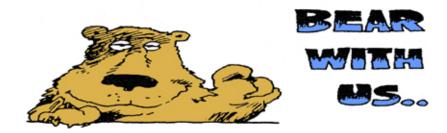**BACK IN THE EARLY 1900'S IN IOSCO COUNTY IT WAS THE "BEAR WHO CAME OUT OF THE WOODS" TO SERVE AS THE WEATHER PROPHET FOR THE COMING OF SPRING NOT THAT PHIL GROUND HOG FROM PA. "HO HMMMMMM" GUESS IT'S NOT TIME TO COME OUT YET. ANOTHER SIX WEEK NAP SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT RIGHT.**

BEAR WITH US..

INDEXERS ARE A GENEALOGIST'S BEST FRIEND.

Membership Dues Are $8.00 for 2004. Dues accepted anytime, dues are due by Jan 30, 2004. HSGS will allow a 1-month grace period, if not paid by then your February Newsletter will be lost!

HSGS Web Site. <www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm> is the address for our HSGS's indexes now on the Internet. The search engine for this site, or all of Michigan or any of the other Michigan's counties is www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/search.htm. We currently have (Jan 31) 568 indexes, 15,178 printed pages long, and 713,991 names indexed. All these files are on HSGS's CD, and 83% on HSGS's web site. The status of these indexes on our web site follows:

Master Index Status	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
On the web with a current date	138	159	188	224	247	254	258	286*	370
On the web with an outdated date	122	126	125	123	123	125	122	124	99
Sent to the web site but not yet on the web	8	18	0	28	12	10	4	3	0
New indexes not yet sent to web site	151	136	89	26	77	96	115	112*	71
New indexes keypunched but not edited	0	0	44	57	12	14	13	10	12
New indexes partially keypunched	0	0	3	11	15	15	16	16	16
Total	**419**	**439**	**449**	**469**	**486**	**514**	**528**	**551**	**568**

- Corrections posted in January to the December figures

HSGS member Dan Stock is now placing our indexes directly on the USGENWEB web site without going through another USGENWEB person: He has also reorganized the web site and greatly improve the format. Look for your self and see the improvement. Dan deserves a big thank you for all his skillful and hard work. Thank you Dan.

New Indexes added this month to HSGS Web Site & the HSGS Library:
- *Index To Tawas Herald: 1908: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct,* Keypunched by Joan Doerr of Ellicot City MD.
- *Index To News: 2003 Deaths,* keypunched by Charles Birnbaum of Tawas City MI.
- *Index To Saginaw News (Iosco County Residents): 2003 Deaths,* keypunched by Charles Birnbaum of Tawas city.
- *Boots are a hikers best friend.*
- *Index To Michigan Pioneer Society: 1892 Vol 1,* keypunched by Jim Farrand of nation City MI.

Genealogical Records ready to be keypunched. These records are ready to be keypunched, and most of them can be keypunched on your home computer. The records can be mailed to people who live out of town, unless indicated below. The MS-Word format is already established on a 1.4KB floppy disk, along with the keypunch instructions. If you can keypunch any of these indexes please contact Mr Sherman at 989-739-3650 or <shermanaj@hotmail.com>.
- *Plat Books for Iosco County MI (Land Owners):* 1956, 1962, 1973, 1979 & 2001 (about 2000 names each)
- *Iosco Community Concert Association, 4 Scrapbooks: 1964-1994.*
- *Iosco Community Concert Association, Secretaries' Book: 1976-1994.*
- *Alcona-Iosco Retired Teachers' Association Scrapbook: 1964-1972.*
- *Wurtsmith AFB Yearbook: 1964 Part 2 (about 2,500 names).*
- *Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Club Scrapbooks: 1951-1991* (27 books, about 250 names each).
- *Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Garden Club Scrapbooks: 1962-1974* (4 books, about 250 names each).
- *Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Newsletter, The Warbler: 1963-1988* (about 250 names for each monthly issue, and about 72,000 names in total). These can be checked out and done at home.

- *Wurtsmith AFB News: 1955-1993 (Weekly Newspaper),* most issues must be indexed in the Parks Library, however some duplicate issues can be done in your home (about 100 names per issue, and about 200,000 names in total).
- *Wurtsmith AFB Family Services Scrapbooks* (6 scrapbooks, about 300 names for each scrapbook, and about 1,800). These can be checked out and done at home.
- *Glass Negatives: 1892-1905* needs improvements. Must be done at the Iosco Co Historical Museum, (estimated 3,000 names)
- *Obituaries on 3x5 cards* (must be done at the Iosco Co Historical Museum)
- *Hale Area High School Yearbooks: 1963 & 1977* (estimated 1,500 names each)
- *Tawas Area High School Yearbooks: 1966, 1978 & 1980*, (estimated 2,000 names each)
- *Short Family Tree: Descendants Of Samuel Short, Iosco & Other mid-Michigan Counties,* (estimated 2,500 names)
- *Justice of the Peace Records,* can be borrowed for keypunching from the Iosco Co Historical Museum, (estimated from 1,000-2000 names each):
    East Tawas Village 1945-1951 Civil; 1949-1952 Criminal; 1950s Criminal; 1951-1961 Civil; 1951-1961 Criminal; 1952-1956 Criminal; & 1955-1959 Civil.
- *Tawas Herald* (HSGS's extra microfilm copy, can be mailed for keypunching)
    - *Tawas Herald, Roll #08, Dec 29 1905-Nov 23 1906, (estimated 20,000 names)*
    - *Tawas Herald, Roll #10, Jan 03 1908-Dec 25 1908, (estimated 20,000 names)*
- *Michigan Pioneer Society: 1877-1929, 40 Volumes, (estimated 3,750 names per issue).* The following volumes are ready to keypunch: *Volume 04, 1881; Volume 21, 1892; & Volume 29, 1899-1900.*
- *Central Michigan University Commencement: 1979* (estimated 4,000 names)
- *Central Michigan University Directory: 1900-1991,* purchased by HSGS (estimated 300 Iosco County Names)
- *Social Register Summer 1926, Detroit MI area © 1926* (estimated 750 names)
- *Biography Index to the Michigan Manuals: 1923-1973, (estimated 30,000 names)*
- *Michigan Manuals (Biographies Only) 1887 & 1891-2000* (about 225-350 names per issue: Must be keypunched in the Parks Library as they are reference books that do not circulate).

Genealogy Rate at Salt Lake City Hotel. The Holiday Inn-Downtown is offering a $55+tax genealogy rate during 2004 for a regular room with either two queen beds or one king. For an additional $10 you can upgrade to a King Executive room equipped with a refrigerator & microwave. We also offer complimentary shuttle service to & from the Library and Salt Lake Airport. Check out their virtual tour at: <www.holiday-inn.com/slc-downtown> Jill B. Poulsen, 800 933-9678. (Note this was an unsolicited E-mail, but I though it might be interest some of you. Editor).

The Inflation Calculator. This web site might interest some of you, www.westegg.com/inflation/infl.cgi.

1992-2003 HSGS Indexes. The following table shows as of Jan 5 2004, the number of printed pages, and the number of names indexed each year. It also shows the grand totals for all of these years. HSGS is on the pace to reach 1,000,000 names indexed before the end of 2004. Note the current number of indexes produced yearly is many times greater today than when we started in 1992.

Year	# Indexes	# Pages	# Names
1992	15	218	8,600
1993	5	117	5,362
1994	19	358	13,800
1995	44	425	17,785
1996	4	206	9,800
1997	4	327	14,850
1998	9	519	22,590
1999	8	331	14,350

2000	27	1,198	54,645
2001	73	1,960	105,157
2002	92	3,244	153,653
2003	260	6,259	297,052
	560	15,162	717,644

HSGS's 30 Indexers' Honor Roll (* = 19 active indexer), January 12 2004.

Code	1st Name	Last Name & Residence	Files	Pages	Names
CB	Charles	**Birnbaum, Tawas City MI ***	38	1,623	70,905
KB	Karen	**Brewer, Chesterfield MI**	5	95	4,460
HB	Harold	**Burtzloff, Tawas City MI**	1	41	1,850
MC	Marianne	**Carraway, Oscoda MI**	1	25	1,100
CC	County Clerk	**County Clerk of Iosco Co, Tawas City MI ***	5	248	11,550
DD1	Doris	**Demet, Union Grove WI**	23	295	13,460
JD2	Joan	**Doerr, Ellicot City MD ***	191	6,455	305,798
JD1	James	**Donaldson, Detroit MI**	2	40	1,925
DD2	David	**Dressel, Tempe AZ ***	4	45	1,865
TD	Thomas	**Durkin, Ponte Verda Beach FL * (In progress)**	0	0	0
JF	Jim	**Farrand, National City MI ***	7	197	8,825
RF	Ruby	**Foust, Brookfield FL ***	8	183	12,565
JG	Jan	**Groff, Tawas City MI ***	2	27	1,140
DG	Dean	**Guest, Hale MI`**	1	39	1,800
CH	Christine	**Huebner, East Tawas MI ***	2	67	3,100
RK	Rosemary	**Klenow, East Tawas MI**	6	152	6,650
AK	Anne	**Kruszka, Livonia MI ***	2	170	7,400
DL	Diana	**Lascon, Union City CA ***	11	243	11,475
GD	Ginger	**Metcalf-Dingus, Oscoda MI ***	35	781	44,518
BP	Bonnie	**Petee, Swartz Creek MI ***	6	132	10,670
DS2	Duane	**Schoonover, Oscoda MI ***	2	9	325
JS	Jennifer	**Selbred, Mojave CA ***	6	403	19,300
ES	Eleanor	**Sherman, Flint MI**	1	40	3,000
AS	Alonzo	**Sherman, Oscoda MI ***	170	2,329	100,574
GS	Grace	**Stevens, Kalamazoo MI**	4	148	6,800
DS1	Dan	**Stock, Oscoda MI ***	18	888	39,826
NS	Naomi	**Stonehouse, Tawas City MI ***	7	329	18,050
LS	Leona	**Summers, Greenbush MI* (In progress)**	0	0	0
SW	Sandy	**Whitford, Tawas City MI**	1	16	1,400
EW	Emogene	**Wright, East Tawas MI**	1	17	650
		Totals	**560**	**15,037**	**710,981**

Over 10 Files Indexed:

Code	1st Name	Last Name & Residence	Files	Pages	Names
JD2	Joan	Doerr, Ellicot City MD *	**191**	6,455	305,798
AS	Alonzo	Sherman, Oscoda MI *	**170**	2,329	100,574
CB	Charles	Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	**38**	1,623	70,905
GD	Ginger	Metcalf-Dingus, Oscoda MI *	**35**	781	44,518
DD1	Doris	Demet, Union Grove WI	**23**	295	13,460
DS1	Dan	Stock, Oscoda MI *	**18**	888	39,826
DL	Diana	Lascon, Union City CA *	**11**	243	11,475

Over 500 Pages Indexed:

Code	1st Name	Last Name & Residence	Files	Pages	Names
JD2	Joan	Doerr, Ellicot City MD *	191	**6,455**	305,798
AS	Alonzo	Sherman, Oscoda MI *	170	**2,329**	100,574
CB	Charles	Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	38	**1,623**	70,905
DS1	Dan	Stock, Oscoda MI *	18	**888**	39,826
GD	Ginger	Metcalf-Dingus, Oscoda MI *	35	**781**	44,518

Over 30,000 Names Indexed:

Code	1st Name	Last Name & Residence	Files	Pages	Names
JD2	Joan	Doerr, Ellicot City MD *	191	6,455	**305,798**
AS	Alonzo	Sherman, Oscoda MI *	170	2,329	**100,574**
CB	Charles	Birnbaum, Tawas City MI *	38	1,623	**70,905**
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HSGS's Index Status Report. This is the 18-page report maintained by Mr Sherman that keeps data on all of the HSGS's indexes. It is updated daily as needed, as of Jan 5 2004 there are 562 indexes published by HSGS from 1992 through 2004. Since there are 562 indexes and with 11 columns of data for each index, that equals 6,512 items of information in the report. The information is the source of the HSGS statistical reports that are printed in this newsletter. Any HSGS member can obtain a copy of this report by requesting a copy by email from shermanaj@hotmail.com. It will be sent to you as a 800KB attachment by an E-mail reply.

Location of Source Material. The introduction to each HSGS index indicates where the patron and HSGS staff must go to read the source material. There are the 21 different locations (Jan 12 2004). 75% of the material is available inside of the Parks Library in Oscoda MI and 25% is available elsewhere, see below:

Code	Description	Number
AL	**Alpena Public Library.**	4
BLM	**Bureau Land Management,** web site	1
CB	**Charles Birnbaum**, 545 11th Ave, PO Box 175, Tawas City MI 48764, 989-262-5994, birnbaumcr@hotmail.com.	1
Cc	**Iosco County Clerk's** Office, 422 E Lake St, Tawas City MI 48764, 989-362-3497, <IOSCO-CO@MIQVF.ORG>. Please note that Michigan birth records have some restrictions, consult the County Clerk. Also, the birth, marriage & death records can be viewed on microfilm and copies made at any Family History Centre (FHC) without any restrictions imposed by the County Clerk. The FHC at West Branch MI have the Iosco County, MI birth, marriage & death indexes/records available in their office.	30
Cem	**Cemetery Office,** see introduction of index	17
CMU	**Central Michigan University, The Clarke Historical Library's** web site <www.lib.cmich.edu.clarke>.	1
Cp	**Iosco County Probate Court,** 422 E Lake St, Tawas City MI 989-362-3991.	10
Cr	**Iosco County Register of Deeds**, 422 E Lake St, Tawas City MI 48764, 989-362-2021, <www.rod@ioscocounty.org>.	7
Ha	**HSGS's Archives** located outside of the Oscoda Library building.	15
Hc	**HSGS's Computer.** Must have HSGS member available to use the HSGS computer.	1
Hm	**HSGS's microfilm** is at Oscoda Library, The newspapers are on microfilm & open for public use at no charge, except copies are 25¢.	151
Hr	**HSGS, restricted use**. These items are in the Oscoda Library, but are located in locked	96

	file cabinets or in the back room. A HSGS member must be present to retrieve these records. Only HSGS members are allowed to make copies, retrieval fee for patrons in the library is $1.00 and includes a copy. These are delicate loose-leaf records and the fee is to offset the original acquisition and ware & tear, and future replacement of the records.	
Hs	**HSGS, on shelf.** These items are on the open shelf in the Genealogy Section of Oscoda Library, no charge to use, you make your own copy at 10¢ a piece on the Library's copy machine.	107
HsPs	**Both HSGS & Parks Library** has copies on the open shelf.	17
Mao	**AuSable-Oscoda Museum,** 114 E River Rd (PO Box 679), Oscoda MI 48750. 989-739-2782	1
MEL	**Michigan Electronic Library** web site.	1
Mic	**Iosco County Historical Museum,** 405 W Bay St (US-23), PO Box 144, East Tawas MI 48730, 989-362-8911. These resources are held at the Iosco County Historical Museum. You will need to place your orders for these items directly from the museum.	38
NO	**Newspaper offices**. HSGS does not have copies of these newspapers. Copies are obtained from the News-Herald <www.ioscocountynews.com>, Oscoda Press <www.oscodapress.com> newspaper offices or you may hire a local for-fee researcher, Ginger Metcalf-Dingus gingey236@hotmail.com to obtain the article for you.	10
Ps	**Parks Public Library, on shelf.** These items are on the open shelf at the Oscoda Library, no charge to use. You would make your own copy for 10¢ a piece on the Library's copy machine.	50
SA	**State Archives,** 717 W Allegan St, Box 30007, Lansing MI 48909, 517-373-1408.	2
TC	**Township Clerk,** see introduction of index	2
	Total	**562**

HSGS's Jobs List (This will be a recurring article in this newsletter). It is necessary for other HSGS members to step forward and accomplish these jobs. The members currently working in the library are busy serving the patrons research needs, and do not have time left for this work. Note some of these jobs can be done in you home where ever you live, and some can only be done in your home if you live in the local area, and some need to be done in the library. Contact Mr Sherman if you can help at **shermanaj@hotmail.com** or 989-739-3650.

Job Name	Hrs	Location	Special Skills
Correspondence Files, maintain	1 wkly	Library	None
File Box Liners, add cardboard liners to new file-boxes	8	Home (local only) or Library	None
File-box Labels, make labels for Index & Document file-boxes	40	Library	Typing
Genealogy Books in Parks Library, list of	24	Library	Typing
Newsletter File Organized	8	Library	None
Print & bind 169 Indexes for library shelves (HSGS is 169 indexes from being current)	83	Home (anywhere) or Library	Computer. Binding: stapler, book-tape, scissors
Print, bind & mail indexes for Flint Gen Soc order	8	Home (anywhere) or Library	Computer. Binding: stapler, book-tape, scissors
Proper shelving of books, check for	1 wkly	Library	None
Spine labels for library books being returned	20	Library	Typing

Time Report- Help design & maintain HSGS Time Report (For stats for future grants etc)	4 mo	Home (anywhere)	Computer, Excel or Word (tables), & Email

Nice Unsolicited Compliment. A patron from Kansas indicated he has researched our web site and sites in eight other states and says: "Your information is the most complete and extensive of any county on rootsweb.com. Your work is impeccable even when compared to professional" pay sites, and I just felt that I had to say something." [Editor's comments: Wow! You sure know how to make us proud, Thank you much].

HSGS's Methods of Operation are Changing. Since we organized in 1982 we have accumulated a genealogical library consisting of hard copy materials. Some of these books were owned by HSGS and some by the public library. The library shelves were originally organized to facilitate geographical browsing by the patrons for both Iosco County and other geographical areas. The first indexes were created in 1992. Currently the HSGS indexes are available in three formats: (1) In hard copy format on the shelf in the HSGS area of the library; (2) On a CD on the HSGS computer in the HSGS area of the library, and also on sale to the public; and (3) On the Internet, which is useable on the Parks' library's computers as well as any other computer.

HSGS has scheduled monthly meetings this winter to discuss various ways to improve our operation and if possible to reduce cost. The newsletter and print hard copy indexes are our two largest recurring expenses. Following our some of the ways that are under discussion:

Hard Copy Indexes. Because of the large amount of source materials we have indexed it is no longer efficient to use the hard copy source material on the shelf to browse for the names a patron needs. HSGS staff now uses the computer to check the indexes first for those names and then follow the index line item results directly to the source document. When HSGS staff is not in the library the patrons do use the hard copy indexes. We sold lots of hard copy indexes in the past years, but very few are sold now. Instead we have sold lots of indexes on CDs, so when those persons come in they know exactly what reference document they want to see, and do not use the hard copy indexes. Patrons who use the Internet before coming also know what material they need before they get here.

> Note. Hard copy indexes are expensive to produce and it is possible another HSGS computer could replace the need for printed copies. Printing all indexes at one time would cost about $1,750.00. HSGS has probably spent over $3,000 in the past to produce the original and updated copies since we started in 1992.

Archiving Records: During the last year HSGS has been moving our low use non-Iosco County books into the archives, which are located outside of the library (at Mr Sherman's house). These resources are still available to be used and are shown on the Archives List. They are available within 1 day upon request. Currently HSGS has about 100 banker-boxes of newspapers and 50 banker-boxes of books archived. This equates to about 180 cubic feet of archival material.

Returning library books to the library. Due to HSGS's growing space needs, HSGS is currently returning about 100 genealogical books owned by the library from our area back to their former designated Dewey Decimal locations in the Parks Library proper. The introduction of each of our indexes indicates the location of the source material, and if owned by the library the Dewey decimal number is also shown. Shelf space allocated to HSGS is limited, and was the primary reason for returning these books. A list of Genealogical Books in the Parks Library is now maintained by HSGS, in the same "shelf code" order used by the HSGS owned book.

Our Number of Patrons has Increased Greatly: Assisting patrons with Iosco County research is what we concentrate on. Assisting patrons on research outside of Iosco County generally has not changed much, consisted of recommending web sites, libraries and county building addresses for them to check out. But

now we also can suggest Ginger Metcalf-Dingus as a "for fee" research to those patrons who wish to pay someone to do their research. Patrons are very happy to have this option, both for Iosco County as well as outside of the county.

HSGS Newsletters. Our current cost for each newsletter is $8.28 per year. The total yearly cost for paid members and complimentary copies is $761.76. HSGS is considering putting the newsletters on a free web site available to anyone. Members who need a hard copy can print their copy off their computer for about 25¢ or at a library for about 80¢. Those members who wish having a newsletter mailed to them will probably need to pay an addition fee. Primary advantages are the cost reduction; the newsletter will be available on the last day of each month, from 5-15 days earlier than now; all back issue will be on the web site and using the search engine included on the site, all issues can be search.

Addition Equipment. We are seeking a second microfilm reader-print and computer. The microfilm reader-printer is mostly need as a back up to the existing one. The computer is needed as backup for staff, but primarily for patron use of HSGS's indexes. We are also seeking one or two more microfilm readers to be used primarily as loaners to our keypunchers to use in their homes. We are also seeking a laptop computer for use by local keypunches to use at various local locations for keypunching data that can not be copied or removed from its location: Such as records in some court house & township offices, libraries, museums, schools & churches. Any member who have knowledge where we can obtain this equipment at a reasonable price, please contact us.

Additional Hours at the Library. It is hoping HSGS can have our desk covered at the library whenever the library is open. We hope to have more specified hours posted, probably 2-3 hours each day when a genealogist would be on duty. And the other hours have a genealogist on call. Currently our posted hours are only Saturday 9am – 3pm, or by chance or appointment.

We think these changes outline in the above paragraphs when implemented will offer better service for our members and patrons, and at a reasonable cost to HSGS and the patron. HSGS would be interested in your comments on these items, as our society will be continually discussion these option during this winter.

Ancestry.Com, Free vs Subscription Files. 73% of Ancestry.com files for Iosco County & Michigan are free! I hope genealogist who think all Ancestry.com files are available only by subscription, will take another look. Even if the file is for subscribers only the index is useable, and maybe the material is available free somewhere else if you look for it. There are a massive number of files that are free on Ancestry.com, do your self a favor and do not just dismiss the site just because you do not wish to subscribe.

Area	Free	Subscription	Total
Iosco County	10	0	10
Michigan	20	11	31
Total Number	30	11	41
Percentage	73%	27%	100%

Copyrighting Great-Grandpa Facts. Like ancestors, they do not belong to only some of us they may be freely included in anyone's data. Also you can compile a family tree about any family you wish, being related to that family in any way were not a requirement. Even if you are the first one to learn that your great-grandparents were married on the "Black Nymph" on their way to Australia in 1843, you can not "own" that fact. It does not matter how much time and/or money it costs you to discover a fact, it is still an uncopyrightable fact. (Rootsweb Review 01/14/2004).

NSDAR Volunteers Offer Lookups. Do you think you might have an ancestor who served in the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783)? Would you like to know whether your ancestor is listed with the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in its "Patriot Index"? A helpful group of NSDAR VIS Volunteers monitor the RootsWeb DAR Message Board every day and welcome lookup requests. Include your Revolutionary War-era ancestor's first and last name, spouse's name (if known),

dates of birth, death, and state of residence when posting your lookup request. You need not be interested in joining the NSDAR to request a lookup. See http://boards.ancestry.com/mbexec?htx=board&r=rw&p=topics.organizations.dar. (Rootsweb Review 01/14/2004).

Writers' Alert. Do you have a genealogy tale to tell? Crank up those word processors because here's your chance to enter the "Genealogy Research Story" category of International Society of Family History Writers and Editors (ISFHSE'a) writing contest. This annual contest offers small cash awards in four categories for family history writers, including one for want-to-be-writers, for original articles, and two for published writers. Deadline is March 6. Details, rules, and entry forms can be found at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~cgc/2004contest.htm. (Rootsweb Review 01/14/2004).

Halley's Comet. A short article on the front page of The Tawas Herald of May 20 1910 says, "The comet has now passed us and we are still here."

Dictionary of American Biography (DAB). Published by the American Council of Learned Societies, this contains information on 19,000 people who died prior to 1980. Check your local library catalog for copies. (Kalamazoo Valley heritage v28n4p42 Jan 2004).

World War II Photos Online. Aerial photographs of some of the key events of the Second World War are becoming available for the first time over the Internet. The photographs are available on a Web site created by The Aerial Reconnaissance Archives (TARA) at Keele University, an official place of deposit for the National Archives at Kew, West London. The entire archive of more than five million aerial reconnaissance photographs, shot by the RAF over Western Europe during the conflict, is going online starting Monday. You can read more about this effort at: http://www.guardian.co.uk/uklatest/story/0,1271,-3634184,00.html. The TARA photographs can be found at http://www.evidenceincamera.co.uk. (Dick Eastman Newsletter Jan 26 2004).

Update on the Recent Genealogy Scam of Elias Abodeely. The latest Web site in this operation, GenealogyTechs.org, now has lost its e-check account. Clicking on the payment screen results in a display that says that the e-check account is closed. The primary Web site is still in operation as these words are written, but is unable to accept payment. Credit card and pay-Pal had previously drop his account. You can see this site at http://www.GenealogyTechs.net. (Dick Eastman Newsletter Jan 26 2004).

Google Plans to Access the Entire World's Information. Google enjoys a reputation of being a very innovative company. Their latest announcement shows that that they are still thinking of new ideas. In this case, they plan to put the entire world's information online. You can read more about this interesting new idea at: http://print.google.com/print/faq.html. (Dick Eastman Newsletter Jan 5 2004).

Civilians at US Army Posts Were Documented. Births, marriages & deaths were recorded from 1884-1912. Records were maintain by the Army Adjutant General's Office, and now are in Record Group 94 at the National Archives. (Saginaw Gen Soc Newsletter v27n5p347 Feb 2004).

HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. C/o Robert J Parks Public Library, 6010 N Skeel Ave, Oscoda MI 48750, and Phone 989-739-9581. The Library is open Mon, Fri & Sat 9:00am-5:00pm; Tue-Wed-Thur 9am-8:00pm (HSGS member available 9:00am-3:00pm Sat). HSGS's meetings are 7-8pm the 3rd Thursday of Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct in the Oscoda Library. Officers, project leaders & active indexers are listed below:

Name	Current Projects	E-mail	Phone
Birnbaum, Charles	Iosco County Death Indexes, News Herald Index, Saginaw News Obits etc	<Birnbaumcr@hotmail.com>	989-362-5994
Brewer, Karen	Transcribing various cemetery records	<Ebrewer@net-ex.com>	810-749-2830
Burtzloff, Harold	Poor Farm Cemetery Project	<burtzloff@triton.net>	989-362-2690
Dingus, Ginger Metcalf	Keypunching 1894 Census Index/ Whittemore Saints Cemetery/Secretary	<gingey326@hotmail.com>	989-739-1655

Name	Current Projects	E-mail	Phone
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