



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

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July 2004 HSGS Newsletter



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### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

June

23-24 Barbara Brown Virtual Family History Seminar

July

13 HSGS Business meeting,  
Parks Library, Oscoda and  
by virtual Zoom, 5:30 pm

October

TBD Cemetery Walk, Sacred Heart  
Cemetery, Oscoda, see details  
on our web site.

19 HSGS Business meeting,  
Parks Library, Oscoda  
And by virtual zoom, 5:30 pm

Fall

Bill Parsons and friends with a  
discussion on Local History

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Contributors of articles for the  
Genogram

Input from many will make it a  
better publication.

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### The 2023 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar!

Registration is now open. Featuring Drew Smith of 'The Genealogy Guys' podcast, the Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar will be held as a hybrid event on June 23-24, 2023. Brought to you by the Archives of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council, Event information, program schedule, and the registration page can all be found here:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/archives/family-history-seminar>.

Participants can attend sessions either online or onsite. With a terrific lineup of programs and speakers. Look forward to a great event either "on-line or onsite"!

## Obituary Charles Wesley Sheldon Jr



Age 79, passed away on Friday, March 31, 2023 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI.

He was born in Lancaster, PA on June 5, 1943, the son of Charles W. Sheldon, Sr and Pearl A. (Adams) Sheldon. On September 4, 1991, he married Judy Thompson in Lancaster, PA.

Charles graduated from Conestoga Valley High School in 1961 and from Southeastern Bible College, Lakeland FL. He pastored many different churches of various denominations in FL, OH and MI. Charles was also a locksmith in the Oscoda area for many years.

He is survived by his spouse, Judy Sheldon, her daughter Lauren Altenbernt (partner Andrew Edwards) and his first wife Sandra Erb Mullis and their children Tim (Mari Friske) Sheldon, Tracy (Don)

Gamboe, Stephen Sheldon (partner Makael McDonald); grandchildren Garrett (Kara Peterson) Sheldon, Aaron Gamboe, Amanda (Matt) Grenier, Gabriel Sheldon Clair, Craig Gamboe, Laurence Sheldon, Tennessee Sheldon, Juniper Sheldon. He had three great grandchildren, Savannah, Ella and Everett. He also leaves behind his brother Gary Sheldon of Lancaster, PA, niece Laurie Sheldon Gozzie, nephew John Sheldon; Brother-in-law Bill Thompson and his wife Billie of Harrisville, MI.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother Wayne Sheldon.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth"

Charles supported the Lenawee Feral Support. If you would like to make a donation in his memory, please visit their wish list page on Amazon.

A Celebration of Life service was held on June 3, 2023.

## GONE DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD No Tidings from the Tug Petrol and Her Crew of Eight Men. Daily Telegram (published as Evening Telegram) October 21, 1895, page 2, Adrian, Michigan

Oscoda, Mich., Oct. 21. - No tidings have been received from the tug Petrol, and she is thought to have gone down with all on board. The names of the crew are: Captain J. W. Bennett, Mackinaw; Engineer Dennis Smith, Sand Beach;

Fireman Joseph Arsenault, Ernest Lebaun, George Duell, Murdock Ferguson, Barney Smith and James La Plant, all of Au Sable.

## AU SABLE

### 1873 Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory

A place of about 2,000 inhabitants on the shore of Lake Huron at the mouth of Au Sable river. It is in the township of Sable, Iosco county. It is 13 miles north of Tawas City, the county seat, 50 miles above Standish on the J. L. & S. R. R. and 160 miles from Detroit. Extensive water power is derived from the Au Sable

river. The country lying back is very good and excellent wheat and potatoes produced. The leading exports, however, are lumber and fish. Holt's express and the W. U. Telegraph Co. have offices here. Geo. P. Warner postmaster. Au Sable is the center of very extensive interests.

### BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Allen, Alfred, grocer.  
Alpine, Jacob, clothing and fancy goods.  
Applebaum, P. R., clothing.  
Au Sable Lumber and Shingle Co., lumber.  
Backus & Bro., lumber.  
Dugan, Daniel, grocer.  
Henry, Bragg & Co., general store.  
Kirwin, James, blacksmith.  
Lipscomb, Nelson, general store.  
Loud, Gay & Co., lumber.  
McLane, John W., boots and shoes.  
Moore, Alger & Co., lumber.

Murphy, Patrick, general store.  
Myers, Louis, clothing.  
O'Toole, Felix, general store.  
Orth, George, boots and shoes.  
Quin & Bartlett, carpenters.  
Smith, Kelly & Co., lumber.  
Stone Timber Co., lumber  
Warner, George P., books, stationery and  
Yankee notions and postmaster.  
Wittaur & Sherman, lumber.  
Writeson, Francis, grocer.

## Farm and Building Histories Can Help Your German Research

### Submitted by Judy Sheldon

These are secondary sources, but well worth searching.

Ortssippenbücher (OSBs)

*Hofgeschichten* are farm histories (*Hof* means farm).

*Häusergeschichten* are building histories (*Haus* means house but can refer generally to a building).

#### FINDING *HOF-* AND *HÄUSERGESCHICHTEN*

Some *Hof-* and *Häusergeschichten* are stand-alone publications, but many are included in histories of the local community. Look for books in which the village name is the title and words such as *Geschichte*, *Chronik*, *Hofgeschichte*, *Hausgeschichte*, *Höfe*, *Häuser*, and *Heimatkunde* (local history).

Locating *Hof-* and *Häusergeschichten* for a village or town and interpreting the information in them can be a challenge, but the results can yield a substantial amount of genealogical data pertaining to your ancestor and valuable historical and cultural information to add to your family's history.

The St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department actively collects these and other sources for German research. Search the library's catalog at <https://webpac.slcl.org/> or contact the History & Genealogy Department at [genealogy@slcl.org](mailto:genealogy@slcl.org). Other libraries with sizable German research collections may also have them, and they are usually listed in [WorldCat](#). Many are available for sale at [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com), [bookfinder.com](http://bookfinder.com) and other online book sellers, as well.

## HOW CLARK'S MARSH GOT ITS NAME?

On Wednesday, May 16, 1866, James O. Whittemore recorded in his diary the following:

"The Skylark laid here all day in a/c a northerly storm. On board was Ethan D Clark who took a state homestead on AuSable River & when he went to the war in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mich with others from that town, he sent me his licence (sic) to keep until his return- after 3 or 4 years of absence he came back to-day. He seemed to be much gratified when I gave his papers & said in soldier slang "Bully for you."

As related in *"Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1865"*, Ethan G. Clark of Sauble enlisted in Company E, Twenty-third Infantry, August 14, 1862 at Sauble, for 3 years at age 34. He mustered in on Sept 12, 1862 and mustered out at Salisbury, N. C. on June 28, 1865. See the story about Ethan Clark below.

Ethan's Swamp Land license was issued under the provisions of Act 299 of the Laws of Michigan of 1859. Under this act persons can receive a license by taking an oath agreeing to the following:

- Live on the property for five years
- Clear the land for farming
- Not cut timber except as necessary for clearing the property for its intended use such as farming.

From the following, it does not seem that Ethan conformed to the requirements of the law unless his absence during the war excused him from the residency requirement. On March 18, 1867, Ethan exercised his

license certificate no. 909 for settling Swamp Land by purchasing lots three (3) and (4) of the fractional section Thirty-two (32) in Township Twenty four (24) North of Range Nine (9) East containing seventy two and 12/100 (72.12) acres for one dollar (\$1.00). Ethan had taken residence on the property on February 19, 1862. This property is in the area of what is now known by the name Clark's Marsh.

On September 9, 1867, Ethan sold the same property to a William Daggett for the sum of \$800. Both of these transactions were recorded on the Iosco County land records on January 2, 1868. A further search of the Iosco County land records did not show a recorded sale of the property. William Daggett died on November 18, 1872. A review of his Iosco County Probate record, Case 21, does not provide an indication of how the property was transferred to his heirs (see the related article on page 5 about William Daggett.)

However, it does show a sizable payment to the estate from the Loud and Gay Lumber Company which could have been for property.

However, the 1903 Iosco County plat Book shows NW1/4 of Section 32, Town 24, Range 9 as belonging to Loud and Company. Again with no specific transfer of ownership in the county land records, the ownership is shown as J Loud in the 1930 Plat book, the Consumers Power Company

in the 1956 and 1979 Plat Books, as part of the Au Sable State Forest in the 1985 book and finally the USA (Forest Service?) in the 1991 Iosco County Land and Plat Book.



1903 Iosco County Plat Book  
Clarks March Area

### Ethan D. (G.) Clark

Who was Ethan Clark? Other than having Civil War record and the Iosco county land records, very little can be found. No one named Clark was recorded in the 1860 Iosco county census in the Au Sable area. One individual is found in the 1870 census, a Clark Clark, working in a saw mill in Au Sable. Clark Clark

was reported having been born in 1835 in New York. He is reported as living in the same household with 30 other residents of Au Sable, none of them with the surname Clark. It appears to be a boarding house run by a Buyers family.



## WILLIAM DAGGETT - 1805 to 1872

As related in History of Commercial Fishermen, Iosco & Alcona Counties, 1835 – 2019, "In 1852 Benjamin Bowker came to Au Sable and fished with William Daggett. He left but came back in 1853 and worked at coopering making fish barrels." It is not clear from this if William was a visitor to or resident of Au Sable at the time. However as related in the History of the Lake Huron Shore Illustrated, 1883, the Townships of Tawas and Sauble were erected in 1857 at the same time Iosco county was organized and William Daggett served as the first Supervisor of Sauble township. He became a well known and prominent citizen of Au Sable village. Further, he was also a party of the second case to come before the Iosco county Circuit Court in 1860, that of William Daggett vs Charles Harris on August 1, 1860. He served as an Inspector of election at the April 1869



Daggett Family Monument  
With William

meeting to elect officers of the new Township of Oscoda as organized by an Act of the Legislature on March 17 of that year.

The Iosco county land records indicate that William bought and sold a number of properties in addition to his purchase of lots 3 and 4 Section 32, T 24, R 9 from Ethan Clark. Even though his occupation is given as a fishery worker in the 1870 census, William was reported to have a personal estate value of \$10,000 while living in the home of Augustus Stoll in the same census. It is surmised that this value was the result of his land purchases and sales

possibly on behalf of the Loud and Gay Lumber Company although the census did not show any real estate value for him in the census.

William Daggett was born on August 27, 1805 in Union, Knox county, Maine to Brotherton Daggett, b. January 4, 1778 in Dukes Co, Mass. and d. October 11, 1866 in Knox co., Maine and Sarah Goodwin Kimball, 1784-1837.

Although William was a bachelor, he had a number of siblings, all born in Union, Knox co., Maine:

- Louisa Howes Newall nee Daggett b. 1803 d. 21 Apr, 1887 Washington, Maine
- Elinor (Eleanor) M. Oakes nee Daggett b. 7 Jan 1804 d. 3 Dec 1889 Knox co., Maine
- Elisha Harding Daggett b. bt 1810 d. 1856 New York
- Sophronia Breck nee Daggett b. 1811 d. 1890 Newton, Mass
- Orinda E Shearer nee Daggett b. abt 1814 or 26 Dec, 1811 d. 6 Mar 1882 Maine
- Arunah Weston Daggett b. 16 Feb 1815 d. 13 May 1876 Bangor, Penobscot, Maine
- Elizabeth Mitchell Daggett b. 8 Aug 1818 d. 8 Apr 1864 Brooklyn, NY
- Alvira (Elvira) Hatch, nee Daggett b. 17 Nov, 1820 d. 24 May 1870 New York
- George Bartlett Daggett b. 1824 d. 30 October, 1887 Knox co., Maine

William passed away on November 18, 1872 in Lake View Cemetery in Union Knox county, Maine. Iosco County. He is interred in the family site in the

## Looking for Pensioners Living Abroad? The Pension Bureau's 1899 Special Reports to Congress

The following which is adapted from an article By Kenneth W. Heger, Ph. D. in the Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly, volume 63, No. 1, which discusses a little known or possibly overlooked data-set, the Pension Bureau's 1899 two-part special report to Congress listing the names of all pensioners living outside the United States. The article describes the reports, explains the data it contains, and provides examples of pensioners who had served during the Civil War. The article also tells you how to access the report and where you can find a searchable index to it.

The number of pensioners in the reports was slightly over 4,000, but the total number of unique names is over 5,000 as the reports include names of deceased veterans and guardians.

The following are the titles of the two volumes along with their SuDocs numbers:

Names and Address of Pensioners of the United States Living in Canada, Jan. 31, 1899 with Services, Rates of Pension, etc. (SuDoc No. I24.6:899 1)

Names and Address of Pensioners of the United States Living in Foreign Countries Other Than Canada, Jan. 31, 1899 with Services, Rates of Pension, etc. (SuDoc No. I24.6:899 2)

In addition to the pensioners' names, the Bureau included other information:

- A characterization of the type of pension
- Unit of service in the American military
- The injury the veteran had suffered or the disease he had contracted; i.e., reason the Government granted a pension
- Where the pensioner was living.

The following is a suggested approach to finding out whether the report may be helpful. Start at the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society (MAGS). MAGS is a source of information for

more than just German-Americans in the Mid-Atlantic region. Their members have identified and described a wide range of federal records, some of which the Society indexed and put in name-searchable datasets. The 1899 reports are among these documents. The MAGS' website allows you to search for all the names in the dataset quickly. The MAGS index includes all the names in the report, not just those with German surnames. An initial search of the MAGS database at [www.magsgen.com](http://www.magsgen.com) public data base search under record type 1899 Pension Bureau Report is available to anyone. From that search you will discover if your ancestor's name is in one of the MAGS-indexed datasets; however, retrieving the full data from any of the datasets that make up the database, e.g., the 1899 report, requires a MAGS membership (\$15.00/year for individual with emailed newsletters). Nevertheless, doing the initial non-member search should tell you if your ancestor's name appears in the 1899 report. Full search results would provide you with all the data for that name in the report. If you do not want to join MAGS to get access to the report's data on your ancestor, you have the option of trying to locate the original 1899 report at a Federal Depository Library (FLDP). The University of Michigan Library is a depository library and although it does not have all of the government documents, the government documents librarian, Catherine Morse ([cmorse@umich.edu](mailto:cmorse@umich.edu)), can provide assistance in locating these documents. The documents can also be viewed at the Library of Michigan using a database like ProQuest Congressional using one of their guest computers.

The reports may also be requested through your local library using the interlibrary loan program. Be sure to provide the report's full title and the Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) number when submitting a request.

## DNA Databases, which is the one for you? The big five.

Some quick facts:

- Ancestry.com is the largest, you can create a tree and you must spit in a tube.
- 23andMe.com is next in size, no trees and you spit in a tube.
- MyHeritage.com has trees and uses a swab technique.
- LivingDNA.com, no trees, uses a swab, concentrates in the United Kingdom area.
- FamilyTreeDNA.com, has trees, uses a swab and also has YDNA and MtDNA besides Autosomal.

A suggestion: Test first with Ancestry.com, then transfer your raw data to My Heritage, Family Tree DNA and Living DNA. Then test next with 23andMe. All have an Autosomal test.

There are numerous others out there, check for reviews and see if they fit your needs.

### In the Category of Business as Usual for Congress

#### As Reported in the Adrian Daily Telegram and Times - December 22, 1898

A Washington dispatch says Congressman Corlis has introduced a bill that has become time honored in congressional annals. It provides that the postmaster-general be directed to pay Nelson Green of Jackson Mich., \$1,659 for carrying the mails between Alcona and Black River, Mich., in the years 1879 to 1884. This bill has been pending in congress for 15 years and has been the subject of several reports, but in no case have both houses passed the measure in the same congress.

### FACTS ABOUT THE TELEPHONE

#### The Tawas Herald, March 30, 1923

The center of telephones in the United States is in Indiana.

There is enough telephone wire in use in the world at the present time to reach all the way from the earth to the planet Mars.

If Europe had as many telephones as the United States in proportion to population, the total number of telephones in Europe based on January 1, 1921 figures would be nearly 60,000,000 instead of 5,289,606.

Leaving out every city of a population of 50,000 or more, and counting only the telephones in the small cities and in the towns and rural districts, there are yet more telephones in the United States than in all the rest of the world put together.

One of the longest submarine telephone cables in the world was recently laid across the English Channel, connecting Great Britain and the Netherlands. It is approximately eighty nautical miles in length and will provide telephone service between London, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and the Hague.

In 1880, four years after the invention of the telephone, there were only about 60,000 telephones in use in all the world, and about 50,000 of these were in the United States. Now there are over 22,000,000 telephones in the world, of which over 14,000,000 are in the United States.

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society**  
**6010 Skeel Ave**  
**Oscoda, MI 48750**

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.

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Director - Gaynol Fales

## Our Regular Meetings

Our regular business meetings are held quarterly at the Robert Parks Library, Oscoda at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

Our next meeting has been rescheduled for:

**July 13, 2023 - In Person and Virtual meeting**

The following meeting will be on:

October 19, 2023

HSGS staff can meet with clients by appointment. Please call the library (989.739.9581) or email to:

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

to arrange for an appointment with an experienced genealogical assistant.

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Do you use computer software to manage your genealogy?    Yes \_\_\_    No \_\_\_

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Would you, as a new or renewing member, be willing and able to hold an office, work on a committee, or help with indexing materials? Yes \_\_\_\_    If yes, we will contact you about your interest in helping.

HSGS would appreciate your help very much. Thank you!

Send this completed form and your check if appropriate to:

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