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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 (July 31 2006) 946 indexes, 24,338 printed pages, and 1,081,131 names indexed. All these files are on HSGS's master file & the CD we sell, but only about 94% are on the web site (does not include new indexes within the last month, draft indexes not yet finished, & a some random data corrections). The status of our master indexes & CD follows:

Master Index Status	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	APR	May	Jun	Jul
On the web, current	696	704	709	717	735	742	768	785	811	834	830	835
On the web, outdated	52	53	53	53	52	51	54	54	54	49	55	54
New, not yet sent to web	9	5	8	16	7	29	16	22	17	3	6	14
Future, being edited	13	14	14	14	14	21	21	14	6	6	8	7
Future, partially keypunched	37	37	36	37	37	37	36	36	36	36	36	36
Totals	807	813	820	837	849	880	895	911	924	928	935	946

HSGS member Dan Stock HSGS's Web Master is placing our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site.

New Indexes Added This Month:

- Herald: Mar1910 & Apr 1910. By John Doerr of Ellicott City MD.
- Quirky Quilters Quilt Guild 2006. By Alonzo J Sherman of Oscoda MI.
- National 4-H Week 2005. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Rules of Order of the Board of Supervisors of Iosco County 1914-1915. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Portraits 1891-1905 #2 (Draft). By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Warblers: Apr 1973, Sep 1975, June 1977, Jun 1979 & Oct 1980. By Jim Farrand of Nationality MI.
- Purple Gang 1910-1948 (added additional names shown under photographs). By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Oscoda School Observer Nov 2002. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- AuSable River Canoe Marathon: 2002. By Alonzo J Sherman.
- Shoreline Players – Gypsy: Nov 2003

New Documents Added to HSGS's Library This Month:

- New Century Cyclopedia of Names, by Clarence L Barnhart, 3 volumes, ©1954, 4,342 pages. Donated by Parks Public Library.
- Courthouse Indexes Illustrated, by Christine Rose, ©2006, 58 pages. Located in the Parks Library call # 929.1/Ro.World War II: The Allied Counteroffensive, 1942-1945, by Douglas Brinkley, ©1966. Donated by Parks Public Library
- The D-Day Companion: Leading historians explore history's greatest amphibious assault, by Jane Penrose, ©2003. Donated by Parks Public Library.

HSGS's Treasurers Report (July 28 2006). Savings \$1,134.71, Checking \$815.47, cash \$20.84, = Sub-Total \$1,971.02. Plus \$249.98 cash card credit at Staples = Total of \$2,221.00.

Bicycle Riding. When the ladies of Mt Pleasant commenced bicycle riding, some of the people deemed disposed to criticize the short skirts and exposure of limbs. Finally an old deacon who had taken an interest in the business said: No need of making fun of the ladies. Everything is all right as far as I can see." (Tawas Herald July 1899).

HSGS acquires a new Microfilm Reader. A used one from the Brandon Township Public Library on Ortonville MI was available free and HSGS was the first to claim it. It is the best microfilm viewer made, a Northwest 20-20. We hope to find someone who will start indexing the 1955-1993 Wurtsmith News. We will loan them the microfilm viewer so they can do the indexing at home if desired.

Old Occupations Explained. About 200 old occupations are explained on pages 4-5 in the Michigan Genealogical Council's Newsletter, v30n3 Summer 2006.

Border Changes in Northwest Territory 1787 to 1837. An article on pages 10-11 in the Michigan Genealogical Council's Newsletter, v30n3 Summer 2006 indicates the seven changes made in 1787, 1800, 1803, 1809, 1818, 1934 & 1837.

Stories of Interest. A bold step forward has been taken in China; female descendants will now be added to the family tree of ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius. 200,000 individuals will appear for the first time in the newest version of the family tree. Read the full story at news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-07/25/content_4877337.htm. (eNews v8n30 July 26 2006)

Finding Genealogies. Always, always, always use the catalog to find genealogies. While they are usually on the shelf in alphabetical order, many books contain information on more than one family and may not be shelved under the name you are looking for. Beware of the same book hiding under different titles. Look for older (or more updated) versions of the genealogy.

Rating a Genealogy. Remember that even many of the most revered genealogical scholars published books without citing sources in the book. When using a book that does not cite its sources, check to see if the author has left his/her papers to a society for preservation. You will often find source citations there.

Just because a genealogy does not have an index does not mean it is not useful. Look for potential warning signs (e.g. supposed descents from Adam and Eve). If someone continues to propagate lineages that have already been proven false, it casts doubt on all the information in the book! (eNews v8n30 July 26 2006)

\$1,000 Reward for Ellis Island's Little Orphan Annie. Noted genealogist Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak is offering a \$1,000 reward for anyone who has documented evidence of what became of Annie Moore, Ellis Island's first immigrant. Annie arrived at Ellis Island from Ireland with her brothers, Anthony and Philip, on January 1, 1892. She was greeted with much fanfare and given a \$10 gold coin. Since then, she's been commemorated in statues at both Ellis Island and the Cobh Heritage Centre in Ireland, and has crept into American national lore.

Previous stories of what became of Annie have been disproved, and researchers are now wondering exactly what happened to her. For more information about Annie's story, and the reward, visit <http://megansrootsworld.blogspot.com/2006/07/1000-reward-for-ellis-islands-little.html>.

Megan Smolenyak is the founder and sponsor of Honoring Our Ancestors, which gives grants to genealogical organizations grants to pursue innovative and interesting projects that contribute to the field. Find out more at <http://honorourancestors.com/grants.html>. (eNews v8#29 July 19 2006)

Dollarhide's The Census Book is Online and is Free. ProQuest has posted the entire volume (including forms) of Bill Dollarhide's, The Census Book. The following is from the site: It provides many unknown facts and peculiarities about census records that will help you understand the data in HeritageQuest Online. To learn more about the census, use the table of contents below to navigate to specific items of interest or browse the entire book for a full overview. If you got federal census related questions, Dollarhide's book can answer them. The volume is in PDF format. See: <<http://genealogyblog.com/proquest/dollarhides-the-census-book-is-online-and-free-5164>>. (Everton Newsline July 18 2006).

Goldbug has a New Online Sitefinder. Goldbug (producer of Animap) has had a sitefinder database on CD-ROM for a number of years. Based on USGS data, the sitefinder has been a valuable tool for genealogists. You can now go to Goldbug's sitefinder website, enter the place you are looking for, and go directly to a Google map of the area. See: <<http://genealogyblog.com/computer-tech/goldbugs-new-online-sitefinder-5151>>. (Everton Newsline July 18 2006).

Important Dates for US Passenger Lists, by Michael J. Leclerc:

1800-1819	Beginning of US Passenger Lists with keeping of Baggage Lists (mostly Philadelphia).
1820-ca 1900	Customs Passenger Lists start being kept.
1882	Administrative control of immigration placed under the Secretary of the Treasury.
1893	First major changes to 1819 law. Information on passenger lists was now to include: Name, Age, Sex, Marital Status, Calling or Occupation, Ability to Read or Write, Nationality, Last Residence, Port of US Entry, Final Destination, Whether Possessing a Ticket to Final Destination, Whether Immigrant Paid Own Passage, Whether in Possession of Money, Whether Upwards of \$30 or How Much if Less Than \$30, Whether Going to Join a Relative and if so What Relative as well as Their Name and Address, Whether Immigrant had Ever Been in US Before and if so When and Where, Whether Ever in Prison, Almshouse, or on Charity, Whether a Polygamist, Whether Under Contract to Perform Labor in US, and Mental and Physical Health Status
1903	Category of Race added.
1906	Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization established. Manifests were now to carry a personal description of each immigrant and their birthplace, not just country of allegiance.
1907	Name and address of the nearest relative in the country from which the immigrant came.

(eNews v8#27 July 5 2006)

INDEXERS ROLL OF HONOR**HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (Alphabetical Order), July 31 2006**

Name (* = active in 2005 & 2006)	Indexes	Pages	Names
Beuthin, Rancy – Falmouth MI	1	14	1,250
Birnbaum, Charles – Tawas City MI *	67	3,275	150,842
Brewer, Karen – Chesterfield MI	7	145	5,925
Burns, Samantha – Oscoda MI	1	11	500
Burtzloff, Harold – Tawas City MI	1	31	1,850
Carraway, Marianne – Oscoda MI *	5	158	7,220
County Clerk Iosco County MI	5	246	11,550
Daley, Lawrence – Bloomfield MI *	1	200	9,650
Demet, Doris – Union Grove WI *	22	295	13,460
Doerr, Joan – Ellicott City MD *	303	10,041	451,725
Donaldson, James – Detroit MI	2	40	1,925
Dressel, David – Tempe AZ *	8	271	12,400
Durkin, Thomas – Point Verda Beach FL	1	1	23
Farrand, Jim – National City MI *	39	822	39,937
Froust, Ruby – Brookfield FL	8	272	12,565
Groff, Jan – Tawas City MI	2	27	1,140
Guest, Dean – Hale MI	1	39	1,800
Huebner, Christine – East Tawas MI *	3	134	6,240
Johnson, Barbara – Eden Prairie MN *	11	140	5,815
Klenow, Rosemary – East Tawas MI	12	171	7,270
Kruska, Anne- Livonia MI	2	170	7,400
Lascon, Dianna – Union City CA *	12	272	12,005
Metcalf-Dingus, Ginger – East Tawas MI *	43	1,171	49,276
Petee, Bonnie – Swartz Creek MI *	11	350	16,940
Schoonover, Duane – East Tawas MI	2	13	325
Selbred, Jennifer – Mojave CA	6	403	19,300
Sherman, Alonzo - Oscoda MI *	335	4,009	158,947
Sherman, Eleanor – Flint MI	1	68	3,000
Stevens, Grace – Kalamazoo MI	4	148	6,800
Stock, Dan – Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826
Stonehouse, Naomi – Tawas City MI	7	380	18,050
Summers, Leona – Greenbush MI (Note 1)	0	0	0
Whitford, Sandy – Tawas City MI	2	43	1,920
Wright, Emogene – East Tawas MI	1	19	700
Yokell-Parker, Sandra – Ponderay ID	2	69	3,555
35 Indexers	946	24,338	1,081,131

There are a total of 35 indexers located in 9 states, with 13 (*) being active in 2005 and 2006.

Note 1: Leona Summers has been indexing the Oscoda Press for several years. The indexes have been recorded on paper, and have not been keypunched. It is planned to have someone else keypunch these indexes in 2006.

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (Number of Indexes Over 15), July 31 2006

Name	Indexes	Pages	Names
Sherman, Alonzo - Oscoda MI *	335	4,009	158,947
Doerr, Joan – Ellicott City MD *	303	10,041	451,725
Birnbaum, Charles – Tawas City MI *	67	3,275	150,842
Metcalf-Dingus, Ginger – East Tawas MI *	43	1,171	49,276
Farrand, Jim – National City MI *	39	822	39,937
Demet, Doris – Union Grove WI *	22	295	13,460
Stock, Dan – Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (Number of pages over 750), July 31 2006

Name	Indexes	Pages	Names
Doerr, Joan – Ellicott City MD *	303	10,041	451,725
Sherman, Alonzo - Oscoda MI *	335	4,009	158,947
Birnbaum, Charles – Tawas City MI *	67	3,275	150,842
Metcalf-Dingus, Ginger – East Tawas MI *	43	1,171	49,276
Stock, Dan – Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826
Farrand, Jim – National City MI *	39	822	39,937

HSGS'S Indexers Roll Of Honor (Number of Names over 25,000), July 31 2006

Name	Indexes	Pages	Names
Doerr, Joan – Ellicott City MD *	303	10,041	451,725
Sherman, Alonzo - Oscoda MI *	335	4,009	158,947
Birnbaum, Charles – Tawas City MI *	67	3,275	150,842
Metcalf-Dingus, Ginger – East Tawas MI *	43	1,171	49,276
Farrand, Jim – National City MI *	39	822	39,937
Stock, Dan – Oscoda MI	18	890	39,826

TRAINING AVAILABLE (One Time Events):

Year/Mo/Day	Description/Location/Contact
2006/07/21-21 Fri-Sat	Explore Your Roots, Discover Your History: 2006 Abrams Genealogy Seminar. Call 517-373-1300 or email librarian@michigan.gov .
2006/08/30-09/06 Wed-Wed	Federation of Genealogical Societies presents Birthplace of American Genealogy, at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston MA. Contact fgs-office@fgs.org .
2006/10/14 Sat	Michigan Gen Society Seminar at the Library of Michigan. Details at their web site www.rootsweb.com/mimgc .
2006/10/21 Sat	LDS free seminar, 9am-5pm, "Tracing our Ancestors Footsteps II." Located LDS church at 37425 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Contact Mrs Wally Schegel at Wally_Schlegel@ameritech.net .
2006/11/11-18 Sat-Sat	Genealogy Conference & Cruise, Mexican Riviera, sponsored by Wholly Genes Software. Info www.whollygenes.com/crusie.htm .
2007/01/08-12 Mon-Fri	Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Contact www.infouga.org .

OTHER TRAINING:

- Individual Training Schedule (Recurring), see p10 of February 2005 Newsletter.
- Individual Training Schedule (By Appointment), see p11 of February 2005 Newsletter.
- Training Courses Online, see p11 of February 2005 Newsletter.

ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

See August 2005 Newsletter.

SOME USEFUL GENEALOGICAL INTERNET ADDRESSES:

See June 2005 Newsletter. Prepared by Judy Sheldon. Please notify us at judesheldon@yahoo.com of any broken links or links you think should be added to this list. If you have any updates please let us know, as we will publish an updated list in the next few months.

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 by chance or appointment). HSGS meetings are 6-7pm the 3rd Wednesday of Jan, Apr, and Jul & Oct in the Iosco County Historical Museum, 405 W Bay St (US-23), East Tawas MI. Officers, active project leaders, and indexers are listed below:

Name	Current Projects	Phone & E-mail
Birnbaum, Charles	Iosco County Death Indexes, News Herald Index, Saginaw News Obits	989-362-5994 <Birnbaumcr@hotmail.com>
Carraway, Marianne	Hale Year Books	989-739-9569 <mcarraway@charter.mi.net>
Daley, Lawrence	Hale Yearbook 1901-2002	248-253-7472 <daleymart@msn.com>
Daniels, Lugene	Burleigh Twp Farming	989-756-3852
Doerr, Joan	Tawas Herald Newspaper Index	410-461-1407 <JoanDoerr@hotmail.com>
Donaldson, James	Assists, His Oscoda Press Collection	313-835-2440 <ab6943@wayne.edu>
Dressel, David	Transcribing various records	480-838-4744 <ddressel@mail.cyberspeedway.net>
Durkin, Thomas	Transcribing various records	904-273-8053 <TomPatDurkin@Yahoo.com>
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Petee, Bonnie	Transcribing various records	810-636-9348 <gypsy2@chartermi.net>
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Sherman, Alonzo	Librarian/Publications. Barkman Outfitter's Day Book Indexes.	989-739-3650 <shermanaj@hotmail.com>
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Stonehouse, Naomi	President	989-362-8187 <alvene2000@yahoo.com>
Summers, Leona	Oscoda Press Index	989-724-6510 <none>

HISTORY OF THE HURON SHORES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

See March 2006 Newsletter.

MICHIGAN MANUALS FOR SALE

Send your check payable to the Iosco County Historical Society, 405 W Bay St (US-23), East Tawas MI 48730, 989-362-8911.

Year	Condition	Price
1897-1898	Poor, Spin torn	\$25
1899	Fair	\$35
1919	Good	\$20
1921	Fair	\$15
1949	Good	\$15
1951-1952	Good	\$15
1953-1954	Good	\$15
1957-1958	Good	\$15
1959-1960	Good	\$15
1963-1964	Good	\$15
1967-1968	Good	\$15
1969-1970	Good	\$15
1971-1972	Good	\$15
1973-1974	Good	\$15

