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## INDEXERS ARE A GENEALOGIST'S BEST FRIEND.

**Membership Dues Are \$8.00 for 2004.** Dues accepted anytime, dues were due by Jan 30, 2004.

**HSGS Web Site.** <[www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm](http://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](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/search.htm). We currently have (Feb 29) 587 indexes, 15,437 printed pages long, and 727,380 names indexed. All these files are on HSGS's CD, and 92% on HSGS's web site. The status of these indexes on our as follows:

Master Index Status	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
On the web with a current date	138	159	188	224	247	254	258	286*	370	440
On the web with an outdated date	122	126	125	123	123	125	122	124	99	100
Sent to the web site but not yet on	8	18	0	28	12	10	4	3	0	0
New indexes not yet sent to web site	151	136	89	26	77	96	115	112*	71	12
New indexes keypunched but not edited	0	0	44	57	12	14	13	10	12	14
New indexes partially keypunched	0	0	3	11	15	15	16	16	16	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>587</b>

- Corrections posted in January to the December figures.

HSGS member Dan Stock is placing our indexes directly on the USGENWEB web site without going through another USGENWEB person: He has also reorganized the web site and has greatly improved 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.

**HSGS's Newsletter Mailing Labels.** A suffix is being added to the end of the name, which will indicate the expiration status of your HSGS membership. This will not be completed this month, but should be done for the March newsletter. If the membership status on your March Newsletter is not correct please contact HSGS immediately. As no newsletter will be mailed in April unless the label shows a 2004 membership expiration date. If a year appears (eg 2004) that is the year your membership expires on the last day of December. Other codes indicate: An (Ex) indicates it is our newsletter exchange program and a (Hon) indicates an honorary membership; these are not subject to yearly membership fees.

### **New Indexes added this month to HSGS Web Site & the HSGS Library:**

- *Index To Deaths 1962-1965*, keypunched by Charles Birnbaum of Tawas city MI
- *Index To Wurtsmith AFB 1982: Unofficial Newcomer's Guide & Business Directory*, Keypunched by Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- *Index To Lake Michigan*, keypunched by Alonzo J Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- *Index To The Turtle Route*, keypunched by Alonzo J Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- *Index To Herald: 1905 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr May*. Keypunched by Joan Doerr of Ellicot City MD.
- *Index To Herald: 1908 Nov & Dec*, Keypunched by Joan Doerr of Ellicot City MD.
- *Index To Tawas Area High School Yearbook: 1955*. Keypunched by Jim Farrand of National City MI.

### **New Books Added this Month to HSGS's Library:**

- *Ohio's Heritage 1975-1978 (v7n3 – v10n7)*, donated by Marieanne Carraway of Oscoda MI.
- *Heritage High School: 1989-1990*, donated by Marieanne Carraway of Oscoda MI.
- *The New England Historical & Genealogical Register: 5 issues*. Donated by Jackie Soncrant of Oscoda MI.
- *New England Ancestors: 6 issues*. Donated by Jackie Soncrant of Oscoda MI.

- *Je Me Souviens*, by American French Genealogical Society: Index for #6 through #15 (Summer 1985) & Issues #13 (Spring 1984) through #40 (Spring 1998). Donated by Jackie Soncrant of Oscoda 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 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)
- *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).

**HSGS Special Planning Meeting**. At this meeting the following modernization and cost reduction plans were developed and will be implemented in 2004:

- HSGS will acquire an additional computer for the library primarily for the patron's use of our Indexes on CD (The computer just arrived and will be set up soon).

- HSGS will no longer print hardcopy indexes for sale to the public as of this date, but will offer only all of our indexes on one CD for \$10.00 post paid.
- HSGS will sell all existing hard copy indexes in stock for 50% off. If you want a list of these request it from Mr Sherman at <shermanaj@hotmail.com>, you will be sent an email reply with the list attached.
- HSGS will no longer maintain a hard copy of our indexes on the library shelf after December 31 2004. Patrons can use the HSGS in house patron's computer or the web site using the Park' Library Internet computers.
- HSGS will no longer publish hard copies of our monthly newsletters after December 31 2004. The newsletters will be on a web site and paid members will be given a password to use the site. The site will also contain back issues and have a search engine for searching the entire site.
- HSGS will no longer file the District Library's genealogical books with our books. Over 100 books are being returned to the original Dewey decimal location in the Library. This was done to facilitate patrons who use the district catalog, for inventory accountability, and for space considerations. All of our indexes have an introduction showing the location (Dewey Decimal Number) of the indexed book in the library.
- Acquire a High Speed Internet connection. The options are being sorted out at this time.
- Acquire a telephone for HSGS. The options are being sorted out at this time.
- HSGS is moving to a new location within the library. The current location is in the most crowded location in the library, adjacent to the Internet computers. Neither HSGS nor the patrons on the computers can do business in a normal manner without interrupting the other. This has been a constant problem in the past. The new location is much larger, and will be located in the far corner of the library from the front entrance.
- HSGS will present the active keypunchers with a thank you gift. It will be a Four-Leaf Clover Kit, so you can "grow your own good luck," and be ready for St Patrick's Day. If you are keypunching for HSGS and it does not arrive please let us know.

**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](mailto:shermanaj@hotmail.com) or 989-739-3650.

<b>Job Name</b>	<b>Hrs</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Special Skills</b>
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
Letter 40 Pioneer Society book spines	2-4hrs	Library	Gelink Pen (HSGS has)
Newsletter File Organized	8	Library	None
Print & bind 169 Indexes for library shelves (HSGS is 169 indexes from being current) {partially done]	83	Home (anywhere) or Library	Computer. Binding: stapler, book-tape, scissors
Print, bind & mail indexes for Flint Gen Soc order [done]	8	Home (anywhere) or Library	Computer. Binding: stapler, book-tape, scissors
Project Officer for Poor Farm Cemetery		Spartan Rd, Tawas City	Lawn mower & trimmer
Proper shelving of books, check for	1 wkly	Library	None

Spine labels for library books being returned [partially done]	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
Find Genealogical books in the library collection for the HSGS Library Book List {partially done}	2-3 days	Library	Use HSGS computer

**Printing Cost of Hard Copy Indexes.** It is calculated that HSGS has from 1982-2003 printed 793 hard copy indexes for the library shelves at the cost of \$2,524.84, including those indexes that were updated and reprinted. To print a replacement copy of the current 574 indexes would cost \$1,817.00.

**Missing Parts of the December 31 Newsletter.** The post office returned pages 1-6 of a newsletter to us. If the person who received only pages 7-8 wishes to get pages 1-6 lets us know whom you are and we will forward it to you.

**Abrams Genealogy Series- 2004.** Contact <[www.Michigan.gov/hal](http://www.Michigan.gov/hal)> for info. (Flint Gen Soc Newsletter v27n2 March 2004).

April 3	Researching your Civil War Ancestors
June 5	Genealogy Recourses at the Michigan Library & Historical Center
Aug 7	Dutch Genealogy
Oct 2	Ship's Passenger Lists
Dec 4	Finding your 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Ancestors

**HSGS Treasurers Report.** Savings \$522.12, Checking \$999.13, cash on hand \$25.00, checks on hand \$110.00, Total \$1,656.25.

**Flint Genealogical Society Bus Trip To Allen County Public Library.** Tuesday April 06 2004. Call Jim or Judy Newman 810-655-4957. (Flint Gen Soc Newsletter v27n2 March 2004).

**The Genealogical Society of Monroe County presents its 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar.** Saturday April 3 2004 at the Monroe County Community College. Contact GSMC, 721 Strawberry St, Dundee MI 48131-1042 for details. (Flint Gen Soc Newsletter v27n2 March 2004).

**Michigan In The Civil War.** Just posted to Ancestry.com Feb 25 2004. (Submitted by Ginger Metcalf-Dingus).

**TreEzy, A New Genealogy Search Engine.** FamilyToolbox.net, Inc., a pioneer in online genealogical research, announced the release of TreEzy, a new genealogically focused search engine to the public as part of its open beta testing. The search engine indexes the full-text of genealogical and historical sites to assist genealogists and family historians in finding their roots. The free search engine is located at <http://www.treezy.com>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/23/2004).

**JewishGen's Holocaust Database.** The Holocaust Database is a major resource for Jewish genealogists researching family trees within the past century. To access this valuable online resource, go to <http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Holocaust/>. The above is only one example of the many powerful resources, to find even more, go to <http://www.jewishgen.org>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/23/2004).

**The Political Graveyard.** This is a great place to find information about that "hard to find politician." You can find the Political Graveyard at <http://politicalgraveyard.com>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/16/2004).

**World War II Photos Online.** You can read more about this effort at: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uklatest/story/0,1271,-3634184,00.html>. The photographs can be found at <http://www.evidenceincamera.co.uk>. (Dick Eastman newsletter 02/09/2004).

**OCLC WorldCat Free Access for Dick Eastman's Newsletter Readers.** To try this excellent online database, go to <http://firstsearch.oclc.org>. When prompted, enter an Authorization Code of 100-271-707. Then use a password of: OCLC. This offer is for a limited time only, do it now.

**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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Projects</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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	<kfolly@earthlink.net>	810-749-2830
Carraway, Marianne	1963 & 1977 Hale Year Books	<mcarraway@charter.mi.net>	989-739-9569
Dingus, Ginger Metcalf	Secretary, Transcribing various records	<gingey326@hotmail.com>	989-820-0078
Doerr, Joan	Tawas Herald Newspaper Index	<JoanDoerr@hotmail.com>	410-461-1407
Donaldson, James	Assists with His Oscoda Press Collection	<ab6943@wayne.edu>	313-835-2440
Dressel, David	Transcribing various records	<ddressel@mail.cyberspeedway.net>	480-838-4744
Durkin, Thomas	Transcribing various records	<TomPatDurkin@aol.com>	904-273-8053
Farrand, Jim	Transcribing various records	<farrand@chartermi.net>	989-469-2308
Foust, Ruby	Transcribing various records	<lfoust@tampabay.rr.com>	352-799-2604
Groff, Jan	Transcribing various records	<jalynn1G@yahoo.com>	989-362-6777
Huebner, Christine	Transcribing various records	<delnorte@voyager.net>	989-362-7423
Klenow, Rosemary	President	<klenowr@alpena.cc.mi.us>	989-362-5425
Kruszka, Anne Percival	Iosco County Gazette Index	<ackruszka@wmconnect.com>	734-261-6416
Lascon, Diana	Transcribing various records	<dlacson_2000@yahoo.com>	510-487-5729
Petee, Bonnie	Transcribing various records	<gypsy2@chartermi.net>	810-636-9348
Schoonover, Duane	Transcribing various records	<duane881@hotmail.com>	989-820-0078
Selbrede, Jennifer	Tawas Herald Newspaper Index	<jen@postoffice.ccis.com>	760-373-2204
Sheldon, Judy	Treasurer	<jsheldon@amaesd-net.com>	989-739-5497
Sherman, Alonzo	Librarian/Publications	<shermanaj@hotmail.com>	989-739-3650
Stevens, Grace	School Yearbooks Index	<GraceACE@aol.com>	616-349-7840
Stock, Dan	Putting HSGS indexes on the Web Site	<etts95@yahoo.com>	989-739-4239
Stonehouse, Naomi	Vice-President	<alvene2000@yahoo.com>	989-362-8187
Summers, Leona	Oscoda Press Index	<no email>	989-724-6510
Whitford, Sandy	Indexing HS Yearbooks	<wumpw@yahoo.com>	989-362-3679

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