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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> 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 (Feb 29) 606 indexes, 15,987 printed pages long, and 754,702 names indexed. All these files are on HSGS's CD, and 91% 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 | Mar |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| On the web with a current date | 138 | 159 | 188 | 224 | 247 | 254 | 258 | 286 | 370 | 440 | 451 |
| On the web with an outdated date | 122 | 126 | 125 | 123 | 123 | 125 | 122 | 124 | 99 | 100 | 101 |
| Sent to the web site but not yet on | 8 | 18 | 0 | 28 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New indexes not yet sent to web site | 151 | 136 | 89 | 26 | 77 | 96 | 115 | 112 | 71 | 12 | 21 |
| New indexes keypunched but not edited | 0 | 0 | 44 | 57 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 15 |
| New indexes partially keypunched | 0 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 21 | 18 |
| Total | 419 | 439 | 449 | 469 | 486 | 514 | 528 | 551 | 568 | 587 | 606 |

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

HSGS's Newsletter Mailing Labels. A suffix has being added to the end of the name, which will indicate the expiration status of your HSGS membership. If the membership status on your March Newsletter is not correct please contact HSGS immediately. The April 2004 newsletter will not be mailed in to you unless the label shows a 2004 or later calendar year membership expiration date. Other codes indicate: An (Ex) indicates newsletter exchange 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 Herald: 1905 Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec.* By Joan Doerr of Ellicot City MD.
- *Index To Herald: 1906 Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May.* By Joan Doerr of Ellicot City MD.
- *Index To Saginaw News: 1888-2004 Deaths.* By Charles Birnbaum of Tawas City MI.
- *Index To Tawas Area High School Yearbook: 1968.* By Jim Farrand of National City MI.
- *Index To Tawas Area High School Yearbook: 1966.* By Jim Farrand of National City MI.
- *Index To Tawas Area High School Yearbook: 1970.* By Jim Farrand of National City MI.
- *Index To Hale Area High School Yearbook: 1963.* By Marieanne Carraway of Oscoda MI.
- *Index To Michigan Centennial Farms.* By David Dressel of Tempe AZ.
- *Index To Wurtsmith Air Force Base Yearbook: 1964.* By Alonzo Sherman of Oscoda MI.

New Books Added this Month to HSGS's Library:

- *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes,* by Cyprien Tanguay: 1608-1700 v1-7 (On a CD). Donated by Rodney Olsen of Ossineke MI.
- *Saginaw News Obits For Ties To Iosco County Michigan: 1888-2004.* Donated by Charles Birnbaum of Tawas City MI.
- *Tawas Area High School Yearbooks for 1966, 1997 & 1998.* Copies made by HSGS with permission of Sandy Whitford of Tawas City MI.
- *University Of Michigan Yearbook: 1924.* Purchased by HSGS.

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)
- *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.
- *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).
- *Michigan's Early Military Forces* (Estimated 8,000 names). Must in done in the local area.
- *Michigan Voyageurs*, (Estimated 600 Names).
- *American Revolutionary Soldiers In Michigan*, (Estimated 1,080 names).
- *University Of Michigan Yearbook: 1924, (Estimated 5,600 names)*.
- *Michigan Biographies, (estimated 4,500 names)*. Must be done in Parks Library.
- *Hale Area High School 100 Year History 1901-2002* (Estimated 2,000 names).

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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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

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| 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 th 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.

Family History Basics. Avoiding the following five all-to-common mistakes. (See the full article on the web at Ancestry.com (Family Roots Feature Page). This article submitted by Charles Birnbaum.

| Mistake | Solution |
|---|--|
| 1. Not documenting your research. | Keep a research log. |
| 2. Using only one spelling. | Use different spellings and name combinations. |
| 3. Accepting records at face value. | Use Multiple records and resources. |
| 4. Extracting only part of the record. | Look at the bigger picture. |
| 5. Going straight to a country of origin. | Follow the trail and move backward. |

Recent Comments About HSGS Web Site (Bragging!):

- Thank you for doing this special work so that others may search for their family. Michigan has the best access to these kinds of records. I have found none more superior. (Saint Helens OR).
- The work being done by the volunteers is phenomenal!!! (AuGres, MI).
- Thank you for your time and effort in taking on what must have been an immense project. (Trburon, CA).
- Thank you so much. This was a piece of information needed for a book I am writing on the gas industry. I am a retired librarian and indexer of the Kalamazoo Gazette and know of the wonderful assistance from librarians and genealogists societies. (Kalamazoo, MI).
- Thank you so much for your recent research and vital information that you have sent you're your society and the library wherein you work are very state of the art. And have contributed so much by your data entry skills and time. (Mesa, AZ)
- Your newsletter is a good one. (Kalkaska, MI).
- Thank you very much for all the help I have gotten from you, you all are doing a great job helping researches get a hold on their families. (Muskegon, MI)

- I don't know how other people feel about this project [Indexing the Tawas Herald], but it's opened up a whole new world for me - changed my ancestors from names and dates to REAL PEOPLE. And it also gives me a sense that I know who their friends were, what life was like in their little community and all that. Much more meaning than just names and dates! (Joan Doerr [a Tawas Herald indexer], Ellicott City, MD).

Question: what Is An Index? In genealogical terms, an index is an alphabetical list of names that were taken from a particular set of records. For example, a census record index lists the names of individuals that are found in a particular set of census records. Indexes mostly come in book form, but you can also find them on CD-ROM, microfilm, and microfiche. (Family Tree Talk v31n1p14, March 2004). For some reason this writer forgot to mention that many indexes are also on the Internet. (Editor).

Computer Café. Researching your Michigan ancestors? Take a look at this helpful site! www.accessgenealogy.com/michigan. (Family Tree Talk v31n1p14, March 2004).

Michigan Biographies. This is an excellent collection of about 4,500 Michigan Biographies of distinguished Michigan residents from the early days to 1999. A copy is in the Parks Library, call number Mi/997.4/Mi.

"Mike Alda," the pet crow, returned this week from the sunny south. He is about one week earlier this year than last. (Tawas Herald 03/23/1906, submitted by Joan Doerr).

Watch Your Step. The most disgusting sight that greets the eyes of strangers in our city at present is the numerous decorations on our sidewalks, which evidence the fact that cows are allowed to run at large. (The Tawas Herald, May 15 1903. Submitted by Jim Farrand).

Irish Memories. The earliest Irish settlers in American missed "the Old Sod." They proudly wanted to be remembered as Irish-born. Almost uniformly, their gravestones name their birthplaces. There are no other immigrants that consistently memorialize their homeland, as do the Irish. (Catholic Weekly 3/18-24/2000).

Thou Shalt Not! A growing trend among primarily newer family genealogists is one of gimme, gimme, gimme. The following list is an abstract of the list: (The Rear View Mirror, Ford Genealogy Club, v9n1p6 March 2004).

1. Thou shalt not call for assistance and ramble on and on for 15 minutes and expect the person you're calling to know everything about them in total recall.
2. Thou shalt not write, e-mail or call and say "give me all you've got" on my family.
3. Thou shalt not send a letter to an individual or a historical society asking for information and not include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
4. Thou shalt not ask for information via e-mail, snail mail or phone and not say thank you when you receive the information you desire!
5. Thou shalt not argue with the individual trying to help you.
6. Thou shalt not contact a historical society and ask for voluminous information.
7. Thou shalt not expect someone else to do all your work for you.
8. Thou shalt not moan and groan about how long it is taking you to get over a brick wall.
9. Thou shalt not just contact someone whose name you see on the Internet living in your state and expect them to know everything about your state.
10. Thou shalt not make phone calls after 9pm, before 8am, and on Sundays during normal church time or family time.

HSGS Produces the 600th Index. On March 22d 2004 David A Dressel of Tempe AZ emailed HSGS the completed Index of 4,165 names taken from *The Centennial Farms Of Michigan*. This was HSGS's 600th produced index. David has now produced five indexes for HSGS. Our indexes now included 747,080 names. David, both HSGS and our patrons thank you very much.

Land Records Tip. In the lower left corner of most old deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side of the family; the next one is always from the

wife's side- to protect her one-third dowry right under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds. In addition, in the 1880s and before, it was tradition when the daughter married as part of her dowry, the father would either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. (Northville Genealogical Society Newsletter, Nov 2003).

New Genealogy Search Site Appears. This free site will help you use Google™ to research your genealogy. It will create different Google searches using tips or "tricks" that will likely improve your search results. The different searches will give you many different ways of using Google to find ancestry information on the Internet. Just provide what you know about an ancestor and the site will set up the best searches for you, based on what you enter.

So what does the Genealogy Search Help site offer that Google does not? The answer is one word: convenience. The Genealogy Search Help site does not find any data that you cannot find by yourself on Google. However, it does help you quickly narrow your focus in what would otherwise be an ocean of data. This service is especially good for Google novices who have not yet learned to use Google's more advanced features.

The Genealogy Search Help site is supported by advertising, and there seem to plenty of ads to go around. You can experiment with this new service at: <http://www.genealogy-search-help.com/>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/22/2004).

Proposed Legislation Would Wreak Havoc for Genealogists. A new bill before the U.S. Congress proposes to overturn one of the most fundamental concepts of the present copyright laws. If passed, facts would become copyrighted for the first time in U.S. history.

The Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act (HR3261) would make it a crime for anyone to copy and redistribute a substantial portion of data collected by commercial database companies and list publishers.

If passed, Google and all the other search engines would be crippled, probably driven out of business. These are online databases that collect information, or facts, from other online sites so that the user can quickly find the information they seek. If Google and the others are not allowed to collect facts that are now copyrighted, how will they be able to index the Web for you?

The language in this proposed legislation contradicts the core principle of the present copyright acts, which state that mere information and ideas cannot be protected works. You can read more about this proposed legislation in Wired News at <http://www.wired.com/news/print/0,1294,62500,00.html>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/15/2004).

Order Federal Military Pension Application Files Online. The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration has a safe and secure Web server for that purpose. You can also order various reference services that are useful for beginner genealogists. If you are a veteran or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran, you can also use eVetRecs to obtain military service records for World War I or subsequent service. The National Archives' online ordering service accepts all major credit cards. To learn more, look at <https://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline/start.swe?SWECmd=Start>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/15/2004).

Palmer List of Merchant Vessels. Do you know the name of a vessel that your ancestor sailed on to reach the United States? By finding more information about that vessel, you might gain new insights into your ancestor's travels. The Palmer List of Merchant Vessels is an online database, which includes wherever possible, the name of vessel, its rigging, and its nationality. In a few cases there are photographs available. You can access the Palmer List of Merchant Vessels online at: <http://www.geocities.com/mppraetorius>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/08/2004).

Online Genealogy Course from Barnes and Noble. Barnes & Noble is offering a free online course in genealogy, taught by Emily Croom. The course is titled "Unpuzzling Your Past: An Introduction to Genealogy and Family History." The estimated completion time is 16 hours over four weeks. You will have to register, which is free, in order to participate in the course. The books that are needed to complete the course are "Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy" and "The Unpuzzling Your Past Workbook: Essential Forms and Letters for All Genealogists," available through Barnes and Noble, as well as other bookstores. You can find this online genealogy course at <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/08/2004).

New Genealogical Newsletter. The Allen County Public Library Historical Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana is pleased to announce our electronic newsletter, "Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library." To subscribe to this mailing list send a message with ACPL NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBE in the subject line to: kspears@acpl.lib.in.us. You will NOT receive a confirmation message; you will just begin to receive the newsletters, which are scheduled to be published approximately once a month.

Arizona Birth and Death Records Are Now Online. Arizona's laws state that birth certificates can become public only after 75 years. Death certificates become public after 50 years. You can access Arizona birth and death records online at: <http://genealogy.az.gov>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/01/2004),

Expansion of Kentucky GenWeb Project. The KYGenWeb Project is very proud to announce the latest addition to our "Special Collections" of research references for those with Kentucky roots, the Kentucky Vital Records Project: See this at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~kygenweb/kvrp>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 03/01/2004).

PERSI Online. HeritageQuest Online division has released PERSI Online. The Periodical Source Index, or PERSI, is the largest subject index to genealogical and historical periodical articles in the world. Created by the foundation and department staff of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, PERSI is widely recognized as being a vital source for genealogical researchers. ProQuest's online products are not available directly to private individuals, but are available at several larger libraries. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/29/2004).

Genealogy Online For Dummies. *Genealogy Online For Dummies, 4th Edition* by Matthew and April Helm has just been released. The new edition is a complete rewrite of the popular book. It focuses more on using both offline and online resources together to reach research goals. The book also includes a bonus CD with Family Tree Maker and Legacy Family Tree software, plus various genealogical utilities and trial programs. You can find more information, at <http://www.genealogydirect.com/gofd4.cfm?eo>. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/29/2004).

MyFamily.com's Financial Information. As a privately-held company, MyFamily.com does not publicly disclose its financial information. However, it was interesting to see some numbers mentioned in the Wall Street Journal's "Making Them Pay" article on March 22, 2004. According to the Journal, MyFamily.com has annual revenues of \$100 million per year and has been profitable since the third quarter of 2001. The majority of that revenue is generated by the company's Ancestry.com Web site. See <http://www.wsj.com> for a fee (of course). (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/29/2004).

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:

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|--------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |

| Name | Current Projects | E-mail | Phone |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 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 |
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| 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 |

Huron Shores Genealogical Society
 C/o Robert J Parks Public library
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SPRING THOUGHTS - - - -

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER AND POOP ON YOUR CAR.

IF YOU CAN'T BE KIND. AT LEAST HAVE THE DECENCY TO BE VAGUE.

A PENNY SAVED IS A GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT.

DID YOU EVER NOTICE: WHEN YOU PUT THE 2 WORDS "THE" AND "IRS"
 TOGETHER IT SPELLS "THEIRS"

THE EASIEST WAY TO FIND SOMETHING LOST AROUND THE HOUSE IS TO BUY
 A REPLACEMENT.

HE WHO HESITATES IS PROBABLY RIGHT.



Grave Markers Moved for Septic System. A Nashville, Indiana, man faces trial on charges that he moved grave markers at a historic cemetery to make room for a septic system for his home.

Daniel B. Scalpelli, 48, was charged in December 2001 with disturbing Fleetwood Cemetery as he worked on the septic system for his new home near Morgantown. Scalpelli faces a felony charge of disturbing a cemetery without a permit and misdemeanor charges of cemetery mischief and moving a grave memorial without a recording. His bench trial, before Brown Circuit Judge Judith Stewart, is scheduled to begin this week.. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/29/2004).

Modern Detective Finds Unmarked Graves. Elizabeth Wilson-Agin is a geophysicist who owns her own consulting business specializing in finding unmarked graves. "I'm the only one in the United States who does what I do that I know of," Wilson-Agin said. "Surprisingly, I get a lot of people that call me and want my help finding unmarked graves."

The Kansas resident uses the latest technology to examine the soil. Ground-penetrating radar has been used successfully in some locations. While Wilson-Agin has that technology available, she says that the radar does not work well in the predominantly clay soil of Kansas. Her primary tool is an electro-magnetic conductivity meter, supplemented by a number of other high-tech devices.

[Click here](#) to read more in an article by Tom Stoppel, published in the Hillsboro Free Press. Wilson-Agin can be reached by e-mail at infinitygeo@yahoo.com. (Dick Eastman Newsletter 02/29/2004).