



HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

Oscoda, Michigan

HSGS Holds French-Canadian Fall Program

On Saturday October 13, 2012 nearly 30 attendees participated in the HSGS fall workshop at the Parks Library in Oscoda. The topic for the day was French-Canadian genealogy.

Roger Miller, who lives in Canada, is a distant cousin of our own Alonzo Sherman. He began the morning program with a session about finding one's ancestors in Canada, especially those with a French background. Miller demonstrated his program using the internet and explained many ways to uncover genealogical information.



Instructor Roger Miller helping Plainfield Township Librarian Cheryl Tyler

For the second portion of the morning program, Phyllis LaVigne, a French-Canadian genealogist from Mio, explained several genealogical books and manuals that should be used for French-Canadian research. With a complete explanation, she described the information found in each book and also told the crowd how to use each book and where one could find the book. Of course, she brought her personal library with her and attendees were able to use the materials for their personal research for the afternoon program.

After a grinder-sandwich lunch, provided by HSGS, the program presenters met with attendees who needed help with their research and/or wanted to ask more detailed questions than the time-frame of the program allowed. This one-on-one help session was a new attempt by HSGS to help those with perplexing genealogical matters. Indeed, this informal portion of the program was well-received by the attendees.

All in all, HSGS planners were pleased with the program and hope to organize more sessions where attendees can gain genealogical research assistance.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

January

- 10 MGC Delegate meeting, Lansing
- 17 HSGS Business Meeting
Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas

February

- 12 **How to Use "Seeking Michigan"**
Robert Parks Library,
Oscoda, MI: 6:00-8:00 pm

March

- 14 MGC Delegate meeting, Lansing

April

- 17 HSGS Business Meeting
Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas



Instructor Phyllis LaVigne with President Sheldon

Louis Paschal Chevalier, French Canadian fur trader

By Judy Sheldon, HSGS President

The fur trade of New France was a lucrative, but hard and difficult life for the men who traveled the Great Lakes by canoe, manning their trap grounds. The trappers stopped just long enough at the Straits of Mackinac to arrange for supplies and the sale of their furs with their agent and then off again to trade and check their lines. The inlets of the rivers going into the fur rich interior were places where trading posts were often built. They were manned by Natives or in some cases the wife of the trader. Seldom did these men buy property or leave much of a mark on the land they honored. Louis P Chevalier was unique among them.

Louis P Chevalier was one of the first white residents of the Au Sable River and one of the earliest to claim land in the area near the mouth of the river. Known as the Chevalier Reservation (500 acres), it was recorded in Saginaw County in 1823 with an affidavit from George Shindler and Alexander Bourrassa which stated that Mr. Chevalier had occupied the claim since 1800. They also stated that he had not only occupied the area, but improved it and cultivated it. Interestingly enough when Thomas McKenney, the Superintendent of Indian Affairs from Washington D C, toured the Great Lakes in 1826 he did stop at the river mouth but did not mention Louis. He did mention the mosquitoes and the friendly Natives.

Louis was no stranger to the area before 1800. As a fur trader he frequented the river and the Indian settlements gathering furs and trading from Detroit to Mackinaw. He eventually settled on the Au Sable and built a trading post of hand-hewn logs and block, the remnants were still visible when George Loud settled in Au Sable in 1866. Loud said that the old log house stood on the banks of the AuSable where the Wigwam stood. The Wigwam was the "opera house" in AuSable before the fire of 1911.

The Loud's have a direct connection to the Chevaliers. After Louis died in Chicago in 1837, his only living heir, Josephine Chevalier Bourassa, sold the Chevalier Reservation to Joseph Compau in 1849. He was a well known businessman from Detroit. Compau had done business with Louis and his son on many occasions during the years of trading and knew of the land Louis had

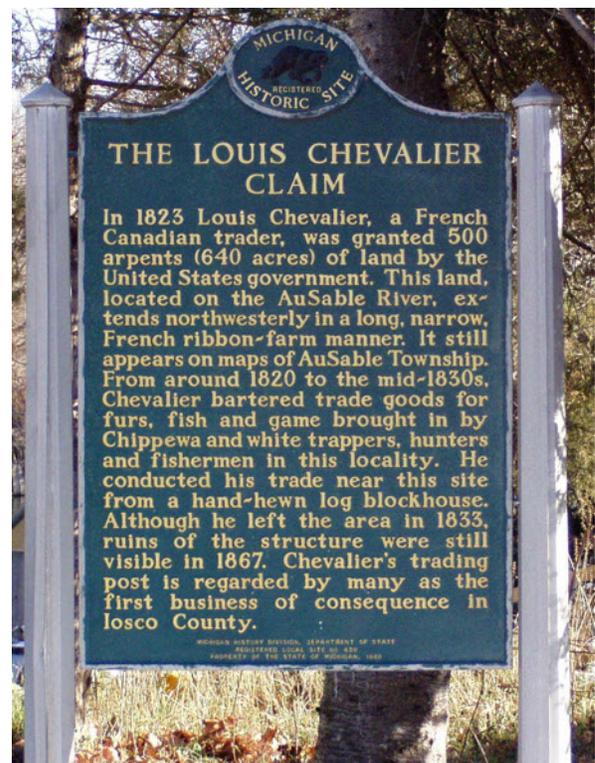
on the Au Sable. It was from Compau's heir that the firm of Loud, Priest, and Gay purchased the property and built the second steam-powered lumber mill on the Au Sable.

Louis married a Native woman, Josephite. They had at least three children: Archange/Angelique (1800- before 1837), Jean-Baptiste (1803-1834), and Josette (1807-1883). Josette married Mark D Bourassa and they and their children: Eliza and Bernard Frank, lived in Arenac County, MI at least after the sale of the Au Sable property. Louis died in Chicago, IL where he lived the latter part of his life with his children, who had promised to care for him.

In 1980 The Historical Society of AuSable and Oscoda requested that the State of Michigan recognize Louis for his status of being the first land owner of the area. The historical marker is on Harbor St. between Church and Chevalier in AuSable.

Sources:

The Last of Louis Chevalier by Jim Donaldson
Tour to the Lakes by Thomas McKenney
Various web sites



Native daughter of Oscoda and Survivor of the Fire of 1911, Lorena Spring Volz, turns 107!

By Judy Sheldon and June Pelo

June Pelo informed us that her grandparents emigrated from Finland and settled in Oscoda/AuSable in the 1880s. Some of their descendants still live in Oscoda, but all of the first and second generations have died. The following is an article about her first cousin Lorena Spring Volz, who celebrated her 107th birthday in CA in October. She was born in Oscoda and now lives in Thousand Oaks, CA near her son.

June used to get together with her and hear wonderful stories about living in Oscoda and losing their home in the big fire, events involving her father's farm in Alabaster where the gypsum is being mined, etc. She is sorry that she didn't think about taping the stories Lorena and her sister Lillian, 1903-2003, related.

June's grandparents were Alexander Larsson Wargstrom, 1847-1906, and his wife Maria Sofia Jonasdatter Eklund, 1852-1917. Two of their daughters lived in Oscoda all their lives: Estelle Wargstrom Holder and Alice Wargstrom Haglund. Both of them still have families living in Oscoda.

The following is adapted from an article by Alicia Doyle in the 12/Oct/2012 Ventura County Star with the permission of the editor.

Two days before turning 107 years old, Lorena Volz celebrated her birthday with a vodka tonic and chocolate cake topped with candles as she was surrounded by three generations of family members — including several great-grandchildren.

"I don't have a secret. It just happened," said Volz, who was born Oct. 9, 1905. "I guess I got the right genes."

Volz was the guest of honor Sunday at a party in Thousand Oaks at the home of son Don, and daughter-in-law Kay.

"She's pretty cool," said her great-grandchild, 19-year-old Chloe Volz. "I think about how she was born before women could vote. She lived through two world wars and the Depression, and she's still going strong. She's always happy. You never see her not smiling."

"She has a warm attitude and she's always happy," said Chloe's brother, 17-year-old Sam Volz.

Don Volz jokingly attributed his mother's long life to "orneriness, and doing all the wrong things. She ate

the worst foods in the world. She cooked her fish in bacon grease and her sister lived to be 100."

"I attribute her longevity to her Finnish and German genes," said her granddaughter, Kathy Mardirossian. "Hopefully, I've inherited them, too."



Born in Oscoda, Mich., Volz lived in Detroit and Saginaw, Mich.; Mesa, Ariz.; and Marco Island, Fla., before moving to Thousand Oaks. She has been living at Hillcrest Manor, an assisted-living home, for seven years.

"We put her in Hillside Manor when she was 100 because she was falling and not doing well. She's been there seven years now, and she just thrives," Kay Volz said. As far as her life span is concerned, "it must be genetic because she did everything — she drank quite a bit and smoked until she was 95."

Volz had odd jobs throughout her life and didn't have one profession, Kay Volz said. She married Harold Volz in 1930, but he died in 1969 and she was on her own for quite a while.

Severino Lozano, a registered nurse at Hillside Manor, related that Volz is the oldest person who has ever lived at Hillside Manor. He said. "We have one who's 101, but not as with it and together as Lorena. She still watches her football and still reads her paper."

Lorzono attributes some of her longevity to her family. "They are wonderful and always coming to visit and always engaging her," he said. "It's also her attitude. She's very giving and selfless — she engages her family and even strangers. It's very inspiring to see."

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"The only thing she has is a pacemaker," Kay Volz said. "She just had it replaced. Her cardiologist said it's good for another 10 years — he said she has the heart of a 25-year-old."

The following is an account of Lorena's family in Au Sable, MI. She still has cousins living in Iosco County and many fond memories of growing up in Alabaster.

Alexander Larsson Wargstrom, 1847-1906, son of – **Lars Wargstrom**, is buried in Pinecrest Cemetery, Oscoda, MI. He immigrated from Karleby, Finland in 1872, departing from Gothenberg, Sweden on 6 July 1872 for Grand Rapids. He became a naturalized citizen (Iosco Co V3 P255). The family believes he was recruited by the American lumber companies, worked for and also rented a house from them in Au Sable, the home and all in it were lost in the 1911 fire.

Maria Sofia Jonasdotter Eklund, 1852-1917, daughter of **Jonas Eklund**, buried in Pinecrest Cemetery, Oscoda, MI.

Alexander and Maria were born in Finland and were married 1879 in Au Sable, MI.

They had the following children:

Selma Victoria Wargstrom, 1881-1956, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, East Tawas, MI, married **Arthur Spring**.

Emil Wargstrom, 1883-1930, worked for the lumber companies.

William Wargstrom, 1885-1966, married **Inez Ingeborg Newberg**.

Charles Wargstrom, 1887-1977, worked for the Oliver Mining Co in Eveleth, MN and became superintendent.

Edith Cecelia Wargstrom, 1890-1938, married **Anders Pelo**.

Alice Marie Wargstrom, 1892-1952, buried in Pinecrest Cemetery, Oscoda, MI, married **Alexander Haglund**.

Estella Alexandria Wargstrom, 1895-1977, married **Elmer Holder**.

All the children were born in Iosco County, MI.

After the Fire of 1911 Maria took her daughters Edith, Estella and Alice to Eveleth, MN and Virginia, MN to live near sons Charles and William.

Arthur Spring (Adolf Karlsson Kallstrom), 1878-1969, immigrated in 1886 from Karleby, Finland, briefly operated tourist rooms in East Tawas in the white house south of the State Park and had a farm in Alabaster, MI

Arthur married Selam Wargstrom in 1901 in Au Sable, MI. They had the following children:

Arthur Christopher Spring, 1901-1987, Florida.

Lillian Marie Spring, 1903-2003, was a teacher at the school at Cook dam.

Lorena Spring Volz, 1905 Oscoda - , lived in Au Sable, Oscoda, Alabaster – moved to Flint and Saginaw, now lives in Thousand Oaks, CA, married Harold Volz in 1930. Carl Spring, 1909-1929.

All the children were born in Iosco County, Michigan.

The family was trapped in the town during the 1911 fire, after burying their possessions in the sand, they ran to Lake Huron to escape. They lost their home and never found what they buried. After the fire, they moved to Alabaster, then to East Tawas. Lorena tells of climbing up the ladder on the ore boats anchored at Alabaster to load gypsum.

We hope we can wish Lorena a Happy 108th next October!

FROM THE TAWAS HERALD IN 1940

October

Mrs. Winnifred Moshier is convicted of manslaughter. A partial list of eligible draftees printed (645 of the 800 on file).

November

Mrs. Moshier sentenced to 14-15 years in prison. Arthur A. Bigelow and B. Russ Shaffer volunteer for military service.

December

Miss Marjorie Musolf wins essay contest sponsored by Peoples State Bank.

A&P store moves to a new store in East Tawas, with self service. Built on the former site of the Family Theater.

Ernest Stephen Anschuetz, born 11 February 1861 in Saginaw, dies on 19 December 1940.

William and Keturah Charters

William: 13 March 1860 – 26 February 1938

Keturah: 19 November 1856 – 9 July 1936

By Lugene Daniels

Many of the early pioneer settlers of Reno and Burleigh Townships were attracted to the area because of the land. Not only did the rich, fertile soil promise a future in farming, but it also was extremely affordable. The majestic white pine timber that once stood on the land had been harvested as timber, converted to lumber, and was used to build homes, businesses, and industrial facilities in the rapidly-growing cities of the Midwest, leaving only massive stumps that grasped the clay and loamy topsoils.

Members of the CHARTERS family were among those pioneers that improved their farming property by removing stumps, clearing land, constructing barns and houses, building fences, and earning a living off the land. Oftentimes, to supplement the feeble income of the farm, the families moved to the woods during the winter months and worked in the lumber camps.

Keturah CHAPMAN was born on August 21, 1856 in Kinglake, Houghton Township, Norfolk County, Ontario, Canada. Her parents were Jacob CHAPMAN and Matilda BOUGHNER. Jacob CHAPMAN was a minister. Keturah CHAPMAN spent her childhood in the Norfolk County area of Ontario, as the 1861 and 1871 Canada censuses dictate.

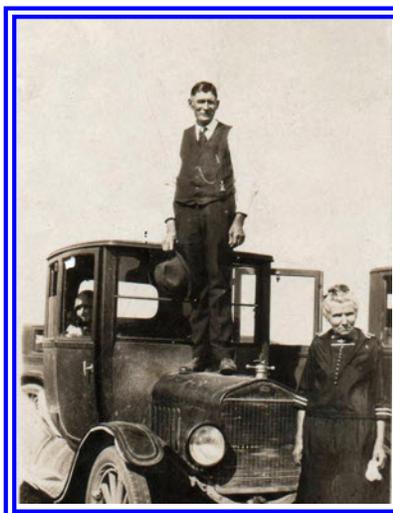
On October 4, 1877 she married John E SMITH in Houghton of Norfolk County, Ontario. Their marriage record was found on a Rootsweb on-line website for Norfolk, Ontario marriages. SMITH, 21, was a farmer, born in Ontario, resided in Windham, and the son of John and Elizabeth SMITH. The record revealed that Keturah CHAPMAN was born in Ontario, resided in Houghton, and was the daughter of Jacob and Matilda CHAPMAN. Witnesses for the service were Ruben GENERAUX and Emma Keturah (a surname was not written), but probably was also GENERAUX. The residence of the witnesses was listed as Walsingham.

When the 1880 United States census was enumerated on June 4, John and Keturah SMITH lived in Grant Township of Iosco County. This was before Reno Township was separated from Grant Township and legally formed, which happened in 1885. The couple resided in

the household of William HAMILTON, age 80, a farmer with a birthplace of Scotland. Also, under the same roof, were two sons of William HAMILTON; William, age 25, and Robert HAMILTON, age 21, both were farm laborers born in Prince Edward Island. John SMITH, age 24, was also listed as a farm laborer. Keturah, age 23, was a housekeeper.

John E SMITH, at the age of 29 years 4 months 18 days, died as a result of a fractured skull from a logging and/or farming accident in Reno Township. His death record is held at the Iosco County Clerk's Office in Tawas City, Michigan. March 28, 1885 is listed as his death date. John and Elizabeth SMITH were listed as his parents.

The widow of John E SMITH, Keturah SMITH, supposedly met William CHARTERS at the lumber camp.



William and Keturah Charters

And, probably their Grandson, Waldo Leslie Inside the auto

Circa 1926

Photo courtesy of Joan Doerr

Family stories that have been handed down stated that she was a cook and he was a water boy at the camp.

On May 3, 1886, the couple married in a service conducted by Rev Isaac HORTON, a Baptist minister, in East Tawas, Iosco County, Michigan. William CHARTERS, 26, was a farmer from Reno Township, and was born in Shelburne, Ontario, according to the record held at the Iosco County Clerk's Office. Keturah (Chapman) SMITH, 28, was also from Reno Township and claimed Norfolk County, Ontario as

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her birthplace. Witnesses for the ceremony were Benjamin and Mrs Margaret CHARTERS, both from Reno Township.

William CHARTERS was the third eldest son of George and Margaret Jane (Madill) CHARTERS. He was born March 13, 1860 in Shelburne, Ontario, Canada. He came to the Reno Township area of Michigan with his parents around 1882, so stated in his obituary. Beside his parents and siblings, William farmed and worked in the lumber camps.

On June 1, 1900, when the federal census was inventoried, William and Keturah CHARTERS resided in Reno Township with their young family. William, age 40, is a farmer, and stated that he was born in March of 1860. On this report he said that he came to the US in 1886. Keturah CHARTERS, age 42, was born in November of 1858. She stated that she arrived in the US in 1880. Georgena M, a daughter, age 10, was born in September of 1889. William R (Roy), a son, age 7, was born in August of 1892.

From the Tawas Herald, March 6, 1903: *Last Saturday William Charters sustained serious injuries by falling from a ladder, the foot of which was placed on some ice causing it to slip while he was on it. Besides several bruises and a sprained ankle, one bone of the right hand is out of place.*

From the Tawas Herald, December 9, 1904: *William Charters, of Reno, has leased the old Monarch house, opposite the depot, and will fit the same up in first-class shape for a hotel. It is to be thoroughly renovated and remodeled, and when completed will make a very neat little hotel. He will conduct a livery stable in connection.*

According to the 1891 Michigan Gazeteer (pages 1479-1480), the Monarch House was located in Tawas City and was owned by Horatio G VAUGHAN. The depot was located on the lakeside corner of the railroad tracks and First Street in Tawas City, therefore the Monarch House was also on First Street, but on the other side of the tracks.

On April 15, 1910 the William CHARTERS family resided in Reno Township. William and Keturah stated

on the census form that they had been married for 23 years. Living with them was their son, Roy W, age 17.

From the Tawas Herald, Whittemore column, November 18, 1910: *Our livery barn changes hands tomorrow. Wm Charters, of Reno, having purchased the business from Will Curtis. He will remove his family to this city. He is welcome here and we unite in wishing him success.*

By 1920 William and Keturah CHARTERS lived in the City of Whittemore. He was 59 and she was 62, as reported on the census for that year. William was a peddler of a variety of merchandise. The couple lived next door to their son, Roy, and family. Roy was 27 years old.

Likewise, the same held true when the 1930 federal census was taken. William and Keturah still resided in the City of Whittemore. The value of their real estate was \$1,000 and they did not own a radio. William was 70 years old and Keturah was 73.

Keturah CHARTERS passed away earlier than her husband. She died on July 9, 1936 in Tawas City at the home of her daughter, Georgena (Charters) LESLIE. two years later, on March 26, 1938, William CHARTERS passed away. Like his wife, he also died at the home of their daughter, Georgena (Charters) LESLIE in Tawas City.



William and Keturah CHARTERS lie next to each other at the Reno Township Cemetery in Iosco County, Michigan.

HSGS's COLLECTION OF PUBLISHED FAMILY HISTORIES - Part 2

These books are located on open-shelves (on the middle shelf on the left wall) in the genealogy area of the Parks Library, and are identified on their spine with the letter "F" (for family histories).

Names shown in this index were taken only from the title and introduction of the collection of published family histories. This is not an index of all the names in the book. These genealogies are reference material and do not circulate. They are available for use in the library when ever the library is open, or the patron may be able to find a copy in their local library.

The complete listing can be found on the HSGS Archive web site.

Title	Surnames	Ref #
Guzik & Vance Family Histories, by Miss Kristi Therese Guzik, ©1993, about 50 pages	Guzik, Vance	FH-045
Raths Family Tree, showing the ancestors & descendants of Charles J Raths & Gertrude Theisen, and 70th wedding anniversary of Charles A Raths & Louise Dederichs, by [Patricia Ann Raths Sherman], ©2000, 32pp	Dederichs, Raths, Theisen	FH-046
Sherman Genealogy 1433-1990s, Sec 7W Wills & Estates 1492-1968, by Alonzo Joseph Sherman, ©1997, 63pp	Sherman	FH-047
Swede-Finns In Iosco County MI, by Leslie J Springs, ©1996), about 25 pages	Harmala, Kallstrom, Spring	FH-048
Todd Family History, author not given, date not given, about 25 pages	Todd	FH-049
Sherman Genealogy 1433-1990s, Seneca County Ohio Part-I, by Eldon E Sherman, ©1995,72pp	Sherman	FH-050
The Thompson & Mosely Family History of VA, by Mrs Beverly M Stercula, ©1966, about 100 pages	Mosely, Thompson	FH-051
Sherman Genealogy: 1433-2000s, Seneca County Ohio Part I, by Eldon E Sherman, ©2002, 103pp	Sherman	FH-052
Sherman Genealogy: 1433-1990s, By Alonzo Joseph Sherman & Patricia Ann Raths (Sherman), ©1995, about 120 pages	Raths, Sherman	FH-053
Culhane Genealogical Index: Glin, County Limerick, Ireland, by Alonzo J Sherman, ©1999, about 40 pages	Culhane	FH-054
Schultz Family History, author not given, ©1999, about 10 pages	Bucholz, Eggert, Rngel, Hartz, Maschke, Schave, Schultz, Steinbis, Stienhorst, Weiss	FH-055
Culhane Genealogy Thomas Culhane 1801-1885, his Family & Descendants, by Alonzo J Sherman, ©2001, 89pp	Culhane	FH-056
Sherman Pioneers in Michigan: Newsletters vols1-7, Jun 1994 -Sep 1997, by Alonzo J Sherman, ©1994, about 50 pages	Sherman	FH-057
Sherman Genealogy 1433-1999: The Michigan Shermans, ©1999, about 200 pages	Sherman	FH-058
The Donnelly Tragedy 1880-1980, by Donald L Cosens, © 1980, 48pp	Donnelly	FH-059
Genealogy of the Peales, by Otto Friedrich, ©1990, 23pp (from p98-121 of the December 1990 National Geographic Magazine)	Peale	FH-060
VanDyke Family 1850+, by Elizabeth Preston Bety, ©1991, 171 pages. Including Allied & collateral lines of Couwenhoven, Decker/Dekker, Hendrickson, Kuykendall/Coykendall, Miers/Myers, Montfoort, Quick, Schenck, Tack, VanDerHart/DeHart, VanFelt, Westbrook, & Westfall.	See List of names in title at the left	FH-061

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LaVack Family Reunion, by Marilyn C Litras, ©1989, about 50pp.	LaVack	FH-064
The Myers Pioneers, author & date not given, about 40 pages	Myers	FH-065
Descendents of Samuel Short, by Mary Ann Malecki, 8526 Moorish Rd, Birch Run MI 48415 & Lottie McGregor, 3358 Main St, PO Box 43, Lupton MI 48635, ©1999, about 200 pages	Short	FH-066
Family History of Joseph & Jane Fox, by A Clark Kerr, ©1982, 20pp (Located in the Parks Library, call number MI/920/Kerr)	Fox, Smith	FH-067
Farm Boy, by Archie Lieberman, undated, 361 pages	Lieberman	FH-068
Tuscola County Michigan Shermans, by Alonzo J Sherman, undated, 50 pages	Sherman	FH-069
Schultz Family History Newsletter, Nov 1999, 8 pages	Schultz	FH-070
The Civil War Memories of Elizabeth Bacon Custer, by Arlene Reynolds, © 1994, 181 pages	Bacon, Custer	FH-071
Life of William Drummer Powell, by William Renwick Riddell, © 1924, 305 pages (Located in the Parks Library, call number Mi/977.4/Riddell).	Powell	FH-072
Moore, Holder, Avery & Thornton, by R Moore, StThomas Ont, June 16 2004. CD in RTF.	Avery, Holder, Moore, Thornton	FH-073
A Family Portrait: Some Descendants of Christian Blauch/Blough, Including the Related Lines of: Rose, Bishop, Gillett, Taylor, Kellogg & Evans, by Ella M Arntz Vogt, Royal Oak, Michigan, August 2004.	Bishop, Blauch, Blough, Evans, Gillett, Kellogg, Rose, Taylor	FH-074
Mission To Tashkent, by LtCol F M Bailey, ©1999, 269 pages	Bailey	FH-076
It's Alright Old Timer: My Memories, by M J Whitman ©1948, 29 pages	Whitman	FH-077
Underwood, by Stanley Underwood, c1967, about 20pp	Underwood	FH-078
Some People Called Frette, by Violet Johnson Petty, ©1982, 182pp (Located in the Parks Library, call number MI/920/Petty)	Frette	xx
Chase Salmon Osborn, by Vernon L Beal, printed in the MI Historical Collections Bulletin No. 4, issued 1950 & reissued January 1960, 19pp	Osborn	xx
A Life Remembered, by Robert James Parks, not dated, 127pp (Parks Library call number MI/92/Pa)	Parks	xx

Notice.

Whereas, my wife, Stella A Merrick, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, notice is hereby given that I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date; and I hereby forbid all persons trusting or harboring her on my account.

Robert Merrick

Dated Oct 26, 1881

Notice.

The public are informed that Robert Merrick refused to furnish me the bed and board, and that he has no property any way, and no bed and board to go to, that no bill can be collected from him by enforcement, and that I have not been living at his expense since last March.

Stella A Merrick

EastTawas, Mich., Oct 27, 1881

From the IOSCO COUNTY GAZETTE, November 3, 1881

