



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

### FINDING YOUR FAMILY WITH DNA TESTING Featuring Richard Hill

During the morning session, Richard Hill led us through the multi-decade twists and turns of finding his biological parents after learning he was adopted at the age of 18. In this endeavor, he used a combination of traditional genealogical research methods and early and cutting edge DNA testing. In the process, he forged lasting family ties with relatives he was unaware existed during his formative years. The presentation closely followed his true story as told in his book *"Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA"*

During the afternoon session, Richard talked about the three types of genetic genealogy DNA testing (Autosomal, Y Chromosome and Mitochondrial) including the purposes, principal uses and strengths and weaknesses of each type. He also rated the main sources of genealogical DNA testing (23andMe, Family Finder at Family Tree DNA and Ancestry DNA at Ancestry.com) and provided recommendations on which tests to sign-up for depending on the individual needs of the audience.

Both presentations by this very entertaining speaker were well received by the over 30 attendees.



Richard with his look alike 'cousin' Sheila Tomlinson

### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

#### January

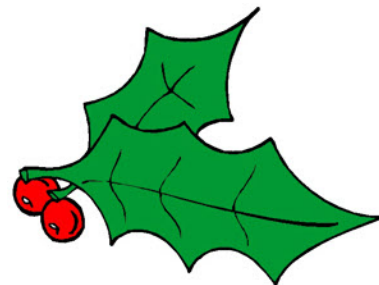
- 19 HSGS Business Meeting, Hsing's Garden Restaurant House, East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm
- 21 Basic Genealogy and Work Session, Parks Library 10-12 am

#### February

- 18 Basic Genealogy and Work Session, Parks Library 10-12 am

#### April

- 20 HSGS Business Meeting, Hsing's Garden Restaurant House, East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm



### EVENTS BEING PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

Spring Program and Anniversary Celebration in late April or Early May. Topic and speaker to be determined.

Day Camp for kids over four days in June  
"Who Do You Think You Are" program in late summer.

Cemetery walk in September.

Please call Judy Sheldon (989-739-9581) if you would like to help with the planning and/or to participate in any of these events

## Northeast Michigan Bound

Attention all readers of the GENOGRAM. With your cooperation we will start a new column in our publication.

If you have ancestors who came to the Northeast part of Michigan before 1930, write a brief sketch and send it to

[huronshoresgs@yahoo.com](mailto:huronshoresgs@yahoo.com).

The basic information is usually found on a family group sheet, but can include additional information. Use the format below to shape your contribution.

**Thomas Burton and Margery Gurten** of England were the parents of **Thomas Burton, Jr**, born 1834 England. Thomas, Jr immigrated to Michigan in the 1860s and followed the fishing industry. He married **Frances Nancy Procnier** (1854-1918) in 1878. They had children: Mary Jane (1878-1921), Susanna

(1881-1957), Antoine (1884-1887), Manley (1887-1953), Nancy (1891-1935), and William (1893-1945). All of the children were born in Alcona County, MI. In 1900 Thomas and family are in Mikado, Alcona County, MI. Thomas died 4 June 1901 in Greenbush, Alcona County, MI and is buried in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville, Alcona County, MI.

**Frances Nancy Procnier** was born 2 November 1854 in Canada to Antoine Procnier and mother's name unknown. Her immigration date is 1876 on both the 1900 and 1910 US Census. After Thomas died she married Charles Cove in 1907 in Alpena, MI. She died 11 March 1918 in Flint, Genesee County, MI and is buried in Springport Cemetery. Her death certificate and grave marker use the name Frances Burton.

Research by Judy Sheldon,  
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## Access to Websites at your Family History Center

Websites you can find at your Family History Center through their research portal for FREE. These sites can be accessed on the Family History Center computers while at the Center.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Century British Library Newspapers  
digital archive  
Access Newspaper Archives  
Alexander Street Press, American Civil War  
American Ancestors  
Ancestry.com  
ArkivDigital Online

FindMyPast  
Fold3  
Geneanet  
The Genealogist  
MyHeritage  
Paper Trail  
ProQuest Obituary Listings

## Accessing the Digital Tawas Herald at the Iosco-Arenac District Libraries

Huron Shores Genealogical Society and the Iosco-Arenac District Library have improved the ability to search these digitized papers. They are now loaded on the desktop of each library computer. Look for an "eye" icon that says PDF and under it "Search HSGS Archives". Do not go

to the District Library web page. There are instructions located near this icon to explain how to navigate the program. Check with the librarian for instructions if you have a problem. If you have used the digitized newspapers in the Alcona County libraries, the program works the same.

## Zeiter-Huston Family Stories by Judy Sheldon

### Strange Fatality

**Iosco County Gazette, 28 Oct 1891**

*"On Friday evening of last week, Mrs. Huston, wife of John Huston, of Tawas City, suddenly disappeared from her home, and all efforts to find her were fruitless. Scores of people turned out and searched all night, and all the next day and following night, and not until Sunday morning was she found – her drowned body being discovered on the beach about a mile below the place of residence.*

*Mrs. Huston had been ill for some months, and the supposition is, that while in a spell of temporary insanity she wandered out of the house. She was traced to East*

*Tawas, and back again, when all trace of her was lost, and it is believed she wandered aimlessly to the lake near the place where she was found, accidentally falling in was drowned. The verdict of the coroner's jury was accidentally drowning.*

*Deceased was long a resident of Tawas City, and she was respected by all who knew her.*

*Her husband is nearly frantic with grief, and sympathies are extended by many friends. The remains were taken to Ontario on Monday for interment at the former place of residence."*

### The Huston – Zeiter Case Tawas Herald, 9 June 1893

*"The following clipping from last weeks Lake Side Monitor is of general interest to our citizens: Judge Simpson handed down a lengthy decision in the case of John Huston vs. A.F. Zeiter and brothers', wherein Huston asked for an injunction perpetually restraining defendants from in any manner interfering with him in the conduct of his business. Mrs. Huston, a sister of the Zeiters died some time since leaving quite a quantity of real estate which her husband had placed in her name, without a will. The property belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Huston jointly, it having been accumulated during their live. The Zeiters asked for a portion of the property and proposed to make Huston trouble in the management of the same. Huston asked the Court to grant a perpetual injunction restraining any of the defendants from interfering with him in any way in the management of his wife's estate. The prayer was granted and the title to the property ordered by Judge Simpson to revert in fee simple to Mr. Huston."*

One of the parcels the above case pertains to is property Adolphus Zeiter purchased in 10 October 1865, 40 acres in Township 22N Range 7E. Adolphus sold this to Mary Huston on 28 March 1867. In the 1903 plat map this 40 acres is owned by Rachel Huston, John Huston's second wife.

In researching this Zeiter family it appears that

Adolphus' parents are Sigmund Gottlieb Zeiter (1803 Wurttemberg -1879 Welland, Ontario) and Christiana (? – 1876 Welland, Ontario). He has siblings: William (1837-1905), Mary (1839-1891) and Charles (1844-?).

Adolphus was born 19 Dec. 1847 in Wurttemberg, Germany. It is likely the family was in Buffalo, NY in the early to mid 1860s. The family then moves to Dunnville, Haldimand County, Canada, where there are other Zeiter families.

In the spring of 1864 he came to Alabaster, MI with Mr. Huston a merchant. 1865 he purchased 40 acres in Tawas Township. About 1869 or 1870 returned to Canada and married, presumably Priscilla Jane who is with him in the 1871 Canadian census. 1870 US Census for Tawas City, Adolphus is living with John and Mary Huston.

1871 Canadian Census for Welland Ontario he is living with Priscilla Jane Zeiter, 23, and Anne Jane Zeiter, 5, both born in Ontario. Also in the household is a Galbraith family.

Sometime between 1871 and 1882 something happens to Priscilla and Anne and Adolphus returns to Tawas City. On 26 Sept 1882 he marries Phebe Jane Gilbert in Tawas City, MI. Phebe has a daughter by a previous marriage, Grace Gilbert.

Adolphus farmed, worked as a merchant and

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## REVEALING THE TRUTH

By Lindsey Russell

Whether we recognize it or not, we all have blind spots when it comes to our family history. As genealogists, it is sometimes easy to overlook the obvious. I experienced such an issue not long ago.

The resolution will stay with me for some time. I thought I knew more about my great-grandmother, Leona Clara Forward Buttrick (my mother's paternal grandmother), than I actually did.

Growing up just outside of my mother's hometown of Standish, MI, my mother made sure that she took my sister and I to visit her grandmother, whom we nicknamed Great, weekly. We would often visit after school as she lived only a few blocks from Standish Elementary. Those visits stay with me. They inspired my interests in genealogy and history. Over time, Great told me stories of teaching in a one-room schoolhouse and how she met my great-grandfather, Hatley Buttrick. I also learned that her memories of growing up in Standish were not happy ones due to the loss of her mother in 1917.

For whatever reason, I assumed that Leona received training as a teacher in western Michigan where she was originally from and later settled. Her teaching stories involved a one-room schoolhouse in western Michigan. She later married my great-grandfather Hatley and lived in Marshall, MI for most of her adult life, only returning to Standish in 1980 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. I could not have been more wrong. I failed to consider that she may have continued her education in Standish after graduating from Standish High School in 1921.

When I first voiced my interest in researching

my great-grandmother's education, fellow HSGS member Lugene Suszko Daniels suggested I look in the then newly printed book *Arenac County Normal, 1904-1957*, written and compiled by the Arenac County Historical Society (2013). At first I doubted I would find anything. While I knew that Normal Schools provided teacher education in the earlier part of the 20th century, I largely associated the Arenac County Normal School with the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, not the early 1920s.

Not only did I find information on Leona Forward's further education at the county normal school, I also found information on her senior year of high school.

I also rediscovered a piece of family history I had forgotten. It turns out that she attended school, including county normal, with her step-sister Barbara Wilson. Ultimately, I purchased my own copy of the book. Not only does it contain

pertinent family history, it also contains a treasure trove of local information, including ties to several people I know. Coincidentally, I came across this information as I decided to go back to school to earn my teaching certificate. I am proud to continue the teaching tradition in my family, and I am glad that I was able to fill in the details of my great-grandmother's educational history. Never pass up the opportunity to search all local resources, even if you think that they may not apply. You never know what you may find.



*Leona Clara 'Great'  
Forward Buttrick*

**The Press and Huron Shore Resorter, Oscoda, MI  
Friday, July 14, 1933  
Of Local and Personal Interest**

Edward Light was up from Flint for the week end.

Ransome McDonald is coming up from Detroit this week.

Mrs. Edward LaVoie and children, of Detroit, are occupying the LaVoie summer home.

Miss Marion Thompson, of Port Sanilac, is a guest at the Furtaw home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McKoy returned home the first of the week from a week's visit at the Soo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Doddridge, who were at their Van Ettan home drove back to Cleveland the first of the week.

Mrs. Clarence Gates and son, Larry Lee, of Royal Oak, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Gates's mother, Mrs. J. A. Dumont.

Finley McQueen and son Finley, who are looking after the building of their new summer home in Oscoda, returned to Detroit, Tuesday.

Mrs. William Sinclair and Will, Jr., came up from Detroit last Saturday. Mrs. Sinclair is visiting friends here. Will returned the first of the week to Detroit.

Jack O'Mera, who works for the D. S. R., drove up from Detroit with Neil Mead, and has been shaking hands with Oscoda and AuSable friends, and visiting around the Glennie, Curtis and other old lumber camp stamping grounds.

John J. Daly, of Port Richmond, Stanten Island, NY, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dumont this week. Mr. Daly holds the office of Dictator in the Loyal Order of Moose, and is a member of Port Richmond Lodge, No. 135. He was at the recent Moose convention at Mooseheart, Ill., and went from there to the Century of Progress. Because July fourth was his birthday, he came to Oscoda to celebrate. Mr. Daly is Mrs. Dumont's uncle.

Miss Inez Christenson went to Detroit Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Martinson, of Alpena, were guests of Miss Anne Christeson this week.

At the Oscoda school election Monday, William J. Grant, the only candidate, was elected trustee.

Miss Anne Christeson leaves today for a visit at Petoskey,

Traverse City and other points on the west side of the state.

Mrs. Guy Brown, formerly Glee Blanchard, camping with a party at Hubbard Lake, accidentally had her arm and side painfully burned last Friday – lighting an oil stove. Miss Margaret Gardner was with her.

Immediately after first aid had been given, Miss Gardener drove her to Detroit, where she entered the hospital. She is recovering satisfactorily.

Harp Hayes, Glennie, is attending the Fair at Chicago.

The statement in The Press a couple of weeks ago that Lloyd Souci was a candidate for school trustee was an error. Mr. Souce informs us that he had no intention of being a candidate, and did not consider it in any manner.

The annual religious camp meeting at the Oscoda Indian Settlement will take place August 6-13. Speakers will include the Methodist District Superintendent, Rev. John B. Silas and Rev. Simon Greensky.

Dr. and Mrs. Wright and James McLeod drove up from Detroit yesterday. Mrs. Wright is the eldest daughter of Mrs. Thomas Bailey, of Portland, Ore. Dr. and Mrs. Wright have been at the Century of Progress at Chicago. They came east from Portland by train. Mrs. Wright came here to see her grandmother, Mrs. Bailey. Mr. McLeod returned to Detroit today.

We are asked by the Oscoda Township Clerk to request all water consumers to shut off their hydrants immediately when they hear the fire siren sounded. A grass fire on the beach behind the Pack house threatened the destruction of valuable property yesterday. A large number of small boys on the job, along with five members of the fire department, succeeded in putting it out. On account of the large number of open hydrants in yards an adequate stream of water from the mains was lacking.

Commissioner Herman Butler was in town last night, from East Tawas.

Mrs. M. A. Gibbs, of Somerset, KY., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Will McGillivray.

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eventually moved into political office, such as: Supervisor of Tawas Township, Chairman of Board of Supervisors Iosco County, 1891, Register of Deeds, 1889-93, attended the Democratic Convention 1884.

He also held various offices in the Masonic Fraternity. On 1 Feb 1896 he died in Tawas City, MI and is buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Tawas City.

His brothers William and Charles both had various

properties in Tawas City, but after Adolphus died they disappear from the area and return to Ontario, Canada. I found Gottleib, Christiana, William, his wife Mary and Mary Huston all buried in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Bethel, Port Colborne, Welland, Ontario.

On 21 Dec 1901 Phoebe marries Thomas Bradley in Tawas City and died in Bay City, Bay County, Sept 23, 1923 in the "Old Ladies Home".

## Tawas Herald, 7 February 1896

"An Early Pioneer Gone

A F Zeiter Departed this Life Saturday Feb. 1

Adolphus F. Zeiter, one of our early pioneer residents, after an illness of several months, departed this life on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1896."

### OBITUARY

"Mr. Zeiter was born in Germany, Dec. 19, 1846. Was at the time of his demise 49 years, one month and 13 days of age. Came with his people to Buffalo, NY, when but a child, and was there educated.

From thence he removed to Dunville, Canada, where he engaged with Mr. John Huston, now of this place. In the spring of 1864 he removed with Mr. Huston to Alabaster, Mich. Where he remained for about five years, when he returned to Canada, where he was first married. From thence he removed to Tawas City, where he again engaged with Mr. Huston, and where he has since resided.

He was united in marriage with Mrs. Phebe Jane Gilbert, Sept. 26, 1882. Later he engaged for a time in mercantile business for himself; but for a number of years past has served in a public capacity, holding various offices of trust; serving as Supervisor of Tawas township for several years and Register of Deeds for three successive terms, beside other minor offices.

Being educated in both German and English he was much sought after (in matters of business) by all classes, discharging the duties devolving upon him, in a manner creditable to himself and his constituents.

He united with the Masonic Fraternity nearly 14 years since. Was regarded a worthy brother, hence was admitted to the highest degrees of the chapter.

Mr. Zeiter experienced religion during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Whyte (Congregationalist) and united with the Congregational church, since which time he has been an office bearer in the church, a constant attendant upon its ordinances, a consistent, and faithful Christian.

Often have we heard his earnest prayers in behalf of the unsaved, and as was witnessed by those who attended him in his last days, the way to him grew brighter and brighter, he having departed this life in the triumphs of the Christian faith.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at the Congregational church. Rev. P. Schermerhorn officiating; Rev's Waterbury and Kay assisting. Text, 1st Thess. 4:13-14.

A large delegation of Masons from AuSable and East Tawas accompanied by the band, besides those of this place, attended in a body, and did themselves great credit in the service.

The deceased having been so widely known, he having served so long in a public capacity, the funeral was the largest we have witnessed in Tawas City.

A loving wife and daughter, besides several other relatives are left to mourn his loss, who are joined by a host of friends, who feel keenly the loss of their brother and friend – Adolphus F. Zeiter, whose remains were interred in the Tawas City cemetery, the solemn and impressive Masonic burial service being rendered."



Adolphus F Zeiter's grave  
in Memory Gardens

## REQUESTS LUGENE DANIELS WAS WORKING ON

Among Lugene Daniel's files were several folders of research that we have no contact information for the persons who may have requested her assistance. If any of these families are familiar and you had asked Lugene for help please contact us so that we can pass over what Lugene had found.

1. **Gerow** family: Allen, Effie, Mable, Willie and Wesley. A family photo (taken by the Vandercook Studio in Clare is to the right), census records, marriage information and death certificate. Photo of Gerow



*Photo of Gerow Family*

family taken by the Vandercook studio in Clare, MI.

2. **Chamberlin** and **Busse** families: This file has cemetery records, military records, census, newspaper lists, etc. The Chamberlins seem more local to Iosco County, the Busses in Berrien County, MI.

3. **Lentz** Family: This is also a large file with a note that they are from the Standish, Arenac, MI area. This file is being turned over to the Arenac County Historical Society, <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miachs/>

## Where Did that Come From By Dan Stock

What is there about the Internet that seems to make us believe that the rules of evidence no longer apply? Are we swayed by a myth that if it is on the Internet, it must be true? Is it that the page looks professional so therefore it must be true? There is a basic tenet in genealogy that should never be forsaken - cite your sources. Demand that others cite them also. Don't just accept, on faith, what another publishes on the Internet.

When you find information online without a source citation, ask the publisher where they found the information. This may be easier said than done as email addresses change, some people just don't respond or more likely the response will be, I got it from another person's family tree. How can you evaluate a person's research when they have not shown you the records used? You can't but you have to try.

Be very cynical about any information posted to

such a site, just as you would question any published, undocumented, family history in periodicals or books.

The Internet is just another way to publish a family history. It allows the opportunity to publish it as a work in progress. It also allows others access and perhaps offer some additional information. But before you take any of this new information and incorporate it into your own data, it is essential that you be honest in evaluating the site and where the data comes from.

Was the site documented? If not, then you know that you will need to verify the information before you add it to your main database. The research may be accurate, but when combined with a lack of documentation, you must be suspect of any information found on such a site. Just because it is online or in print does not mean that it is true. Take off the rose colored glasses and be honest when working with your family history.

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Master Harry Galloway left Sunday for Kentucky to spend the summer with his grand-parents. He is at present in Chicago, attending the World's Fair, and will go from there to Kentucky.

Iosco Theatre

Tom Mix in "The Rustlers Roundup"

Mae West in "She Done Him Wrong"

"Mussolini Speaks!"

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society**

**6010 Skeel Ave  
Oscoda, MI 48750**

**Our Regular Meetings**

Our regular business meetings are held quarterly at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

We meet at Hsing’s Garden Restaurant, 600 E. Bay St., East Tawas (just north of the State Police Post)

Our next meetings are:

Jan 19, 2017                                  April 20, 2017

Our office is open when the Library is open:

Monday    9:00 to 5:00

Tuesday    9:00 to 2:00

Wednesday and Thursday                      9:00 to 7:00

Friday and Saturday                              9:00 to 2:00

Please call ahead for an appointment (989.739.9581) if you would like to have the help of an experienced genealogical assistant.

As a society we have set as goals:

- To preserve and perpetuate the records of our ancestors.
- To encourage the study of family histories and genealogies.
- To aid individuals in the compilation of their genealogies.
- To cooperate with other societies and share information.

- President - Judy Sheldon
- Vice President - Lindsey Russell
- Secretary - Dale Harwood
- Treasurer - Daniel Stock
- Database Manager - Alonzo Sherman

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**to learn more about us and to link to our many indexes and our archived newsletters.**  
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If you, as a new or renewing member, would be willing and able to hold an office, work on a committee, or help with indexing materials, HSGS would appreciate your help very much. You may indicate your area of expertise and/or interest on the following form. We will be happy to contact you about your interest in helping. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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What is your level of genealogical experience? (circle one):      Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced

Do you use computer software to manage your genealogy?      No

If yes, list the software

you use: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this completed form and and your check if appropriate to:

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