



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

We regret that we have to postpone our spring program at the Parks Library “Your Swedish Roots, Meatball and More” to minimize the risks of disease transmission and because of the lack of time needed to reorganize the program following the proposed reopening of the library.

In the meanwhile, although we do not have access to all of our materials at the library, we are still able to provide assistance via email and phone. For example, we can assist you in starting your family research, searching our indexes, giving instructions on searching the Tawas Herald through the Iosco Arenac District Library website from home.

Send your request for assistance to us at:

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

### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

- April
  - 16 HSGS Business Meeting -Virtual  
check our Facebook page for details
- May
  - Postponed - “Your Swedish Roots, Meatballs and More”
- July
  - 10-11 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing
  - 16 HSGS Business Meeting, at China Buffet, 724 E. Bay St., East Tawas
- September
  - 26 Native American Research at the Grace Lutheran Church, 401 E. Main St., East Tawas
- October
  - 15 HSGS Business Meeting at China Buffet, 724 E. Bay St., East Tawas
- Fall
  - TBD “Your Swedish Roots, Meatballs and More”

### Genealogy 101 Plus Follow Up

We had five great sessions in January and February, even if Mother Nature tried to shut us down. As many as 26 family historians met at the Iosco County Historical Museum in East Tawas and the Robert Parks Public Library in Oscoda, MI.

We covered the following topics: creating a research plan and a research log, citing sources, communicating with other researchers, basic



basics, getting over brick walls, websites, DNA and newspapers. HSGS thanks all who attended and hope we provided you with a few new ideas. It was suggested that we have other training Saturdays and perhaps we can set aside some time to view webinars on popular topics. Stay tuned for these future gatherings.

## Finding Female Ancestors

1. Research a woman indirectly by seeking records of her relatives-husband, father, siblings and children. She may be named as an heir, witness or traveling companion. A letter may mention her, too.
2. Marriage records are most likely to contain a woman's maiden name. If you notice from censuses most of her children were born in one county, start your marriage records search there. Look for a certificate and license application in county records. Churches many have marriage bonds or banns. Study historical newspapers, too, for an announcement.
3. Seek records on each of a woman's children, even those not in your line, including birth and baptism records, marriage records and death records. One may give a maiden name if others don't. Also note others named, especially witnesses, as they may be her relatives.
4. At her tombstone, look at plots near hers, since families often were buried near each other. Study the caretaker's burial records for more information about those people to see if anyone was buried nearby without a headstone.
5. Once you have a guess at a surname, start researching families in the area with that surname to see if any have children with your female ancestor's first name. Keep note of all the clues that support, as well as those that refute, the conclusion you've found your ancestor's maiden name. It's likely that a collection of clues will lead to her name, rather than a single momentous record that states, "I, Mary Smith Pearson ..."

Source: Family Tree magazine

## SHERMAN TOWNSHIP NEWS

*From one of the new indexes that have been added to our Archives web site which should be of special interest to any who have ancestors that lived in Sherman Township, Iosco County, Michigan between 1884 and 1928.*

June 26, 1884

A new family appeared among us last Sunday evening which was born the same day at the German Lutheran church, from the union of Miss Amelia, second oldest daughter of William Drager, a pioneer farmer of this settlement, and Mr. Edward Kohn, brother of William Kohn of this town. The bridal party was met here by relatives from abroad, and all the Shermanites.

A festive time took place in honor of the event. Refreshments were served and drinks were passed around according to the German custom. The Sherman town band, among which Mr. Thos. O' Brian and Tp, Treasurer played a conspicuous part, furnished appropriate and cheering music. The event was a grand success and the young couple take with them the congratulations and good wishes of all the people amongst whom they intend living. The bride owns eighty acres of choice farming land on the main road, and one and a half miles south from the D,B,C.&A.R.R and on which the party will make a home.

### TIP

Translate documents exactly as they read even if they are inconsistent with other items or records. Your genealogical software package should allow you to record alternate dates of events tied to the actual source from which the information was obtained. Never change what any sources say. In your notes about the person, comment on the differences and why which of them (if any) you think is more likely to be correct. Some discrepancies can never be "explained away" and one cannot expect all records to completely agree.

- Michael John Neill

## Did you have an ancestor who was a Hoo-Hoo?

By Judy Sheldon

Back in the day of the lumber barons and lumber jacks there were various organizations for men. Some were political, some aimed at the economics of the lumber trade, some were purely social. Most offered an insurance policy to the members and their families. All had one goal: that was to advance the interests of the lumber trade. Numerous trade organizations existed in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century i.e.: the Lumberman's Association of Minneapolis, 1869, the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, 1891, and the National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA), 1898.

On January 21, 1892, a brisk day in Gurdon, Arkansas, several lumbermen were sitting together waiting for a delayed train coming to take them to their next convention. They were seasoned travelers who went from city to city, convention to convention on lumber business. Bolling Arthur Johnson, 30, a journalist for the Timberman trade newspaper of Chicago, and George K. Smith, 40, secretary of the Southern Lumber Manufacturers Association of St. Louis were sitting together wishing that there was a way for all of the lumber associations to gather together once a year in the same place instead of different times and in different cities. They thought, talked, brainstorming, and a new idea began to form.

Johnson and Smith knew of three other likeminded men waiting for the same train and gathered them into the conversation. They were William E. Barns of the St. Louis Lumberman, George W. Schwartz of the Vandalia Railroad of St. Louis and William Starr Mitchell, business manager of the Arkansas Democrat in Little Rock. Later in the afternoon Ludolph O. E. A. Strauss of the Malvern



Lumber Company joined the group. It was lamented that the business interests of lumbermen were so diverse that no one organization could gather them all in. It was agreed that if a group had one common interest, that of goodwill and fellowship, that all the other goals of the various members would be met in a trickledown fashion.

Their excitement forming this new type of group grew and they set about creating its structure. It was to be a war on conventionality having no lodge rooms, no marching in the streets in protest, no uniforms, etc. It had a single aim: to foster the health, happiness, and long life of its members. It was to have a secret means of communication and "only those individuals who by virtue of their avocations were naturally fraternal would be recruited".

The next step was to pick a name. One they had earlier tossed about, "Ancient Order of Camp Followers" didn't seem to fit the bill. They agreed on "Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo" as a perfect name. The word "Hoo-Hoo" had been coined a month earlier by Johnson as describing a peculiar tuft of hair, greased and twisted to a point, on top of the otherwise bald head of Charles McCarer, of the Northwestern Lumbermen in Chicago. It soon became a catch phrase for anything unusual or out of the ordinary.

Creating a history for their group is where it gets even more interesting. They were to be non-superstitious, so they chose a black cat as their mascot. Since cats are known to have nine lives, the number nine became an important number in the order. There would be nine members on the board, they would hold their meeting on ninth day of the ninth month at nine minutes to nine, the initiation

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fee would be \$9.99, annual dues would be 99 cents, and they would have no more than 9,999 members. They embraced Egyptian ancient customs as their own. Their colors would be white, black and gold.

The names of the directors came from Lewis Carroll's "Hunting of the Snark", hence the Grand Snark, Holy Bojum (chaplain), Scriveoter (secretary), Arcanper (opener of the gates), Gurdon (sergeant of arms) and Jabberwock. Other names were simply made up.

All of this happened in a matter of three plus hours, and when the train whistle was heard in the distance the first members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo sped off to their next meeting to spread the word of the new organization. The first public announcement of Hoo-Hoo came a few days later at the Northwestern Lumberman's Association meeting in Duluth MN. On February 18, 1892 in the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, the first regular initiation was held.

The Hoo-Hoo spread across the USA and Canada, and did quite well until the Depression of the 1930s. They met annually and local chapters sprang up everywhere. Alpena held a chapter meeting July 14, 1896 and lumbermen from Alpena, Oscoda, Tawas and other shore towns were initiated. Detroit held the 6<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in September of 1897. The Detroit Free Press covered their arrival and meetings and activities every day from September 5 to the 12<sup>th</sup>. At least nine members were from northern Michigan. The only complaint about the venue was that it was much too hot and muggy! Members thought that meeting should be held in February when it's cooler. The "Dark Years" passed and membership grew to 13,000 in the 1950s. True to their original

tenets, they have remained a social gathering of lumbermen with the trade their top priority. The Detroit chapter put on one of the first building expos at the Michigan State Fair Grounds in 1954. Many chapters have taken conservation very seriously, planting trees and promoting conservation education. Only the Detroit chapter is still active in Michigan.

The International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has an office and a museum in Gurdon, Arkansas, just a block from where it all began in 1892. Their website is: <https://www.hoohoo.org/> and they are on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/HooHooInt/>

So, why was HSGS interested in the Hoo-Hoo you ask? We had a research request to look for information on one Maxwell Pease who was supposed to have lived in AuSable in the mid 1880s. He was here, but not for long. He lived most of his early life in Ypsilanti and Detroit. While searching Newspapers.com we found articles associating him with the Hoo-Hoo where he held office as the Viceregent Snark in 1896. This was a new society and we couldn't resist looking up its history. There is a story on page 8 in the September 12, 1897 issue of the Detroit Free Press. It is the description of the embalming ceremony of a past Snark. If you can get access to this issue...it truly is a "must read!"

Sources:

"A History of Hoo-Hoo International," by Rameses 67 and David Marteney L-65075

The Detroit Free Press: July 15 1896; January 19, 1896; September 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1897; June 4, 1954

The Lansing Journal: April 15, 1925; May 7, 1927

### 2020 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar (Abrams Seminar)

Friday, July 10 through Saturday, July 11

Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing, Michigan

The speaker will be Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL, The Legal Genealogist. Save the dates !



## ANCESTRY'S THRU LINES Submitted by Dan Stock

"ThruLines uses Ancestry Trees to suggest how you may be related to your DNA matches through common ancestors." It has the potential of being a wonderful resource; it can connect us through DNA testing with distant cousins, help extend family lines back to further generations and point us to sources we have not found previously. But it is important to remember that these resources should be treated as merely clues, needing additional information for verification. They must be rigorously evaluated not blindly accepted.

In my case, I have encountered four different scenarios when using ThruLines:

1. It has connected me with previously unknown cousins via ancestors that we both have included in our family trees, helping to confirm the information in our trees.
2. One strong DNA 3rd-4<sup>th</sup> cousin connection (196 cM across 9 segments) who has a family tree on Ancestry which shows our common great-grandfather, William Wesley Dilts, does not show as a connection with our common great-great grandfather Francis Dilts on ThruLines as his tree shows the wrong name for the father of William Wesley,
3. ThruLines has suggested that I have a common connection with an ancestor that I had previously shared with known DNA related cousins and then had decided was not my great-great-grandfather. These known cousins had posted the information

on their trees but have not removed the ancestor even though I have suggested it is in error. Unfortunately, no previously unknown DNA connections have shown up through an earlier generation.

4. Finally and of most interest to me, is a suggested DNA connection to a 3rd great grandfather with 40 other potential cousins with shared centiMorgans from 60 to 7. In this case, ThruLines has suggested that my second great-grandfather Francis N Dilts, born about 1830 was the son of Francis Dils (Dilts), born 1755. a highly unlikely situation as the mother in this case would have been 59 years old at the time of the birth of Francis N. This would represent a skip of one or two generations in the true family tree. Although, the elder Francis is shown as having six sons, none of the trees of my previously unknown DNA cousins show either my Francis, born about 1830 or either of his brothers William, born about 1829 and Steven born unknown in their trees. It is comforting to know that my great-grandfather is in this 'family group' somewhere and it will take additional research hopefully with an exchange of ideas with some of my new found fourth cousins to discover where Francis fits.

Such is the world and the joys of genealogy.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS OF YESTERYEAR

To exterminate bedbugs – Use kerosene oil freely wherever the bugs are found. Keep away from fire or flame.

To drive away fleas – Sprinkle a few drops of lavender about the beds and other places they infest.

Moths – Moths will not lay their eggs where fine cut tobacco has been scattered.

Source – Dr. Chase's Household Physician or Practical Knowledge for the People – 1905

## Daniel in the Courts

Submitted by Judy Sheldon

The mid 1860s saw a dispute between Tawas City and, what would become, East Tawas lumbermen over where a road from this area going northwest would be. Regardless of which one won, the roads would cut diagonally across sections and not follow section lines as in the past. There was plenty of political maneuvering and the Whittemore's out maneuvered Mr. George Smith, and Plank Road (Iosco Ogemaw State Road) became the highway to the lumber camps and settlers in the northwest part of Iosco County. It was a toll road for several years around 1871. Monument Road was the loser. Both roads had been roughly cut, but when Plank Road became the designated highway, it received funds to eventually be upgraded with planks and stringers. The Daniel Simpson farm fell right in the right-of-way!

Daniel was born 25 Oct 1810 in Scotland, to James and Barbara Simpson. He grew up in Canada, where he married Jessie Murray on 3 November 1832 or 1841. Jessie Murray was born in 1820 in Scotland to William Murray and Jennette Fraser. She also came to Canada when young, married Daniel, and died 20 Oct 1897 in Tawas, Michigan. She is buried in Tawas City cemetery. They had two children: James (b. abt 1847 or 1850) and Jessie (b. abt 1862), both born in Canada.

The family came to Michigan in 1865. Daniel is in the 1870 Tawas census with wife Jessie and son James. He was issued a land patent on 25 September 1871 for Iosco County 022N - 007E, sec 23 NW1/4, 160 acres. He was also a Justice of Peace for Tawas Township from 1871 to 1874. The family is found in the 1880 Tawas census, with Daniel, wife Jessie, son James, b 1850 Ontario, and daughter, Jessie, b 1862 Ontario.

And now we are in the summer of 1890 and Daniel's long time dispute with the Highway Commission boiled over!

On 28 June 1890 papers filed by Iosco County Highway Commission charging Daniel with destroying a

bridge over Bear Creek on Plank Rd (Iosco-Ogemaw State Road). His bond was set at \$300.00 and upped to \$500.00 so he stayed in Jail. The trial started 1 July 1890. Witnesses stated that he tore up the planks and cut the stringers. Some who witnessed this talked with him about the trouble he was getting into and he said he knew quite well what would happen. 9 Sept 1890 he pleaded not guilty to destruction of a bridge on Plank Rd over Bear Creek and was found guilty, but the judge decided that because of his age not to send him to jail.

The following are quotes from papers around the state. Unfortunately, none of the local papers have survived that would have carried the battle between Daniel and the highway in much more detail!

However, a quote from the Weekly Expositor, Brockway Centre, MI, July 18, 1890 states "Daniel Simpson, a farmer living near Tawas, seems to have more sand than sense. He is a grouchy chap and for a long time has had a grudge against the highway near his house. A short time ago to work off his spite he cut down the highway bridge. Now Daniel, like his namesake of old, lingers, not in the lion's den, but in jail."

And in the Livingston County Daily Press and Argus, September 25, 1890 states "Daniel Simpson, living near Tawas, has been convicted of tearing down a bridge and building a fence across the state road, where it crosses his property. Sentence was suspended because he is 80 years old."

Daniel died on a Sunday (just as he was born) 3 March 1895 in Tawas Township. His obituary said he left behind his "dutiful companion, adopted children, and also other relatives and friends..." We don't know who the adopted children are as the obituary said his children were already deceased. He was buried on his farm in a spot he had already picked out.

So ends the tale of Daniel and the Courts.

## STATUS OF HSGS INDEXES

	1/2019	1/2020
Total number of files (Indexes, Catalogs, Admin)	1,789	1,795
HSGS index files Searchable on the GenWeb Archives	1,327	1,345
Files to be edited before placement on web site	185 est	173 est

### Periodical Source Index or PERSI for short

PERSI is an index to thousands of historical, genealogical and ethnic publications. It is the key to over 2.5 million articles. The Periodical Source Index is compiled quarterly by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and will be simultaneously updated on <https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>. Most of PERSI's articles are from periodicals covering the United States and Canada, but you can also find thousands of genealogy and local history entries (in both English and French) from Britain, Ireland and Australia. Articles fall under twenty-two different subject headings or record types. These include biography, cemeteries, census records, church records, court records, deeds, institutions, land records, maps, military records, naturalization records, obituaries, passenger lists, probate records, school records, tax records, vital records, voter records, and wills. Articles about three or fewer specific families are arranged by surname. There are several ways to get a copy of the article: order from FindMyPast; contact the Allen County Library to see if they can make a copy or contact the organization who published the article to ask for a copy.

### INDIAN MEDICAL REMEDIES

For diarrhea – Dig up the root of the wild strawberry, wash and clean well. Boil the root with water and sugar until it becomes a thin syrup. Cool and swallow a small portion every two hours.

For sore throat – Remove the outer bark of the spruce. Cut the inside wood into strips and crush it, then boil for one half hour in water. Take out the wood pieces or strain through a thin cloth and drink this boiled water while it is warm; about one tablespoon is right.

### Huron Shores Genealogical Society 2018 Annual Financial Report

Balance January 1, 2019 - **\$5,773.48**

#### Income

Research	418.70
Book and CD sales	218.18
Membership dues	480.00
Donations - General	424.00
Grants	500.00
Dividend interest	4.95
Total income -	2,126.83

#### Expenses

##### Program

Collection Management	11.10
Postage, copies, supplies	106.64
Computers	
Hardware and software	68.89
Supplies	74.49
Workshops	306.41
Honorariums	300.00
Books, Cds, etc	24.50

##### Administration

Supplies, postage, printing	108.24
Fund Raising, Advertising	265.42
Dues and Donations	140.00
Rent	100.00
Fees	17.80
Total Expenses -	1,523.49

Balance December 31, 2019 - **\$6,376.82**

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society**  
**6010 Skeel Ave**  
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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 - Judy Sheldon

### **Our Regular Meetings**

Our regular business meetings are held quarterly at the China Buffet Restaurant, East Tawas at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

Our next meetings are:

**April 16, 2020 - Virtual meeting**

July 16, 2020

HSGS staff will be in our office at the Library during the following hours **after the library reopens:**

Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 to 2:00

Saturday 11:00 to 2:00

**Unfortunately we are unable to take appointments as we do not have full access to our database while the library is closed.**

Please visit our web site at: <http://www.huronshoresgs.org>

And our Facebook page at : <http://www.facebook.com/HuronShoresGS>

to learn more about us and to link to our many indexes and our archived newsletters.

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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?    Yes \_\_\_    No \_\_\_

If yes, list the software you use: \_\_\_\_\_

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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