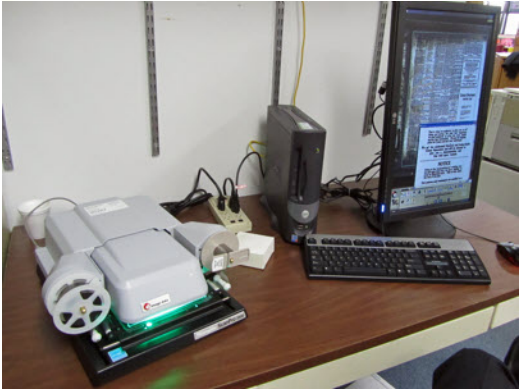




HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

Oscoda, Michigan



**The New ScanPro 2000
Scanner-to-PC**
See the story on page 5

YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS!
May 19

Join us for an enjoyable day at the Plainfield Township Hall and Library for the program

Your Family Photos

How to figure out when they were taken and how to preserve them
At the Plainfield Township Hall,
220 N. Washington St. Hale MI 48739
9:30 3:00 with lunch provided

The speakers are:

Diane Gagel, Photo Archivist at the Toledo/Lucas County Library and a nationally known speaker presenting "Photo Dating"

Emily Kukulis, Assistant Curator for the Bay County Historical Society and Museum presenting "Photo Preservation"

A joint presentation of The Huron Shores Genealogical Society, The Plainfield Township Historical Commission, The Friends of the Plainfield Township Library and The Iosco-Arenac District Library, Plainfield Branch.

Please call the Plainfield Library 989-728-2811 for reservations and to allow us to have an accurate count for ordering lunch.

HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

- April
 - 12 Oscoda-AuSable Community Showcase & Business Expo; 4:00 to 8:00pm; Oscoda Community Center; with the Friends of Parks Library
 - 19 HSGS Business Meeting At Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas
 - 28 MGC Leadership workshop; Parks Library, hosted by HSGS
- May
 - 6 Cemetery Walk; Esmond Cemetery, Hale, MI
 - 19 Joint HSGS/ Focus on Photography Workshop at the Plainfield Township Library
- June
 - 16 Women's Expo; Parks Library, Oscoda, MI; 10:00-2:30. Our genealogy library will be manned and available.
- July
 - 14 Mikado Days, Mikado, MI HSGS will have a booth
 - 19 HSGS Business Meeting Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas
- Oct
 - 13 **French-Canadian Research;** Robert Parks Library, Oscoda, MI: 10:00-3:00



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.

President - Judy Sheldon
 Vice President - Lauri Finerty
 Secretary - Lugene Daniels
 Treasurer - Daniel Stock
 Database Manager - Alonzo Sherman

The Year Was 1940!

It was a leap year
 The Disney film Pinocchio is released
 Tom and Jerry, Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny all made their debut
 McDonalds opens in California
 The first Sturgis, SD Motorcycle Rally was held
 Selective Training and Service Act creates the first peace time draft in US history as Hitler invades many countries and war looms
 Franklin D. Roosevelt wins a third term as President
 The Pennsylvania Turnpike opens and California opens its first freeway
 CBS demonstrates the first color TV
 The November 11, Armistice Day Blizzard, blasts through the Midwest, 154 die
 First Social Security checks paid
 Supreme Court decides that blacks have the right to vote
 Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Bing Crosby, and Tommy Dorsey are big names in music
 The big names in the movies were John Wayne, Lauren Bacall, Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Henry Fonda and Ginger Rogers

What We Do
"Our Activities"

2011 ACTIVITIES

- Provided assistance to over 480 family researchers
- Sponsored 6 programs with attendance of 175
 - Immortal in Death
 - Reno Cemetery Walk
 - Military Records
 - And 3 offsite workshops
- Approved helping to fund a new digital scanner for the library
- Purchased a new laser printer and hand-held scanner
- Participated in 3 educational programs
 - Oscoda Business Expo
 - Mikado Days
 - Lincoln Civil War Grave Dedication
- Registered as a MI non-profit corporation
- Al Sherman receives Outstanding Community Volunteer Award from DAR
- Resumed publication of newsletter

2012 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Continue to provide assistance to family researchers
- Sponsor and co-sponsor two programs
 - Your Family Photos
 - French-Canadian Research
- Sponsor three cemetery walks
 - Esmond
 - Thomson/Curtisville
 - Clayton Township
- Participate in 4 educational and mini-workshops programs
- Host MGC workshop
- Work towards digitization of microfilm collection

Please visit our web site at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mijosco/huronpage.html>

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

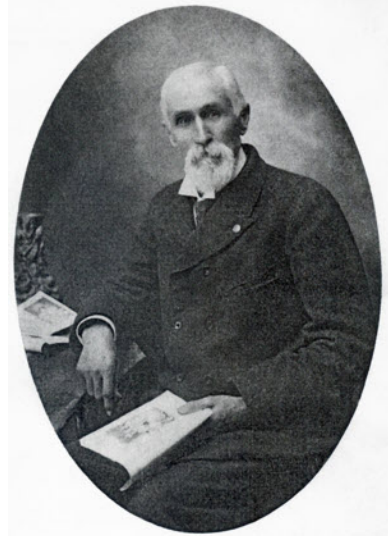
WATSON FOSTER BISBEE

Adapted from "A History of Northern Michigan and its People"
Volume III 1912

WATSON F. BISBEE, was born at London, province of Ontario, Canada, on January 22, 1841. He was a son of Elijah and Sarai (Foster) Bisbee, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Vermont, whence they removed to Canada about the year 1833. His father was a prominent and influential farmer during much of his active business career and he emigrated with his family to Sanilac county, Michigan, in 1845, there engaging in agricultural pursuits and there passing the residue of his life. Mr. And Mrs. Elijah Bisbee became the parents of nine children. The parents were Baptists and they died in 1857 and 1879 respectively.

Seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, Watson F. Bisbee was five years of age when his parents came from Canada to Sanilac county, this state. He completed his earlier educational training in the public schools of Lexington,

Sanilac county, and while a youth on the home farm he devoted considerable time to helping his father. When Civil war was precipitated upon a divided nation he enlisted as a soldier in Company D, Tenth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, on 22 October, 1861. He served as a corporal and participated in the following battles: Corinth, Stone's River and Farmington. In 1863 he was honorably discharged on account



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ESMOND-EVERGREEN CEMETERY WALK PLANNED

HSGS members Lugene Daniels and Lauri Finerty have planned a cemetery walk through the older portion of the Esmond-Evergreen Cemetery, which is located east of Hale on Esmond Road.

Sunday, May 6, 2012 and is scheduled to start at 2:00 pm.

Light refreshments will be served.

This event is free and open to the public. The event will be held "rain or shine," unless the weather is severely inclement. The walk promises to be an easy one and will showcase about fifteen to twenty stations.

Help Our Society Earn Incentive While Helping to Create an Index of the 1940 US Census

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society has joined forces with genealogy societies and organizations around the country as part of the 1940 U.S. Census Community Project. The initiative aims to publish a free, online searchable name **index of the 1940 U.S. Federal Census** after images of the census are released to the public in April 2012. This online index will be free forever, offering family history researchers a rich genealogical data set for their ongoing use. Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, FamilySearch International, and findmypast.com, launched the initiative at the end of last year, and the project is already engaging volunteers to help provide this invaluable resource to family historians around the world as soon as possible.

The index created by the project will allow the public to easily search every person found in the census and view digital images of the original census pages where he or she is listed. The highly anticipated 1940 U.S. Census is expected to be the most popular U.S. record collection released to date.

Go to www.the1940census.com/society and register to participate with our society. Simply select Huron Shores Genealogical Society on the profile screen when creating your account. Every new person indexing with our society gets us closer to milestones that qualify us for incentives provided by the sponsors of the project, so sign up today!

WATSON F. BISBEE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE (continued)

By Alonzo J Sherman

of disability and shortly after his return to Michigan he married and turned his energies to farming in Iosco county, eventually becoming the owner of a splendid estate in Mikado township. In 1880 he removed to Au Sable, where he entered the employ of the Land Company and he continued to be actively identified with lumbering interests for a number of years. In politics he accorded to the principles of the Republican party and he was honored by his fellow townsmen with many important public offices. He was justice of the peace and city clerk of Au Sable, was been **county agent for the state board of corrections and charities for over fourteen years**. He also served as postmaster of Alvin, Michigan, of which latter office, being first appointed thereto by President Roosevelt. He was superintendent of the poor for fifteen years and for two years was treasurer of Mikado township. In a fraternal way he was affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, the National League Veterans and Sons and the Independent Order of Foresters. His religious faith was in harmony with the tenets of the Baptist church.

In the year 1864, he married Miss Hannah J. Hamlin, a native of Nova Scotia, where she was reared and educated. Four children were born to this union as follows :

Nellie A., who married Robert Rumford. He was engaged in the jewelry business at Au Sable;

Francis E., who married Arthur W. Venners, of Flint;

Watson A., who connected with the Tawas life saving station; and

Elva M., who passed in 1889 at the age of 10.

Hannah passed away November 27, 1911 and is buried in Pinecrest Cemetery in Oscoda.

Watson then moved to Detroit to live with his daughter Francis.

In his capacity as county agent for the State of Michigan's Board of Corrections and Charities, he looked after the interests of Juvenile children who were charged in the Justice of Peace system, such as the example cases listed below.

The following data was extracted from the *Criminal Docket 1880-1902 of Baldwin Township and Village of East Tawas, Iosco County, Michigan*. This docket is located in the Iosco County Historical Society in East Tawas Michigan.

Item	Event Year	Docket Yr/Pg
James Munston Misener age 13 in 1885 was charged with larceny. The plaintiff was Samuel Anker. He was placed in the charge of his father who promised to take him to live with relatives in Canada.	1885	1880/155
Guy Ervin age 14 in 1894 was charged with stealing \$6.65 from a store. The plaintiff was Samuel Anker. Guy pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to the Industrial School in Lansing until age 17 years.	1894	1880/478a
David Cook age 13 in 1894 was charged as a juvenile disorderly. The plaintiff was his father, Robert Cook. David pleaded not guilty. He was sentenced to the Industrial School at Lansing until age 17 years.	1894	1880/209
James Edward McMahon age 12 in 1894 was charged with being a juvenile disorderly. The plaintiff was his father, James McMahon. Edward would not enter a plea, so the court entered a plea of not guilty. He had a jury trial and was found guilty. He was sentenced to the Industrial School for boys at Lansing until age 17 years.	1894	1880/211
Willy Sims age 14 in 1894 was charged with assault & battery on a 12-year-old girl. The plaintiff was Cornelius O'Brien whose daughter Mary O'Brien was the victim. Willy would not enter a plea, so the court entered a plea of not guilty. After a jury trial, Willy was returned to the charge of his father.	1894	1880/227

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The Cemetery Tenders Plan More Walks This Summer

By Lugene Daniels

A taphophile is defined as someone who loves cemeteries. Granted, most Americans think about death and hauntings when confronted with a conversation about a cemetery. However, most genealogists and historians regard the burying ground as a site rich with local and family history.

Any good taphophile can hardly pass a cemetery driveway without pulling in. Perhaps it is a cemetery that such a taphophile has visited countless times before, and feels the urge to view the tombstone of his/her deceased loved ones. Or, perhaps the taphophile desires to discover a new grave or newly-placed military marker on the gravesite of one of our American veterans. Or, just maybe, the taphophile is checking for unusual activity or vandalism of the graveyard.

But, whatever the case may be, generally any devoted genealogist or historian acknowledges the wealth of information that can be gleaned from any burying ground, be it as small as one grave site or as large as several hundred acres. Monument markers do not only hold the name of the deceased, but often clarify birth and death dates, birth and death places, family members, religion, lifestyle, and residency. Symbols on the gravestone can also disclose other important facts about the one buried beneath the monument.

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The following excerpt from page 36 of the book titled "The Secret City" by Fred Goodman expresses the true meaning of the historical and genealogical impact of any cemetery. Goodman penned a book about the Woodlawn Cemetery of New York City, to which the following quote refers.

"It occurred to me that Woodlawn might be second only to the public library as a repository of New York history, and I suddenly imagined the rows and rows of stone as the basement stacks of some incredible archive—only instead of countless shelves of yellowing books on forgotten subjects I was standing amidst the numberless graves of forgotten people, each a story told and filed away in the earth and moss."

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society is proud to announce that two of its members have combined their love for cemeteries to form a two-woman partnership. They call themselves "The Cemetery Tenders." Lugene Daniels and Lauri Finerty are on a mission to photograph and index each and every tombstone in Iosco County. As they photograph and document each tombstone, they clean markers when necessary and strive to preserve each and every plot along the way.

During September of 2011 the duo presented their first cemetery walk at the historic Reno Township Cemetery.

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A New Toy for Alonzo and Judy (and Others) to Play With

Through the cooperative efforts of the Iosco/Arenac District Library, the Friends of the Parks Library and the Huron Shores Genealogical Society, the District Library has purchased a new ScanPro 2000 Scanner-to-PC. The new microfilm reader replaces the aging reader with its often leaking toner cartridge compartment.

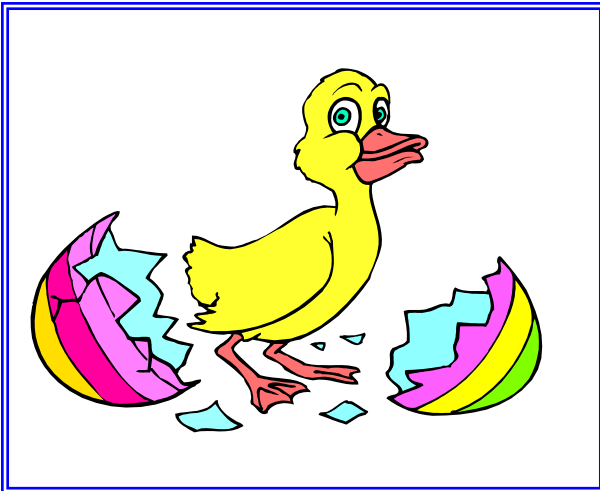
HSGS contributed \$3,000 and the Friends of Parks Library contributed \$1,000 towards the \$8,600 cost for the scanner. In addition, the District furnished the computer, a monitor and the computer technician expertise needed to make the installation usable by family researchers, historians and other visitors to the library wishing to view microfilm. The scanner, the computer and the monitor are owned by the library and HSGS has agreed to pay the annual maintenance

fee to ensure software updates continue to be available. HSGS will also furnish the paper and ink for the printer.

The scanner has the ability to read not only 35 mm microfilm but also 16 mm microfilm, microfiche and several other similar formatted materials. Once read, the scanner software allows for enhancement of the image through control of brightness, focus, contrast, image straightening, image cropping and zoom to maximize the quality and usability of the product. The results can then be saved to a USB stick, a CD or printed out to the HSGS printer.

HSGS has over 90 rolls of microfilm of the Tawas Herald and Iosco Gazette newspapers available for viewing using the new scanner. The scanner can also be used to review materials obtained through interlibrary loan or from the private holdings of individuals.

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Overwhelmingly, nearly 50 people attended the event, which included 26 stations. Basically, Lugene presented details about the highlighted person buried beneath the tombstone and Lauri presented details about the marker, the cemetery, or myth or wisdom associated with burial, death, and/or cemeteries. Consequently, a book about the Reno Township Cemetery is being authored by the pair, which will be available through the HSGS in the very near future.

Moreover, Lugene and Lauri are planning another cemetery walk. at the Esmond-Evergreen Cemetery east of Hale, scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Fifteen to twenty stations will be included in the walk, which will focus on the older portion of the cemetery.

If any HSGS member has a question or concern about a cemetery, or simply desires to “talk cemeteries” with either Lugene or Lauri, please contact them via email at lueandlyndaniels@hotmail.com or thecemeterylady@hughes.net or phone (Lugene: 989.756.3852 or Lauri: 989.836.2063).

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Item	Event Year	Docket Yr/Pg
Cora Bell Trumbull age 14 was charged with larceny of a cotton cloth value of 50¢. The plaintiff was Dora Misener. Cora pleaded guilty. She was sentenced to the Girls Reformatory School at Adrian until age 21.	1895	1880/253
Martha Teifer age 10 in 1896 was charged as being a disorderly person at school. The plaintiff was the schoolteacher John H Tighe. Martha pleaded not guilty. Then after a jury was selected she pleaded guilty. She was given a suspended sentence and warned to behave.	1896	1880/254
Charles Melville age not given and Fredrick Shaw age 12 in 1898 were both charged with assault & battery. Both pleaded not guilty. The plaintiff was Abrams Myers. A jury trial returned a guilty verdict for both boys. Charles was given a suspended sentence, and Fredrick was sentenced to the Industrial School in Lansing until age 17 years.	1898	1880/ 268-269
Fred Hovey or Howey in 1898 was charged with rape on a girl under 15 years old. The victim was Minnie Splan. The plaintiff was Robert Splan, father of Minnie Splan. The case was transferred to the Circuit Court.	1898	1880/273
William Brown, age not given, in 1899 was charged with larceny of a bicycle valued at \$24. The plaintiff was Granson Croff. William would not enter a plea, so court entered plea of not guilty. Later he pleaded guilty. The sentence (not given) was suspended for six months.	1899	1880/301
In 1900, Emma Russell, age not given, was charged with larceny of 50 cents. She pleaded guilty. The plaintiff was Mary H Benedict. Emma was sentence to the Reform School for Girls. The length of sentence was not given. The accused was put in charge of agent Watson F. Bisbee.	1900	1880/305a
Robert Stewart, age not given, in 1900 was charged with assault & battery on a teacher. The plaintiff was Alice Brady, schoolteacher. Robert pleaded not guilty. The trial date was set for 27 October 1900 and he was released on his own recognizance. No additional records were given.	1900	1880/313
In 1901, Edward Colden, age 11, was charged with larceny of \$2.00. The plaintiff was his grandfather, August Achtschen. Edward pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to the Industrial School for Boys in Lansing until age 17 years.	1901	1880/329

