



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 (March 31 2007) 1,051 indexes, 25,860 printed pages, and 1,142,896 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	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Mar
On the web, current	811	834	830	835	849	871	877	891	904	928
On the web, out dated	54	49	55	54	55	54	54	54	54	54
New, not yet sent to web	17	3	6	14	16	5	13	13	20	24
Future, being edited	6	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Future, partially keypunched	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	37	38
Totals	924	928	935	946	963	973	987	1001	1022	1051

HSGS member and Vice-president Dan Stock is HSGS's Web Master and places our indexes directly on our USGENWEB web site.

Time to pay the 2007 dues. This year if you request it with your payment you will be sent a CD of our indexes. Please sent your \$10.00 membership check payable to the Huron Shores Genealogical Society, along with your current mailing & email addresses.

FLASH! The microfilmed copies of 1884-1928 Tawas Herald newspaper have all been indexed as of March 21 2007. Joan Doerr, formerly of Ellicot City MD and now of Gettysburg PA indexed all issues except 1911 which was indexed by Jennifer Selbred of Mojave CA. The Tawas herald is one the most used resource HSGS has, and that is because of it being indexed. The Tawas Herald all-name-index includes 314 indexes, 9,681 printed pages and 438,645 name citations: With about 98% being done by Joan Doerr. The Tawas Herald indexes include about 38 % of all names in our master index of 1,141,106 name citations. Thank you Joan & Jennifer, your happy patrons are many.

New Indexes Added This Month:

- The Warbler: May 1978, Jun 1978, Sep 1978, Oct 1978, Nov 1978, Dec 1978, Feb 1979, Mar 1978 & Apr 1978. By Barbara Johnson of Eden Prairie MN.
- The Tawas Herald: Feb-Jun 1901; Jan-Dec 1912; Jan 1929; & Sep 1929. By Joan Doerr of Gettysburg PA.

New Books This Month:

- 7 large boxes full of a variety of genealogical society newsletters: Will be detailed over the next few months. By Carol Adams of East Tawas MI.
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HSGS's Treasurers Report (February 28 2007). Savings \$1,210.51, Checking \$758.74, cash \$2.00, = Total \$1,971.25.

Wurtsmith Newspapers: 1955-1993. Marianne Carraway of Oscoda MI has volunteered to index the Wurtsmith Newspapers. This is a major undertaking and our patrons will be well served by these indexes. Thank you Marianne!

Tawas Herald Hard Copies of 1929-1946. Joan Doerr is now starting to index to 1929-1946 hard copy issues (about 25% of the issues are missing) that were donated to HSGS by Neil Thornton several years ago. The years 1929-1940 are very significant as it represents a gap where only a few of the Iosco County newspapers have been indexed. The News Herald did not start until 1941 and only scattered issues of the Oscoda Press exists for 1929-1940. Hopefully some day, the full set of the 1929-1946 hard copy issues of the Tawas Herald owned by Neil Thornton will become available to the public.

INDEXERS ROLL OF HONOR

See the January 2007 Newsletter, the next update is planned for July 2007.

TRAINING AVAILABLE (One Time Events):

January through March is the largest number of training programs during the year: Enjoy!

<u>Year/Mo/Day</u>	<u>Description/Location/Contact</u>
2007/04/14 Sat	30 th Annual Spring Seminar-Genealogical Society of Monroe County (GSMC), MI, at the Monroe County Community College, Admin Bldg, 1555 S Raisinville Rd, Monroe MI 48161. Info at GSMC, POB 1428, Monroe MI 48161-6428.
2007/04/22 Sun	Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Local History Conference, Wayne State University. Info 248-541-0403 or 313-884-0039 or <cpsrch@aol.com>.
2007/04/28 Sat	HSGS's Spring training session- "Researching Canadian Genealogical Records," speaker Roger Miller from Ontario, Canada. At Parks Public Library in Oscoda, MI, 12-5pm Saturday April 28 2007.
2007/05/12 Sat	Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Beginner's Workshop. Info 248-541-0403 or 313-884-0039 or <cpsrch@aol.com>.
2007/07/13-14 Fri-Sat	Land Records & Genealogy Symposium, Southeast Community College, Beatrice NB. More info at kmorgan@southeast.edu or 800-233-5027.
2007/07/20-21 Fri-Sat	Abrams Genealogy Seminar Details- Check Lib of Mi web site for details.
2007/08/15-18 Wed-Sat	Federation of Genealogical Societies & Allen County Public Library will hold their conference "Meeting at the Crossroads of America", at Grand Wayne Center, Ft Wayne IN. See < www.fgs.org/2007conf/FGS-2007.htm >.

2007/10/07 Sat	Washington DC Genealogy Tune-Up Tips. Fairfax VA Gen Soc 3 rd Annual; Gen Fair, contact www.fxgs.org .
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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
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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

FOR-FEE-RESEARCHERS1. **Iosco County Michigan:**

- **Naomi Stonehouse**, 111 5th Ave, Tawas City Michigan 48763, 989-362-8187, alvena2000@yahoo.com.
- **Jean Dudley**, 4591 Deep River Rd, Standish MI 48658, 989-846-4653, defdudley@eJourney.com.
- **Iosco County News-Herald**, 110 W State St, POB 72, East Tawas MI 48730, 989-362-3456. Reportedly published articles can be purchased for \$5.00 per page plus postage.

2. **Arenac County Michigan:**

- **Jean Dudley**, 4591 Deep River Rd, Standish MI 48658, 989-846-4653, defdudley@eJourney.com.
- **Arenac County Historical Society & Museum**, 304 E Michigan Ave, Au Gres MI 48703, 989-876-6399.

3. **Other Michigan Counties:** Inquire at the Library of Michigan for a list of for-fee-researchers, 717 Allegan St, Box 30007, Lansing MI 48909, 517-373-1580.**THE FOLLOWING WAS SENT TO HSGS BY THE MI GEN COUNCIL:**

**Guidance from the Division of Vital Records & Health Statistics, MDCH
March 2006:**

Public Inspection of Vital Records at Local Registrar Offices.**Purpose:**

Access to birth RECORDS LESS THAN 110 YEARS OLD, OR ACCESS TO marriage or death records LESS THAN 75 YEARS OLD in a local office must be restricted to situations that meet the definitions set up within Michigan Law and Administrative Rules.

Current Michigan Law and Administrative Rules prohibit the direct review of vital record files, except in unusual circumstances. These circumstances are limited to the inspection of specific individual marriage and death records in a local registrar's office. Inspection of indexes is clearly allowed under both Michigan Law and Administrative Rules.

Secondly, the Social Security Number Privacy Act of 2004 (MCL 445.83) allows Michigan vital records offices to issue certified copies of vital records that contain social security numbers to eligible applicants. However, the law does not allow for the physical inspection of vital records that contain social security numbers.

GUIDANCE FOR BIRTH RECORDS MORE THAN 110 YEARS OLD, OR MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS MORE THAN 75 YEARS OLD, WILL BE ADDRESSED IN A SEPARATE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT.

Legal Rationale:

MCL 333.2895 states "The state registrar or a local registrar or an agent or employee of the state or local registrar shall not disclose or permit the inspection or copying of information contained in the system of vital statistics except as authorized by this part or the procedures adopted under section 2896." Section 2896 gives the department the right to promulgate administrative rules. Within the administrative rules, R325.3234 outlines public inspection and copying of vital records. A copy of this rule is attached.

Subrule 2 states that a vital record at the office of a local registrar shall not be open to public inspection, except when a local registrar determines that a person eligible to receive a copy of a selected individual record has a legitimate research interest in inspecting the record.

Subrule 3 states that a local registrar may allow any person who is eligible to receive a copy of a record, and who has a legitimate research interest in inspecting the record to inspect vital records books of marriages and deaths when the individual record of interest cannot be located in the place specified in the index or when there is a possibility that the document may not have been properly recorded or indexed.

Subrule 4 states that a local registrar may restrict access to records or indexes which are determined to be in such a state of deterioration that public use of the index or document may result in damage to the record or index.

Subrules 2 & 3 are the only exceptions within Michigan Law to allow for the public inspection of vital records. And, if the local registrar determines that public inspection of the records may damage deteriorating records, those two exceptions can be restricted.

The Social Security Number Protection Act of 2004, further prohibits the public inspection of documents that contain social security numbers.

Eligible individuals have the ability to request certified copies of vital records contained in either the state or local registrar's office. This directive will not impact that process, nor will it impact the ability of individuals to inspect marriage and death indexes at the local registrar's office. Rather, this will only impact individuals who wish to peruse through vital record books.

