



HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

Oscoda, Michigan

HSGS 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Judy Sheldon, President

Huron Shores Genealogical Society has touched over 840 lives in 2012. That's a pretty good year I would say! This doesn't count all of the people who visit us on our web site, our Facebook page and our Facebook group. We should be proud of the program our society provides for the genealogical community.

To recap our special programs of the year, we hosted the Michigan Genealogical Council Leadership workshop, provided a beginners class, a cemetery walk, My Family Photos workshop and a French Canadian research workshop.

Our all day programs were funded through grants from the Iosco Arenac District Library and the photograph program was done in partnership with the Plainfield Township Historical Commission. We had displays at the Oscoda Business Expo, the Women's Expo held at the Park's Library and at the Mikado Days Festival. One presentation was also given to the Plainfield Township Historical Commission.

Our big purchase this year was a digital microfilm reader printer. The Iosco Arenac District Library and the Oscoda Friends of the Library and many donations made this purchase possible. It has been greeted with enthusiasm by all who have used it, including several government offices. A purchase will worth the expense!

We have published four wonderful Genograms! A Thank You to Dan Stock our editor and webmaster!!

Al Sherman has edited and maintained our database and our library. The library is being cataloged.

Joan Doerr has once again out done herself indexing newspapers. Thanks Joan.

Our core group has volunteered hours to make this society a success. Hours of indexing, planning and leading programs, photographing cemeteries, keeping our web site and social media sites up to date, answering research requests, assisting patrons on their research journey, attending state meetings, writing articles, the list goes on and on, makes this society one of the best!

A big THANK YOU to everyone of you who have helped!!!

HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

April

18 HSGS Business Meeting
A Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas

May

4 Immigration and Naturalization Workshop , Parks Library

July

12-13 MGC Delegate meeting, and the Abrams Genealogy Seminar, Lansing, MI

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A Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas, MI

THINK SPRING



Join Us at our

Immigration and Naturalization
Workshop
May 4, 2013
9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Robert Parks Public Library
6010 Skeel Ave
Oscoda, MI

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF!

By Lugene Daniels

Any loyal genealogist, family historian, or historical researcher usually has at least a handful of “brick wall” or “nearly impossible to find” issues to solve in order to prove a theory, conjugate a story, solve a mystery, or substantiate a specific case.

For me, these “question marks in my mind” occupy most of my thinking while I am riding the lawnmower when mowing grass, driving any distance over fifteen miles, driving the tractor when working ground or cutting hay, or saying my prayers at the end of every day. Whenever my mental state is allowed to wander, think, and dwell about “something,” it is these things that I think about.

By now, most of you are probably wondering: *What is she thinking about?*

MY PATERNAL GRANDMOTHER: As a second-generation descendant of a Ukrainian-immigrant from “what-is-now” Poland, I often dream of uncovering my grandmother’s birth record and information about her family. Having been unsuccessful in locating it, or any record from her family, has obsessed my mind for quite some time. Six members of my family traveled to Poland and visited her ancestral village in 2008, and returned to America disappointed because we did not find one lead connecting us to her family. Since then, the struggle and challenge has continued, with no avail. Consequently, my grandmother is forever on my mind.

THE LAND: Furthermore, I often find my mind wandering aimlessly in an attempt to imagine how the land of any area looked before the white settlers claimed ownership. As the American farmer today feeds more people than ever before, I struggle to create a panoramic

view of the obstacles, pain, and hurdles and dreams, successes, and visions endured by those who first cleared the land, tilled the soil, and passed ownership forward to those wanting to continue the dream. I will never quit formulating or envisioning my thoughts to create this story about our land.

CHARLES F GORDON: I especially hate it when my mind gets occupied by the “past actions of dead people.” Charles F Gordon once lived in Burleigh Township, served as the township supervisor, sued the township when his wagon fell through a bridge, and boarded a woman who once stole from the Burleigh Township treasury. After he departed from this area, I have failed to uncover his trail. Where did he go? When did he die? Where is he buried? Why is he such a mystery?? I can only hope that *maybe someone* will read this and be able to answer one of these questions!

I took a deep breath and re-read it before I gave a hallelujah-shout to my fellow HSGS buddies in the room with me. The entry proved my theory:

- a very elegant and costly flag, 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, which was presented to his township by Senator John L Burleigh of Ann Arbor, after whom the township was named. . . .”

WHY IS BURLEIGH TOWNSHIP NAMED AS SUCH?: Those of you who know me well, know that I have been researching and writing about Burleigh Township of Iosco County for quite some time now. After writing books about Whittemore and the Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools, my research and writing of Burleigh Township has continued and

ceased at the same time.

I felt like my story stagnated when I wrote about its early development. I kept wondering: Why is the township called Burleigh?

I searched for stories from former residents. I interviewed many life-long township residents. I perused the newspapers on microfilm a few times, without success. I formulated my own theory about the township being

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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION WORKSHOP

May 4 9:30 am to 3:00 pm the Parks Library

There is no charge to attend the program but registration required. Call the Parks Library at 989-739-9581 Questions contact HSGS on our email, Face Book page or Judy Sheldon, 989-984-9305



Speakers:

Kris Rzepczynski, from the Michigan State Archives, will make a presentation in the morning on Naturalization.

Ceil Wendt Jensen, Director of the Polonica American Research Institute, will be presenting in the afternoon on Immigration.

As a Certified Genealogist, Ceil will present practical examples and suggestions on how to use records, databases, and archives to start or advance your genealogy research.



Lunch is brown bag. HSGS will provide morning snacks, water, coffee and dessert.

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named after Colonel John L Burleigh, who was a Michigan Senator from Washtenaw County in 1877 when the township was removed and formed from Alabaster Township. But, I had to prove my theory or uncover the real truth before I could write that part of my book. To leave this piece of the tale unknown and unsaid was like throwing away a piece of a jigsaw puzzle.

It is often said that one finds things when not looking for it. And, that was exactly what happened to me on February 19, 2013!

While searching for an obituary with the awesome digital microfilm Pro-scan 2000 housed in the Huron Shores Genealogical Society room of the Parks Library in Oscoda, I browsed through the Iosco County Gazette of 1877. The recently-acquired Pro-scan 2000 enables one to view the newspaper microfilm with ease. The image can be transformed to a digital form, corrected for contrast, and enlarged for easier reading. I love this machine and try to find any reason to use it whenever possible.

As I skimmed through the columns of newsprint, my eyes were conditioned to react to the word BURLEIGH. Suddenly, embedded deep within a page full of words and words and more words, I could not believe what my eyes were reading. I took a deep breath and re-read it before I

gave a hallelujah-shout to my fellow HSGS buddies in the room with me.

I was full of excitement and joy and read aloud the printed words in the September 20, 1877 issue of the Iosco County Gazette. The entry proved my theory and completed my story of the naming of Burleigh Township.

"A few days ago Supervisor A W Rikeley, of Burleigh Township, received a very elegant and costly flag, 30 feet long and 20 feet wide, which was presented to his township by Senator John L Burleigh, of Ann Arbor, after whom the township was named. . . ."

I had accumulated many stories about the flag, and differing stories about how the township acquired it. Almost like magic, right there in front of me, was the truth and the proof of my theory.

Finally, one of my prayers had been fulfilled! One of my questions had been answered! Part of the puzzle that I had been trying to put together was nearing completion!

So, the moral of the story is this: Persistence pays off. Keep researching. Keep praying. Have faith in the quest. Keep turning over stones; even those you turned over before. The answer is somewhere; you just have to find it!

A Family Story

By Dan Stock

My great-grandfather, John Stock, was born in South Hackney, east of London in 1852 within the sound of the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow Church making him a true Cockney ancestor. He was the second son of Joseph Henry Stock and Mary Elizabeth Webb which may be the reason he left England in 1870 at the age of 18 to emigrate to St. Marys, Ontario, Canada in Perth County.

He married Jane Thomson, the daughter of James JohnstoneThomson and Flora Bowie there in 1876 and they had three children Ella In 1876, James Daniel in 1878 and Frederick in 1881, unfortunately, Frederick died in Canada in 1882. Also in that year, the entire family



including the widower James Thomson, his father-in-law, and six other of his 11 children, moved to Saginaw, Michigan. Although James was a weaver, and John was not known to have had a trade when he left England, he became a mason, possibly a trade he learned in St. Marys, a city known for its limestone quarries and buildings and structures made of limestone.

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A Shocking Accident

From the January 1, 1892 Tawas Herald

One of the most terrible accidents that ever-occured in this community was the accidental shooting of Fred Moorhead on Christmas morning, at the Prescott mill yard.

A number of sharp shooters assembled to try their skill at shooting glass balls thrown from what is called a trap, arranged for the purpose, and in the excitement, Edward Walker was reloading a shot-gun with shells that had been used before, when by some mishap one of the shells discharged and the load of shot buried itself in the breast of Mr. Moorhead, killing him almost instantly.

He was a highly respected citizen in this community—was general manager in the large stores of C. H. Prescott & Sons for a number of years.

Mr. Moorhead was 29 years of age, and was born in Indiana, Pennsylvania, where the remains were immediately transferred, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and Mr. Allen Prescott and Mrs. J. M. Walker.

Coronor Howell was notified and immediately impaneled a jury, consisting of A. S. Larabee, Spruce Williams, J. M. Waterbury, W. Ramage, Thos. Armstrong, and Thos. Conners.

An inquest was held at the court house Tuesday last. After all the witnesses were sworn as to the circumstances, the jury returned a verdict of accidental shooting.

If expressions of sympathy alleviate sorrow, Mrs. Moorhead's grief would be lessened, indeed.

BUILDING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

HAVE YOU DONE THE FOLLOWING

1. Recorded what you already know
2. Gathered information from your (older) living relatives
3. Looked at all your old photographs
- 4 . Searched the census records
5. Used an on-line database to search for information
6. Researched at several libraries
7. Visited a church to review their records
8. Visited a county courthouse to review their records
9. Found tombstones in a cemetery
10. Entered your information into a genealogy program
11. Picked the brains of an experienced genealogist
12. Attended a genealogist workshop or conference

John E Chapman

25 August 1857 – 5 December 1903

By Lugene Daniels

From his marriage record, one can learn that John E CHAPMAN was born in Trumbulls Corner, New York in 1853. His death record stated that his birthday was August 25, 1857. And, his tombstone was inscribed with July 15, 1854 as his birthdate.

Uncovering discrepancies in birthdates is common when doing genealogical research, especially with birthdates. It is important for the researcher to remember not to “get bent out of shape” about such differences. Just like today, the information is only as accurate as the person supplying it. Chances are that the various dates of the birth for John E CHAPMAN exist because different individuals stated what they believed to be correct when asked for his birthdate.

When the 1850 federal census was enumerated, John E CHAPMAN had not been born. His parents, James and Phebe A, lived in the same household with his grandparents in Newfield of Tompkins County, New York, which is just a few miles from Trumbulls Corner, where he was born. His grandparents were Jonathan and Anna CHAPMAN, ages 40 and 32 respectively. Jonathan was a farmer who owned real estate valued at \$1,800.

James, age 22, and Phebe A, age 16, CHAPMAN had been married within the year 1850. James, too, was a farmer and reportedly owned \$800 worth of real estate.

Others who lived in the household in 1850 were Maria, age 30; Sanford, age 23; Jane, age 21; Rebecca, age 16; Reuben, age 10; Richard, age 4; and George C, age 2.

In 1860 John E CHAPMAN was 6 years old on the federal census and attended school at the time. He resided with his parents, James and Phebe A, in Trumansburgh, Newfield Township, Tompkins County, New York. Trumansburgh lies on the western shore of one of Cayuga Lake, which is one of the Finger Lakes. Siblings that lived with him were William H, age 9; Josaphine, age 4; and an unnamed infant, age 6 months.

The family remained in the same location when the 1870 census was taken. James and Phebe were farmers and had five children that lived with them at the time. H William, age 18, worked on the farm and attended school; John E, age 16, attended school; Josaphine, age 13,

attended school; Elnora, age 10, attended school; and Ettie M, age 5; also attended school.

Sometime between 1870 and his marriage, John E CHAPMAN relocated to Michigan.

On October 16, 1879, John E CHAPMAN married Rosa S CHURCH in St John of Clinton County, Michigan. John E CHAPMAN, age 26, was a laborer from Ovid. Rosa S CHURCH was 18 years of age and had been born in London, England. She also claimed Ovid as her residence. S L HAMILTON, minister of the Gospel, officiated the marriage that was witnessed by F J RAYMOND and Fred HUNTER, both from Hamilton, Gratiot County, Michigan.

In 1880, the newly-married couple resided in Hamilton of Gratiot County, Michigan. John E CHAPMAN worked in a sawmill and his wife Rose kept house.

By 1894, when the Michigan census was enumerated,

the couple and their young daughter lived in Reno Township of Iosco County. Lena, their daughter, was 5 years of age.

On June 18, 1900, for the 1900 US census, John E and Rosa CHAPMAN continued to reside in Reno Township. Their daughter, Lena Fay, was 11 years of age. The following birthdates were reported: for John E, July

1856; for Rosa, September 1861; and for Lena Fay, May 1889. John E was a farmer. Rosa reported to have given birth to two children, and one was still living. Residing with the family was a farm laborer, Ethrum COLE, age 28, who reported to have been born in Michigan during December of 1871. An additional interesting note from the 1900 census was that Rosa S reported to have immigrated from England to the US in 1873, or 37 years prior.



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John E CHAPMAN owned 40 acres in Section 30 of Reno Township; more specifically, he owned the SE4 of the SW4 of that section. The following appeared in the *Whittemore* column of the newspaper after his death, and must have appeared while his estate was being settled.

John E CHAPMAN died on December 5, 1903 in Burleigh Township of Iosco County. His reported age was 46 years 4 months and 10 days. Mrs J E CHAPMAN was the informant on the death record, and obviously had never met any of his family, because she listed his father and mother as unknown. His cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis.

From the *Tawas Herald* dated December 11, 1903: *The remains of John E Chapman were laid to rest in Reno Cemetery Tuesday under the Forester rites. Mr Chapman was an old and respected citizen of this place and was stricken with that dreaded disease, consumption, and after being confined to his home about four months, passed away.*

Also printed in the same *Whittemore* social column of the *Tawas Herald* on the same date listed above was the following: *While returning from the funeral Tuesday, H M Belknap's sleigh was upset, throwing Mrs Chapman out, but no serious injuries resulted. Also from the Tawas Herald, July 30, 1904: Mrs Rose Chapman and daughter Lena, are visiting the P G VanNorstran's.*

After the death of John E CHAPMAN, Rosa married

at least two more times. On April 30, 1908, she married James WILSON, age 44, a farmer from Whittemore. James WILSON, the son of James WILSON and Margaret DUNLAP, was born in Scotland. Rosa reported the names of her parents as George CHURCH and Amelia BUNKER. George W GILROY, clergyman, officiated the ceremony, which took place in Whittemore. Mr and Mrs Nelson SHAW were witnesses.

In 1910, Rose and James WILSON resided next door to Alex and Lena (the daughter of John E and Rosa CHAPMAN) BOULTER in Mason Township of Arenac County. Alex BOULTER, age 32, was a farmer. Alex and Lena had a daughter at the time, Marjory, age six months.

At the age of 90 years, Rosa MORGAN died in Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan at the home of her daughter, Mrs Alex BOULTER. Her death date was reported as a few days prior to September 30, 1951 in a short obituary printed in the *Iosco County News* on October 4, 1951.

From the *Iosco County News Herald*, October 4, 1951: *Former Burleigh Woman Dies in Lansing--Word was received the past week of the death of Mrs Rose Morgan of Lansing, a former resident here and better known as Mrs Rose Chapman. She would have been 90 years old September 30. She leaves one daughter, Mrs Alex Boulter, of Mason, and two granddaughters. Sympathy is extended to the family.*

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John, Jane and their children Daniel, Ella and Flora, who was born in Michigan became active in the affairs of Ames Methodist Church located on the near west side of Saginaw close to where they lived. John practiced his trade along with his son, now known as Daniel, and eventually to his grandson and my father, Orval. The family story is that John served as a mason during the construction of the church which later became a gymnasium for Ames Methodist Church. A structure in which, Orval and I and my brothers played church league basketball.

Alas, John may have left the church as he joined the Salvation Army in 1891, an organization with roots in London, England. It is not known what role John played

in the Salvation Army except that he enlisted and wore the uniform as pictured. It is presumed he continued to serve with them until his death in 1918. Jane, her children and grandchildren continued as members of Ames Methodist.



STATUS OF HSGS INDEXES

Total number of Indexes	1584
HSGS FLP Searchable Indexes	1422
Files not searchable	162
Searchable Indexes not on US GENWEB site	84
Searchable Indexes ready for review prior to placement of the web	16 of 84
Searchable Indexes in need of editing and review prior to placement of the web	68 of 84

Currently we have coded the following event codes, matched to specific names or historical events.

~vr =Vital Records	176,310
~or = Other Records (Non-Vitals)	241,050
~pho = Photograph	63,240
~mil = Military	40,500
~kw = Keywords (Not a person), started in 2010	<u>1,110</u>
TOTAL	552,210

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society
2012 Annual Financial Report**

Balance in checking, savings and petty cash	Expenses	
January 1, 2012 -	Program	
	Collection management	\$425.35
	Postage, copies	279.35
Income	Computers	
Research	Scanner	3,000.00
Book and CD sales	Supplies and repairs	835.59
Membership dues	Workshops	
Donations	Prizes, lunches, handouts	557.77
Digitization	Honorariums	720.00
Other	Administration	
Grants	Supplies, postage, printing	354.70
Dividend interest	Facility improvements	99.79
	Advertising	263.30
Total income	Dues and donations	200.00
\$5,598.49	Total expenses	\$6,735.85
	Balance in checking, savings and petty cash	
	December 31, 2012 -	\$2,416.89

Favorite Recipes of a Famous First Lady

Martha Washington's Cookies

- 2 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup pecan halves

Preheat oven to 250°. Beat egg whites and salt until foamy; gradually add brown sugar and vanilla. Continue beating until stiff peaks are formed. Fold in pecan halves. Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 1 hour.

