



HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

Oscoda, Michigan

RENO CEMETERY WALK 2011

By Lugene Daniels



On Sunday September 18, 2011, nearly 50 people participated in the first HSGS cemetery walk. The event was planned and presented by HSGS members Lauri Finerty and Lugene Daniels.

The weather was perfect for this early-autumn event. Sunny skies and a temperature about 70 degrees made the event pleasurable for all. The walk lasted about three hours, which was longer than planned. However, no one complained.

The Reno Township Cemetery is an average-size cemetery for this area located in the heart of Reno Township. This well-maintained and well-preserved burying ground was established in 1887 and embraces the stories of many local pioneers and their family members.

Throughout the program, Lugene highlighted the life of the buried individuals and Lauri highlighted information about tombstones, the cemetery, or general cemetery and funeral facts. Information about the prominent families, interesting tombstones, or fascinating stories of death were shared as the large group moved from station to station throughout the graveyard.

Indeed, the response by those in attendance was extremely positive, so more HSGS cemetery walks are being planned. The next walk is planned for the spring of 2012 at the Esmond-Evergreen Cemetery located east of Hale. The date will be announced in the March HSGS Genogram.

A book about the Reno Township Cemetery and the walk will be available at the Esmond-Evergreen Cemetery Walk. Lauri and Lugene plan to put together a book about each cemetery they showcase in the future. All proceeds from the book sales will go to the HSGS.

Light refreshments were served during and after the event.



HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

January

10 MGC Meeting in Lansing

19 HSGS Business Meeting
At Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas

April

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At Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas

May

19 Joint HSGS/
Focus on Photography Workshop at the Plainfield Township Library with Diane Cagel presenting "Dating Old Photographs"



Agnes Williams Tipkey, 1893 (1892) – 1991 Princess Sky Eagle Circus Rider By Judy Sheldon

Agnes Williams was born on the Muskogee Indian Reservation, Oklahoma, May 4, 1892 or 1893 to David and Charlotte Williams. Several years later the family moved back to Michigan, settling in the Saganing Indian Reservation in Arenac County. Agnes went to the Indian school in Haskell, Kansas.



About 1908 she visited the Wild West Show in Standish run by Tiger Bill where she learned that Buffalo Bill's show was coming to Standish to look for riders.

When the show came to town, Agnes was there! Buffalo Bill was impressed by her expertise on horseback and hired her on the spot. Agnes married Joseph Tipkey, Chief Red Cloud, from Petoskey, MI four days after she joined the Buffalo Bill Show, August 12, 1911. They had a typical Indian ceremony on horseback in the Sun Brothers Big Top with all of the show attending and everyone on horseback, even the minister.

She rode with the Buffalo Bill Show until his death in 1917. She continued to ride in other shows, including Barnum and Bailey, until either 1924 or 1939 (according to two different reports) when she and her husband Joseph left the business. Agnes, Joe and her daughter, Oralee (Princess Little Fawn) joined the Chapel Lake Indian Ceremonials in 1958. Various articles have them living in Lapeer before returning to Alabaster Township, moving to Prescott and then to Whittemore in 1973.

Agnes was known for two stunts, The Swan Dive and riding under the belly of Jane, her horse.

Agnes and Joe had nine children over the years. The children traveled with the show or stayed with a teacher and were educated through the eighth grade.

Children:

Rhoda Irene was born in 1917 between the US and Australia. She married a Paulinkas and died in 1970 in Iosco County.

Cecil was born in 1920 in Tawas City and died in 1986 in Whittemore

Mary was born in 1923. She was married to William Snowden

Richard was born in 1926

Joseph was born in 1929 in Curran and died in 1978 in Flint
Maurice Dean, details of birth and death unknown.

Oralee was born in 1939. She was married to Joseph Stevens and died in Clarkston, MI in 2007

Rhoda, Cecil, Mary, Richard and Joseph, Jr. went to the Indian School in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Joseph, Sr. was born in 1892 and died on May 13, 1976 in Tawas of cancer and Agnes died January 22, 1991 also in Tawas. They are buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Tawas City, MI with their son Cecil.

I Remember When . . .

Each milk cow had a name, had her own stanchion and her milk was physically carried to the bulk tank.

Lugene Daniels

As a young boy in Saginaw, one of my assigned chores was to take a wagon to the corner a block away with a pail to be filled at the hand pump for our drinking water.

Improved city water from the lake intake at Whitestone Point in Arenac County was brought to Saginaw in 1948.

Dan Stock

I remember Arlan's in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor in the 60's and the 70's. My daughter's monthly pictures in her first year were taken there, real cheap!

Arlan's Department store founded in 1948 by Lester Palestine was the first discount department store and opened in New Bedford, MA. The store became a nationwide chain with 119 stores. By 1974, Arlan's owed 91 million dollars and had to go out of business. Many other discount stores like Target bought the failing stores.

Judy Sheldon

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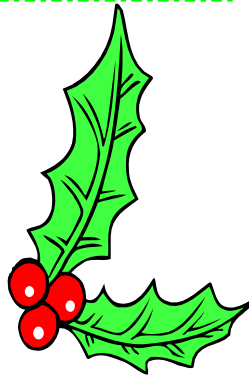
As a society we have set as goals:

- 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 - Vacant
- Secretary - Lugene Daniels
- Treasurer - Daniel Stock
- Database Manager - Alonzo Sherman

What's on a genealogist's Wish List?

- A subscription to a data base
- A subscription to a "genie" magazine
- Document storage boxes
- Archival-quality file folders
- Polyester envelopes
- Archival tools, like a microspatula
- White cotton gloves
- Plastiklips
- Book boxes



Check out these companies for supplies and more ideas::

- Archival Products - www.archival.com
- Gaylord - www.gaylord.com
- Conservation Resources International - www.conservationresources.com
- Hollinger Metal Edge - www.hollingermetaledge.com
- FamilyArchives.com - familyarchives.com
- University Products - www.universityproducts.com
- Archival Methods - www.archivalmethods.com
- GlobalGenealogy.com
- balgenealogy.com/archival/



Dan with wife Jeanne, granddaughter Kelsey and daughter Stephanie

Who We Are
"Our Treasurer" - Dan Stock

While growing up in Saginaw, the family often recited the following little ditty related to our family ethnic heritage - "Highland Scots, Lowland Scots, English, Irish, Dutch and German." Alas, except for a sister of my grandmother, who had moved to California long before I was born, no one in the family bothered to write down information about the various branches of the tree.

Until I retired in 1996, the only discussions I had on our heritage was with secretaries in the Public Health Service Regional Office in Chicago in the early 1960s. The secretaries were very proud of their pure Polish roots and made no effort to hide their disdain for what they considered a mongrel.

I left Saginaw following graduation from Arthur Hill High School to attend Michigan Technological University and then Iowa State University to become what at that time was known as a Sanitary Engineer but which is now more politely referred to as an Environmental Engineer

On graduation from Iowa State, I signed on with the Public Health Service quite frankly only because Vietnam was starting to heat up and serving two years with them fulfilled my draft obligation. Shortly after my assignment with PHS in Chicago, I became reacquainted with Jeanne Garner, who I had known since elementary school days and because both our families had cottages on Lake

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miiosco/huronpage.html>
 to learn more about us and to link to our many indexes and our archived newsletters.

The Tawas Butter Company

By Judy Sheldon

In December of 1908, Edward McCartney of Flushing, MI came to Tawas City, MI to look for a location for a new creamery. He stayed with his friend Mr. Barnett of Laidlawville.

Edward was born in Genesee County, 2 February 1871, to Henry and Ann (Purcell) McCartney. His parents had come from Ireland and were engaged in the farming industry. His father died when Ed was young, but he became well educated and later purchased an eighty acre farm in Maple Grove township, Saginaw County. About 1906 he joined H. A. Ahrmmeon (Ammeron, Ammerman) in the creamery business and became one of the most respected butter makers in the state.

The Tawas Butter Company was built in 1909 on the corner of Lake Street (US 23) and Mathews Street, just south of the furniture store. The company told the area farmers that they would buy all the milk they could and pay the highest market price. It was reported in 1911 that they had a contract with the Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit for not less than 600 pounds of butter a week. The company was known for its sanitary conditions. In 1911 the company paid \$18,789 to area farmers for their cream. Not bad for a small industry!

In late 1912 Edward announced that he and his family would be moving to Merrill where he had purchased another creamery. Prior to this he had sold the Tawas Butter Co to George Fahselt, to be managed by Carl Fahselt. The business was so good for the local dairymen that they were seeking registered Holstein cattle to improve their herds.

In January 1916, Charles Moeller purchased George Fahselt's portion of the company and Charles and Carl continued to move the company

forward. Moeller and Fahselt sold the company to Tawas Township farmer, John Kobs, who was Moeller's father-in-law. Management then went to Kob's son, Henry.

April 30, 1920 the butter company burnt to the ground! A new cement building was completed in September 1920. 1929 saw the creamery sold again to Charles Moeller and in 1930 to James Leslie. In 1954 the property was sold to Ross and Elizabeth McGee and later again to George Myles.

Competition from larger creameries, better transportation and farmers leaving the farm business to take better paying jobs in the auto industry led to the decline and eventual closure of the Tawas Butter Company.

Neil Thornton remembers it was converted to a restaurant with an addition for dancing. The building seems to be gone and would have stood about where the Tawas City post office now stands.

Sources:

Golden Age of Farming by Neil Thornton
History of Northern Michigan, vol. II by Perry Powers
Tawas Herald newspaper articles
Iosco Register of Deeds



Captain Hugh McDONALD

By Lugene Daniels



I love to be given a challenge. And, that is what happened when my genealogy mentor, Alonzo Sherman, handed me this photo of a man on horseback from the HSGS glass negative collection. The photo image, which appeared in the September 2011 HSGS Genogram, was captured by Arg G Emery, Tawas City photographer at the time.

The paper envelope clutching the glass negative was labeled "Hugh Mc Donald," so I was almost certain that this was the individual's name. So, at least I had someplace to start.

Immediately I asked Alonzo to search the name "Hugh McDonald" from the vast collection of HSGS indexes. Within a couple minutes, Alonzo presented me with three pages of references containing the name.

Quickly, I ascertained that two men identified as Hugh McDonald lived in the Huron Lake shore area. Both men lived about the same time, so sorting the items relating to each was a bit of a challenge. But, before long, I could easily differentiate between the two. After collecting what I could from the HSGS holdings, I was off to the internet to seek even more to complete the fascinating story of a man I never knew, but wish I had.

As I looked at the photo of Captain Hugh McDonald, I wondered if he was posing for more than just a photo. Perhaps he dreamed that this image be crafted into a statue that would honor his service in the Mexican and Civil wars. I learned that any military horseman depicted in a statue showing all four horses hooves on the ground symbolized that the rider survived all battles unharmed. Exactly how one defines *unharmed* is definitely difficult to answer.

The Hugh McDonald in my story was born *at sea* on the waters of the Atlantic Ocean when his parents emigrated to America from Scotland in 1831. I found it fascinating that a woman, soon to give birth, would venture across waters unknown to a land unknown to seek a better life. Thoughts

like this swell my emotions and make me pause to surrender a prayer of thankfulness to those who did so.

Upon arriving in New York, his father, also named Hugh, joined the army of this country and died while in service. Courageously, as a young lad, Hugh followed in the military footsteps of his father.

In 1847, Hugh served about a year during the Mexican War as a member of Company H of the 2nd United States Artillery as part of Garlands' Brigade. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Molino del Rey on September 8, 1847. Following this military endeavor, he located to Ithaca, New York and married Frances A Taber/Tabor on October 18, 1849.

In 1856 the family moved to Pennsylvania, and after the outbreak of the Civil War, Hugh McDonald organized Compa-

Hugh McDonald organized Company G of the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteers, which became famously known as the "Pennsylvania Bucktails."

ny G of the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteers, which became famously known as the "Pennsylvania Bucktails." As captain of this company, McDonald was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg and at the Battle of Shenandoah Valley. He was appointed as *major by brevet* for gallant service, and that is the medal he wears on his left side over his heart in

the photo of him on horseback. Notice also that his hat in the photo is adorned with the tail from a whitetail buck. That is exactly why he is exhibiting his profile in the picture, and not showing his face. He is proudly displaying the *bucktail hat* that meant so much to him.

There were seven companies of the Pennsylvania Bucktails. Most of the soldiers were woodsmen, frontiersmen, and farmers and were conditioned for the rigors of outdoor life. The tail of the whitetail deer was adopted as their regimental badge of honor. Deer tails were placed on the hat of each recruit.

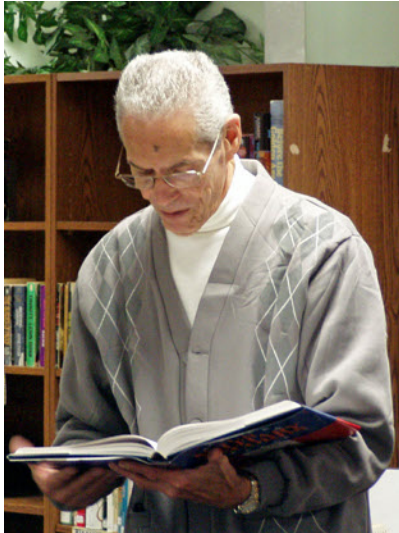
The Pennsylvania Bucktails were companies



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Military Records with a Michigan Emphasis

An attentive audience of over 30 family researchers and others interested in learning more about how to search for war records listened to presentations given by Sam Pardee and Cynthia Grostlick at the Parks Library on October 1.



Sam reviewed the history of Michigan men at war prior to the Civil War relating that the first significant such participation was in the Black Hawk War in 1832. Other wars and skirmishes covered included the Toledo War of 1835, the Patriot War in Quebec in 1838 and 1839 and the Mexican War from 1846 to 1848. Sam also related the legacy of Captain John Riley and the Saint Patrick's Battalion that joined forces with Mexico in that war (see the accompanying story).

Finally Sam referred us to the book "My Children's Children" and advised us of the importance of getting our own stories and recent past family histories recorded. In this respect, he shared a question-

naire he developed and uses when interviewing immediate family and other relatives about their vital statistics, specific events and memories. He assured us that anyone with a way with words like his could then use the completed questionnaire to write an informative and interesting story to share with the family.

Following a very tasty lunch enjoyed by the participants while networking and trading stories, Cynthia provided a review of the information that can be found in the War Department Personnel Records. She also provided extensive information on the procedures and resources, including an extensive list of related websites, for finding and obtaining the service records of those who served in WWI and WWII.



A copy of Sam's questionnaire and Cynthia's handouts are available on request to the huronshoresgs@yahoo.com email site.

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organized under the auspices of the 1st Pennsylvania Rifles Regiment. Captain Hugh McDonald's Company G was called *The Elk Rifles* and was organized in Elk County, Pennsylvania.

While serving, Captain Hugh McDonald was wounded at the Battles of Gettysburg and Cross Keys and was injured in the head and lost partial sight, smell, and hearing. He was discharged from military duty at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on June 11, 1864.

The captain and his wife moved from Pennsylvania to Tonawanda, New York, then to East Tawas, Michigan sometime around 1868/1869. McDonald and his wife moved to East Tawas because their daughter, Mrs Albert French, also resided in the city.

While residing in East Tawas, McDonald constructed and painted his own home, which proved to be one of the

most lavish residences in the area. He traveled extensively and even returned to the Gettysburg battlefield to spend one night to reflect about his military career.

Captain Hugh McDonald was one of the first trustees of the Congregational Church of East Tawas. He was a steward of the Baldwin Lodge No 274 Masonic Society and was an officer in the G K Warren GAR Post, which was organized in July of 1882. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows for over thirty years.

Frances Taber/Tabor McDonald was born about 1833 and died on November 5, 1891.

Captain Hugh McDonald died at East Tawas on July 29, 1894 due to heart failure. Mathematically, he was about 63 years of age, even though local Evans-King funeral home records state that he was 58 years old. His funeral cost \$40.

Our Regular Meetings

Our regular business meeting are held quarterly at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

Our next meetings are:

January 19, 2012 April 19, 2012

We meet at the "A Different Blend Coffee House" in East Tawas.

Our office is open whenever the Parks Library is open:

Monday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 - 5:00

Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday 9:00 - 8:00

HSGS 2012 Election

Shortly after Christmas, HSGS members will receive via snail mail a ballot for electing 2012 HSGS officers. Because HSGS officers are elected for a two-year term, only one name will appear on the ballot this year for election.

Lauri Finerty, also known as The Cemetery Lady, has been nominated for the position of Vice-President. Her name will be on the ballot included in the mailing. Members receiving ballots will be encouraged to return the self-addressed and stamped postcard by January 15, 2012.

If elected, Lauri's term will begin at the January 2012 meeting of HSGS.

SAINT PATRICK'S BATTALION

(The San Patricios during the War with Mexico, 1846-1848)

Dubious about why they were fighting a Catholic country and fed up with mistreatment by their Anglo-Protestant officers, hundreds of Irish, along with many German and other immigrants deserted the American Army and joined forces with Mexico. They were led by a Captain John Riley, who had immigrated from County Galway. They called themselves "St Patrick's Battalion". In Mexico, they were referred to as the "San Patricio's".

Each San Patricio who deserted from the US side was interned after the war in Mexico and subsequently given an individual court-martial trial. Many of the Irish were set free, but some paid the ultimate price. Roughly half of the defectors who were executed by the US for desertion were Irish.

Primarily due to their battle-field exploits, especially suffering severe casualties in a major battle, the San Patricios are considered heroes. To honor them, Mexico has ceremonies two times a year, September 12 which is the anniversary of the executions, and St. Patrick's Day in March.

In the Mexico city of San Angel, a suburb of Mexico City, there is a commemorative plaque that lists the names of all members of the battalion who lost their lives fighting for Mexico, either in battle or by execution. In 1983, the Mexican government authorized a special commemorative medallion honoring the San Patricios.

In 1993, the Irish began their own annual ceremony in Clifden, County Galway, Ireland, hometown of the former Captain John Riley,

There is even a coastal town named San Patricio in Jalesco named in honor of the Battalion.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Huron just South of the Singing Bridge. We were married that year (1962) and had two children while still living in Chicago. To her credit, she stuck with me during a 21 year career with PHS which included assignments in seven different states and two US territories in the Pacific. Following retirement in Hawaii, realizing we couldn't make it as a private consultant, I accepted a position with Operations Management International (OMI), subsidiary of the engineering firm CH2MHill foolishly believing that life in the private sector would be more stable assignment wise. After five assignments in five states in 12 years, both Jeanne and I finally realized life would be better without all the re-locations and we retired from our final assignment to company headquarters in Denver and came to Oscoda.

I stumbled on genealogy while looking for things to keep

me occupied in retirement and learning that my brother, John had dabbled in it and had lost interest. Picking up where he had left off, I have successfully traced our family roots back to all the old country locations except for the Netherlands. There is still hope as I have three unknown lines that lived in southern Ohio and western Pennsylvania in the early 1800s of still unknown earlier origin.

I plan to keep working on this as most of the joy is in the doing. While it might be nice to be handed a family tree taking a branch of the family back several generations, it is much more enjoyable growing one's own. I do pity the task that future members of the family will face 100 years from now if any try to trace our current family roots. I can only hope that my work will be available to them.

