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## INDEXERS ARE THE GENEALOGIST'S BEST FRIEND

**HSGS's Web Site.** Our web site is no longer hosted by rootsweb.com, and has gone through a major change in the last several months, and still needs several changes that are noted below in italics. Our address now is [www.usgenweb.org/mi](http://www.usgenweb.org/mi), and then select Iosco County and three tables will appear: (1) Iosco County Resources, (2) State of Michigan Resources, and (3) United States National Resources:

- If you wish to do a **SIMPLE SEARCH** of all Iosco County indexes (including HSGS indexes): From the "Iosco County Resources Table" go to the search block, titled Search the USGenWeb Archives, in the lower left corner of the Iosco County Resources Table and enter you search words and click on the word "<<Iosco."
- If your wish to do an **ADVANCE SEARCH** all of Iosco County indexes (Including HSGS indexes): From the "Iosco County Resources Table" click on the word "<<Iosco" in the search block in the lower left corner titled Search the USGenWeb Archives and an advanced search menu will appear; then fill in the options offered on the search menu (Be sure Iosco County is selected) and then click search. *(At this time the index titles do not appear in the search results. We have asked that the title be made mandatory, or at least optional).*
- If you wish only to **BROWSE** all the HSGS indexes: Go to the "State of Michigan Resources Table" and click on Huron Shores Genealogical Society Michigan Archives Collection. At this time there is no search engine just for the HSGS's indexes. *(We have asked that one be added to this page. Also we have asked that this page be moved to the Iosco County Resource Table and that Michigan be removed from the title).*
- If you wish to **READ** our Newsletters from 2004-2008: Go to the "Iosco County Resources Table" and click on the block title. HSGS Newsletters.

We currently have 1,265 indexes, 30,433 printed pages, and 1,343,248 name citations indexed: If indexes were printed out they would be about 9 feet tall and weighs about 300 pounds.

All these files are on HSGS's master file on our computers external hard drives, & on a 2-CD set that we sell. But only about 98% are on the web site (Which does not include about 10-20 new indexes within the last month or two, draft indexes not yet finished, & a some administrative corrections). The history and current status of our master indexes & CD follows:

Master Index Status	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	MAY	Jun	Jul
Current	1057	1063	1081	1104	1122	1130	1138	1147	1169	1178	1191	1201
Outdated (Introduction)	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
New This Month	6	18	22	15	12	8	10	22	9	15	10	5
Editing In Progress	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	6
Partially Done	23	23	23	23	23	23	26	23	26	23	23	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1123</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>1179</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>1198</b>	<b>1211</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>1252</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>1265</b>

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

**Indexes Added This Month:**

- o The Herald: 1936(06), 1936(07), 1936(08), 1936(09). By Joan Doerr of Ellicott City MD.
- o Alcona County Newspaper Clippings of Vital Records: 1877-1899. By Robert L Ferret of Ypsilanti MI & Donald A Ferrett of the State of Virginia.

**New Books This Month**, donated by Robert L Ferret & Donald A Ferrett:

- o Birth, Marriages, Divorces, Bigamy, & Death Notices from the Alcona County Review & a few from the Alcona County Herald, Vol 2 1900-1909 (Final).

**Files Scanned This Month, by Alonzo Sherman:**

- o Upson, Charles Mrs & Mrs

**HSGS's Treasurers Report:** Cash \$36.13, Savings \$1,259.78, Checking \$935.92 = Total \$2,231.83.

**TRAINING AVAILABLE (One Time Events):**

<b>Year/Mo/Day</b>	<b>Description/Location/Contact</b>
2008/Summer	The Traveling Exhibition, America's Heritage: A History of U. S. Immigration is coming this summer to the Castle Museum in Saginaw MI. More info call Irene Hensinger at 989-752-2862 Ext 301.
2009/10/15-19	Midland Genealogical Society Seminar, Valley Plaza Resort in Midland MI. More info later.



**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). Officers, active project leaders and indexers are listed below:

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**DIFFERENCE MAKERS:**  
**ALONZO SHERMAN**

Imagine 284 pounds of indexes. That's how much the results of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society's <a href="http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miosco/huronpage.htm">rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miosco/huronpage.htm</a> indexing project, if printed, would weigh.

The group tackles city directories, church records, tax rolls, the *Tawas Herald*, the *Wurtsmith Warbler* and much more, and makes their indexes available on a \$10 CD and free on Michigan GenWeb at <a href="http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgenweb/miosco/3501tags.htm">rootsweb.ancestry.com/~usgenweb/miosco/3501tags.htm</a>. Members also fill researchers' original-record requests for \$4.

At the center of the project is **Alonzo Sherman**—the "glue that holds it together," says Barbara Johnson, of Eden Prairie, Minn., who sent in his nomination.

The retired civil servant spends a full workweek in his Oscoda, Mich., hometown indexing, coordinating a dozen volunteers and managing the database. "It is gratifying to have our patrons mention they wish the other counties they do research in would have so much information," says Sherman, who did most of his own family research before the Internet era.

He also creates the group's newsletter and volunteers in the library, where Johnson encountered him. "My visit was incredibly more productive because I had the privilege of meeting him," she says. For improving records access, Sherman is this issue's Difference Maker.

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**WEB EXTRA** Do you know someone who's preserved records, eased access to them, helped researchers or raised the profile of genealogy in some other way? Nominate the person as a Difference Maker, and he or she could win \$100 toward a pet project. Learn more at <a href="http://www.familytreemagazine.com/difference">www.familytreemagazine.com/difference</a>.