrative rules. Within the administrative rules, R325.3234 outlines public inspection and copying of vital records. A copy of this rule is attached.

**Subrule 2 states** that a vital record at the office of a local registrar shall not be open to public inspection, except when a local registrar determines that a person eligible to receive a copy of a selected individual record has a legitimate research interest in inspecting the record.

**Subrule 3 states** that a local registrar may allow any person who is eligible to receive a copy of a record, and who has a legitimate research interest in inspecting the record to inspect vital records books of marriages and deaths when the individual record of interest cannot be located in the place specified in the index or when there is a possibility that the document may not have been properly recorded or indexed.

**Subrule 4 states** that a local registrar may restrict access to records or indexes which are determined to be in such a state of deterioration that public use of the index or document may result in damage to the record or index.

**Subrules 2 & 3 are the only exceptions** within Michigan Law to allow for the public inspection of vital records. And, if the local registrar determines that public inspection of the records may damage deteriorating records, those two exceptions can be restricted.

**The Social Security Number Protection Act of 2004**, further prohibits the public inspection of documents that contain social security numbers.

**Eligible individuals have the ability** to request certified copies of vital records contained in either the state or local registrar's office. This directive will not impact that process, nor will it impact the ability of individuals to inspect marriage and death indexes at the local registrar's office. Rather, this will only impact individuals who wish to peruse through vital record books.

