



“Success is not the key to happiness.
Happiness is the key to success. If you love
What you are doing, you will be successful.”

Alfred Schweitzer



Indexers Are The Genealogist's Best Friends

HSGS Web Site. <www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/mi/iosco/3501hsgs.htm> is the address for our HSGS's indexes 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 (October 31 2004) 717 indexes, 17,996 printed pages, & 850,142 names indexed. The file size is about 490MB. All these files are on HSGS's CD, but only 93% are on the web site. The status of these indexes is as follows:

| Master Index Status | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| On the web with a current date | 286 | 370 | 440 | 451 | 470 | 458 | 522 | 542 | 569 | 598 | 607 |
| On the web with an outdated date | 124 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 101 | 113 | 75 | 74 | 71 | 60 | 60 |
| Sent to the web site but not yet on | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New indexes not yet sent to web | 112 | 71 | 12 | 21 | 17 | 28 | 25 | 25 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| New indexes, not edited | 10 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| New indexes partially keypunched | 16 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 18 | 21 | 30 | 30 |
| Total | 551 | 568 | 587 | 606 | 621 | 633 | 654 | 672 | 682 | 708 | 717 |

HSGS member Dan Stock is placing our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site.

New Indexes added this month to HSGS's Library & Web Site.

- Index To Herald: 1923 Jan, Feb, Mar & Apr. By Joan Doerr of, Ellicot City MD
- Index To AuSable-Oscoda Historical Society's Postcard Collection, By Alonzo J Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- Index To Tawas City Hall Cemetery Records. By Ginger Dingus of East Tawas MI.
- Added 8 Indian names to the Index To Small Cemeteries. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Index To Hale High School Yearbook: 1996. By Marianne Carraway of Oscoda MI.

New Books Added this Month to HSGS's Library/Archives:

- *Michigan: A History*, By Bruce Catton, ©1976, 204 pgs. Donated by James Farrand of National City MI.
- *The Story of Sault Ste. Marie*, by Stanley Newton, ©1923, 199 pgs. Donated by James Farrand of National City MI.
- *Indians, "Jacks, And Pines*, By Stuart D Gross, ©1962, 92 pgs. Donated by James Farrand of National City MI.
- *Research Guide To AuSable & Oscoda Michigan*, by Alonzo J Sherman.
- Mrs Andrew Domson of Saginaw donated four banker boxes full of various good genealogical publications. Of note is a large collection (2 banker boxes) of Journals, Work Papers, Newsletters, Indexes & etc from the American Historical Society Of Germans From Russia.
- East Area Metro Detroit phone book: 2000-2001, donated by Marianne Carraway.
- Genesee County Area Wide Telephone Directory: 1997, Donated by Marianne Carraway.
- East Area Metropolitan Detroit phone book: 1999: Donated by Marianne Carraway.
- Robinson's 1972 Richland Co OH Rural Directory, Donated by Marianne Carraway.
- Golden Gulch- The Story of Montana's Fabulous Alder Gulch, by Dick Pace, ©1962, 106 pages. Donated by Marianne Carraway.
- Hale High School Yearbook: 1996. Donated by Marianne Carraway.

Iosco County Vital (Birth, Death & Marriage) Records. Forms for requesting these vital records by mail can be obtain from the Iosco County's web site <www.iosco.net>, then link to the County Clerk's site. Forms for verification of vital records can also be obtained from the same web site. Or, Iosco County vital records can be order directly on line through the web site <www.vitalcheck.com>, select Michigan and Iosco County from their home page: Also this site can be used for other states and counties. The procedures, prices and payment options are given in these web sites. (Submitted by Charles Birnbaum).

Robert J Parks Library in Oscoda is planned to be closed from Monday Jan 17 through Friday Jan 20th 2005. The book inventory will be bar-coded during this week. The genealogy area will also be closed, unless, prior arrangements are made with Mr Sherman at shermanaj@hotmail.com or 989-739-3650.

HSGS Society Newsletters. HSGS newsletters are planned to be published only on a web site starting January 2005, no more hard copies. The original plans and reasons for this was fully explained in the Jan & Feb newsletters of 2004 (If you want a copy of these newsletters email a request to shermanaj@hotmail.com and they will sent to you as an attachment to the email reply). Since there has been no objections or suggestions received from our membership, this plan will be implemented. Paid members will be sent the web address and password by email, so be sure to included your email address with you membership dues, if you have no email address we will mail it the web address and password to you. Membership dues remain \$8.00 a calendar year. If you pay your dues early you will be given the website address and password early, and you will be able to become familiar with the website and search engine using the five years of older newsletters that will be on the website.

HSGS Records ready to be keypunched.

| Pri | Folder | Name | Names | Owner | Comments |
|-----|--------|---|---------|-------|--|
| 1 | BUS | Glass Negatives: 1892-1905, current index needs improvements (ICHS) | 3,000 | ICHS | KP only at the ICHS |
| 1 | LAN | Plat Books for Iosco County MI: 1979 & 2001, about 2,000 name each | 8,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 1 | LAW | 7 Justice of the Peace Records for East Tawas Village: 1945-1951 Civil; 1949-1952 Criminal; 1950s Criminal; 1951-1961 Civil; 1951-1961 Criminal; 1952-1956 Criminal; & 1955-1959 Civil (1,000-1,500 names each) | 10,000 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 1 | NPG | Gazette Newspaper, 214 hard copy issues | 45,000 | AOHS | KP locally |
| 1 | NPX | Obituaries on 3x5 cards | 1,000 | ICHS | KP at ICHS |
| 1 | SCHO | Oscoda Area High School Yearbooks: 1979, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988 & 1989 (about 2,000 names each) (HSGS) | 12,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 2 | Bus | Glennie, Hale, Sand Lake Heights & Whittemore Phone Book: 1969/1970. | 1,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 2 | BUS | Hale, Glennie & Whittemore Phone Book: 1968. | 1,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 2 | BUS | Tawas & Oscoda Telephone Directories: 1964, 1970, 1964, 1970, about 1,000 names each | 4,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 2 | MIL | Wurtsmith AFB Family Services Scrapbooks, 1960-1962, 1975-1972, 1973, 1976, 1978 & 1985, about 300 names for each book | 1,800 | AOHS | KP locally |
| 2 | MIL | Wurtsmith AFB News: 1955-1993 (Weekly), about 100 names per issue | 200,000 | AOHS | Most KP in Parks Library & KP Duplicates locally |
| 2 | MIL | Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Club Scrapbooks: 1951-1991, 27 books, about 250 names each | 6,750 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 2 | MIL | Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Garden Club Scrapbooks: 1962-1974 4 books, about 250 names each | 1,000 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 2 | MIL | Wurtsmith AFB Officers' Wives' Newsletter, The Warbler: 1963-1988 (about 250 names for each monthly) | 72,000 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 3 | HIS | Alcona-Iosco Retired Teachers' Association Scrapbook: 1964-1972. | 1,500 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 3 | HIS | Iosco Community Concert Association, 4 Scrapbooks: 1964-1994. | 4,000 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 3 | HIS | Iosco Community Concert Association, Secretaries' Book: 1976-1994. | 2,000 | ICHS | KP locally |
| 3 | LAN | Burleigh Twp (sections 1-17) Farm Inventory of 1906 | 300 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 4 | XBI | Michigan Biographies | 4,500 | PPL | KP locally |
| 4 | XBI | Social Register Summer 1926, Detroit MI area © 1926 | 750 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 4 | XCEM | Arenac County Michigan Cemetery Inscriptions | 7,000 | PPL | KP locally |
| 4 | XED | University Of Michigan Yearbook: 1928 | 5,600 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 4 | XGE | Short Family Tree: Descendants Of Samuel Short, Iosco & Other mid-Michigan Counties | 2,500 | HSGS | KP anywhere |

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|---|-----|---|---------|------|-------------------------------|
| 4 | XIN | Native Americans In Michigan: A Bibliography of Material In the Clarke Historical Library | 550 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 4 | XMI | Michigan's Early Military Forces (partly done) | 8,000 | HSGS | KP locally |
| 4 | XXX | Michigan Voices | 200 | HSGS | KP locally |
| 4 | XXX | AuSable River Canoe Marathon: 1947-1997 | 4,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 5 | XBI | Michigan Pioneer Society: 1877-1929, 40 Volumes, 3,750 names per issue | 150,000 | PPL | Must be done in Parks Library |
| 5 | XED | Central Michigan University Commencement: 1979 | 4,000 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 5 | XHI | The Northern Journal: Northern Michigan's Magazine of Heritage, v1n1, v1n2, v1n3(missing), v1n4, v1n5, v1n6, v2n1, 2004Calendar, about 200 names each | 1,200 | HSGS | KP anywhere |
| 5 | XMM | Biography Index to the Michigan Manuals: 1923-1973 | 30,000 | HSGS | KP in the Parks Library |
| 5 | XMM | Michigan Manuals (Biographies Only) 1885-2002, 58 issues, about 300 names each | 17,400 | PPL | KP in the Parks Library |
| | | | 610,050 | | |

Owners of the record: AOHS = AuSable-Oscoda Historical Society; HSGS = Huron Shores Genealogical Society; ICHS = Iosco County Historical Society; & PPL = Parks Public Library.

HSGS's Treasurers Report. Savings \$77.23, Checking \$669.05, and cash on hand \$25.00, = Total \$771.28.

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 wherever you live, and some can only be done in your home only 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 |
|--|--------|------------------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Letter 40 Pioneer Society book spines | 2-4hrs | Library | Gelink Pen (HSGS has) |
| Newsletter File Organized | 8 | Library | None |
| Project Officer for Poor Farm Cemetery | | Spartan Rd, Tawas City | Lawn mower & trimmer |
| Proper shelving of books, check for | 1 wkly | Library | None |
| Time Report- Help design & maintain HSGS Time Report (For stats for future grants etc) | 4 mo | Home (anywhere) | Computer, Excel or Word (tables), & Email |

NOTE. Since members in the library have been too busy helping patron to accomplish this work, and since no one else has come forward to do any of above jobs, HSGS has authorized up to \$300.00 to hire someone to do the first two items. It is important this be done so patrons using the computer index (when a HSGS member is not present) can better find the referenced documents after they find a name in the indexes.

If any member wishes to donate some money and become a surrogate supporter of this effect it would be appreciated by many patrons for years to come. This would be a very good way for members who are not able to be on site to help to help our organization, and in a very necessary and meaning way. **Thanks.**

Patron. Oct 4th a lady and her mother came to library to research genealogy. While Charles Birnbaum and I (editor) was helping her she informed us they have been researching their genealogy about 40 hours a week for the past ten years! The 80 year old mother took a roll of microfilm and operated the reader printer with as much skill as anyone ever had. Can any one to top this accomplishment? (Editor).

Tawas Herald 3/16/1923. "Malcolm McLeod lost a valuable young cow the past week, the animal being attacked and killed by a pig." (Submitted by Joan Doerr).

The following interesting statement was found. "It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the honor belongs to our ancestors." (From: *Clues*- American Historical Society of German From Russia, 1974 Edition).

HSGS's Archives. We moved about 10 banker boxes of low use material from the HSGS's library to the HSGS's archives this month. Currently HSGS has 243 titles contained in 149 boxes in our archives. Most are magazines & journals of genealogical organizations, and newspapers. Anyone wanting to see this list send me an email requesting it & I will send the list to you attached to my email reply. (Alonzo Sherman at shermanaj@hotmail.com).

HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ACTIVE MEMBERS. 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, and Jul & Oct in the Oscoda Library. Officers, project leaders & active indexers are listed below:

| Name | Current Projects | E-mail | Phone |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Beuthin, Rancy | Indexing Pioneer Society | <arby@speed2u.net> | |
| 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 |
| Burns, Samantha | Transcribing various records | | 989-7397431 |
| Carraway, Marianne | 1963 & 1977 Hale Year Books | <mcarraway@charter.mi.net> | 989-739-9569 |
| Daley, Lawrence | Hale Yearbook 1901-2002 | <daleymart@msn.com> | 248-253-7472 |
| Dingus, Ginger Metcalf | Secretary, Transcribing various records | <gingey326@hotmail.com> | 989-362-4706 |
| 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 | <dlacon_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 |
| Yorkell-Parker, Sandra | Indexing Pioneer Society | <syarker@nidlink.com> | |

Fall Genealogical Conferences

Abrams Genealogy Series- 2004. December 4 2004, Finding your 20th Century Ancestors. Contact www.Michigan.gov/hal.

Godfrey Library Research Retreat at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City. Nov 15-20 2004. Offers lots of good on site assistance. Info 860-346-4375.

Some Humor. Joan Doerr emailed me several cute genealogical items that are too long for the newsletter. I will send them to anyone who requests them. They will be returned as an attachment to your email request. (Editor)

Detroit Public Library. It was reported last month that this library now charges a user fee for non-residents. This is further clarified: The fee is not applicable if a person who just visits the collection or does their own browsing or research using the materials that are located on the open shelves, but does apply when help is needed to access the special collections that are located on the closed shelves. (Kalamazoo Valley Heritage Oct 2004 n2p4).

Historical U.S. posters from both World Wars I and II. You can see the collection at <http://afsf.lackland.af.mil/>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter Oct 29 2004).

The First Online Genealogy Expo. With the continued widespread use of the Internet in family history research, the Family Link Network is announcing today the opening of registrations for their first online genealogy Expo to be held November 16 - December 16, 2004. The theme is, *"Now is the Time, This is the Place, for Genealogy Training to Come to You!!"*

The Expo contains 15 online presentations by genealogy professionals ranging from British research to using animated maps. Also included is a presentation called, "Hookers, Crooks and Kooks, Aunt Merle Didn't Run a Boarding House" which shows some of the surprises you may find in your family history closet.

Admission to the Expo amounts to just over \$3.00 per presentation at \$49.95 and includes 24 hour / seven days a week accessibility to the online presentations for the 30-day length of the Expo as well as printable handouts on the material prepared by the instructors. Family Link Expo offers an online Exhibit Hall that the general public can enter and view booths with information on the latest family history products and services. The Family Link Network will also be giving away a prize each day for the 30-day length of Expo I. For a complete list of the presentations and registration information, go to www.familylinknetwork.com. (Dick Eastman Newsletter Oct 12 2004).

MI Naturalization Records. Many country naturalization records have been moved to the State Archives, and 22 of these counties have been indexed, including Iosco County. Check their web site www.michigan.gov/Hal, then link to Our Agencies, then link to MI History Center, then link to State Archives, then link to Naturalization Indexes.

Note. These records when in Iosco County were controlled by Federal Regulations and were closed to the public for the last several years they were in Iosco County. However when moved to the State Archives for some reason they are open to the Public. When the records were moved to the State Archives (an effort started by HSGS) three advantages came about. 1- They were then open to the public. 2- The Friends of the Archives produced a new and more accurate and complete index, and 3- One of the journals were missing for years in Iosco County, however it was found and sent to the Archives. Progress is GOOD!

Preserve Your Family History. The Allen County Public Library has a long standing service. Individuals who do not have a desire to officially publish their genealogy can send an unbound "master copy" to them. In exchange for the privilege of allowing them to make one photocopy for their collection, they will provide the compiler with one complimentary bound photocopy and will also return the original master. (Saginaw Gen Soc Newsletter, v27n3p375 Nov 2004).

Nationwide Veteran Gravesites. The US Dept of Veterans Affairs has a database of 3.2 million burials of veterans. Wives buried with husbands are included. See www.cem.va.gov. (Saginaw Gen Soc Newsletter, v27n3p376 Nov 2004).

Digital Images Of English Wills Online. National Archives in London was over 1 million wills online at www.DocumentsOnline.pro.gov.uk. (Saginaw Gen Soc Newsletter, v27n3p377 Nov 2004).

Some US Government Web Sites. (Saginaw Gen Soc Newsletter, v27n3p377 Nov 2004).

Naturalization Records www.nara.gov/genealogy/naural.html.

Immigration & Naturalization Service <www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/index.html>

Passport Applications www.nara.gov/genealogy/passport.html

BALLOT - ELECTION OF HSGS'S 2005 OFFICERS

| Office | Name | Write In |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| President | () Naomi Stonehouse | () _____ |
| Vice-President | () Rosemary Klenow | () _____ |
| Secretary | () Ginger Dingus | () _____ |
| Treasurer | () Judy Sheldon | () _____ |

At the HSGS meeting October 21 2004 the above candidates were nominated, approved and placed on the ballot. The membership may vote for a write-in candidate instead if they have that person's permission. Please vote (select & mark each candidate) and return the ballot to HSGS (mail or drop off) before November 30th.

If the voter wants to remain anonymous, cut off the bottom of this page (because the back side has your mailing label on it) and mail only the ballot in an envelope without a return address. Please place the word BALLOT somewhere on front of the envelope.

Ballots will not accepted by email or fax.

If the above ballot is crossed out it indicates your membership is not paid for 2004, or you are receiving a complimentary copy of the newsletter.

YOU'VE STUFFED THE BIRD AND THE
GRAVY'S STIRRED. THE BEANS ARE
STEAMED AND THE CORN IS
CREAMED. THE PIES ARE MADE
AND THE TABLE'S LAID. NOW FOR A
TREAT, LET'S SIT AND EAT!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Laws of Genealogy:

The document containing evidence of the missing link in your research invariably will be lost due to fire, flood or war.

The keeper of the vital records you need will have just been insulted by another genealogist.

Your great, great grandfather's obituary states that he died, leaving no issue of record.

The town clerk you wrote to in desperation, and finally convinced to give you the information you need, can't write legibly and doesn't have a copier.

The will you need is in a safe on board the Titanic.

The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.

The ancient photograph of four relatives, one of whom is your progenitor, carries the names of the other three.

Copies of old newspapers have holes which occur only on last names.

No one in your family ever did anything noteworthy, always rented property, were never sued and were never named in wills.

You learned that Great Aunt Matilda's executor just sold her life's collection of genealogical material to a flea market dealer "somewhere in New York City."

Yours is the only last name not found among the 3 billion in the Mormon Archives in Salt Lake City.

Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded.

The 37 volume, 16,000 page history of your country of origin isn't indexed.

The critical link in your family tree is "Smith."

Genealogist's Check List:

My family coat of arms ties at the back - is that normal?

My family tree is a few branches short. All help appreciated.

My ancestors must be in the witness protection program.

Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall out.

My hobby is genealogy, I raise dust bunnies for pets.

How can one ancestor cause so much trouble?

I looked into my family tree and found out I was a sap.

I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged.

I'm searching for myself. Have you seen me?

If only people came with pull-down menus and online help!

It's 2004 - do you know where your great-great-grandparents are?

A family reunion is an effective form of birth control.

A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.

A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.

After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.

Am I the only person up on my tree?

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples.

Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?

FLOOR - the place for storing your priceless genealogy records.

Gene-Allergy. It's a contagious disease!

Genealogists are time unravelers.

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek - they hide and I seek.

Genealogy - tracing yourself back to better people.

"Crazy" is a relative term in my family.

A pack rat is hard to live with but makes a fine ancestor

I want to find ALL of them. So far I have only a few thousand.

I should have asked them before they died.

I think my ancestors had several "bad heir" days.

I'm always late. My ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.

Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.

Heredity. Everyone believes it until their children act like fools.

It's an unusual family that has neither a lady of the evening nor a thief.

Many a family tree needs pruning.

Shh! Be very, very quiet. I'm hunting forebears.

Snobs talk as if they had begotten with own ancestors.

That's strange. Half my ancestors are women!

I'm not sick, I've just got fading genes.

Genealogists live in the past lane.

Cousins marrying cousins - very tangled roots!

Cousins marrying cousins - a non-branching family tree.

All right! Everybody out of my gene pool!

Always willing to share my ignorance.

Documentation - the hardest part of genealogy.

Genealogy - chasing your own tale.

Genealogy - will I ever find time to mow the lawn again?

That's the problem with my gene pool - no lifeguards!

I researched my family tree, and apparently I don't exist.

So many ancestors - so little time.