



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

### ALABASTER CEMETERY WALK

By Judy Sheldon

Huron Shores Genealogical Society would like to thank all the volunteers who made our Alabaster Township Cemetery walk a wonderful success. On Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 4:00pm, 47+ attendees braved the brisk weather to go back in time to early Alabaster and experience a taste of their ancestors' lives.



Pictured are members of the Samuel and Augusta Erickson family. Samuel and Augusta were survivors of the Oscoda Fire of 1911.

The featured families were:

- Frank Astala, 1892-1920,
- Alexander Barron, 1843-1901,
- August, 1875-1955, and Bertha, 1883-1954, Benson,
- Mary Bradley, 1826-1889,
- Joseph Duby, 1856-1934,
- Samuel, 1859-1938, and Augusta , 1860-1925, Erickson,
- August, 1840-1881, and Mary , 1841-1881, Johnson,
- Christina Johnson, 1852-1917 and Alma Johnson, 1890-1912,
- George McKiddie, 1824-1911 and family,
- Julius Nicander, 1877-1951,
- Edward Oates, 1818-1895,
- William Roiter, 1882-1915,
- Richard Sheldon, 1831-1908, and family,
- Benjamin Slingerland, 1819-1918, and
- Sherman, 1810-1881 and Hannah, 1821-1912, Wheeler.

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### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

January

18 HSGS Business Meeting, Hsing's Garden Restaurant House, East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm

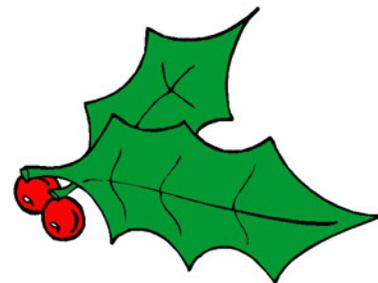
April

TBD Spring Program on Court House records

19 HSGS Business Meeting, Hsing's Garden Restaurant House, East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm

May

2-5 National Genealogical Society Conference, Grand Rapids



### EVENTS BEING PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR

April - Spring Program on Court House records

May 2nd - Society Table at the NGC Conference

June - Kids Genealogy Camp

September - Co-host MGC Delegate and Board meeting in Alpena

October - Fall Program, Topic to be Determined

## DEAR HSGS MEMBERS

I wish all our members Happy Holidays and a great 2018! I also want to thank all our members who have made 2017 a super year, packed with activities and busyness. Just a quick recap of our 2017 activities:

The John Phillip Colletta DVD series "Discovering Your Roots – an Introduction to Genealogy" was presented twice.

Derek Blount presented Researching Scottish and Scots-Irish records.

We held our first ever Genealogy Camp for Kids, "Walk with the Dead: Ancestors".

We also held the Alabaster Cemetery Walk,

The 1929-1952 Tawas Herald newspapers were sent to be digitized, worked on indexing, we filled multiple requests and

helped many walk-ins to the library, and celebrated 35 years of doing just what we did this year and more!

2018 will not be any less busy. We will have a Spring program (probably on what's in your local government offices), a Fall program to be announced and another Genealogy Camp for Kids. We will also co-host the Michigan Genealogical Council September meeting in Alpena, and some of us will be attending and volunteering at the, first time in Michigan, National Genealogical Society Conference in Grand Rapids.

So, fire up for 2018!!!!

Judy Sheldon, President

## Michigan Naturalization Records online!!!! The indexing project is moving ahead!

The Archives of Michigan and FamilySearch have teamed up to digitize, index and post the images on SeekingMichigan.org for FREE!!! The index to the nearly 70 counties in Michigan has always been available on the Archives site and on SeekingMichigan.org, but without images. Researchers would have to request a copy or visit the State Archives in Lansing to see them. Once this indexing project is finished all you will have to do is search online and voila, there will be the image of the naturalization record, much like the death records have been made available.

Becoming a US citizen was a multi-step process that could be done in various courts in the state. Usually the process began with the Declaration of Intention followed in several years by Petitions and records and then the petitioner

received a Certificate of Naturalization. These actions did not have to be done in the same place. The Archives has mostly Declarations and Petitions, very few Certificates. The forms changed in 1907, prior to this date there is little information but the person's name and former country, from 1907 on the information is wonderful with full names of family, last residence, immigration information, etc.

This indexing project is through FamilySearch.org. It will move only as fast as the genealogy community participates in the indexing. So, visit <http://seekingmichigan.org/naturalization> for all the information on how to join this outstanding project! There is no need to download software anymore, all indexing is done online now and the account with FamilySearch is free.

## Northeast Michigan Bound

### Corrections to the Romary Klenow Article submitted by Robert Enders

My first cousin was Rosemary Klenow who I know was active in the society years ago. My mother, Angela Mielock Enders, was Rosemary's father's youngest sister. I noted a few inaccuracies in the information presented so I thought I would share those with you. Since Rosemary's death ten years ago, I have been able to find more information about the ancestors by examining digital records from Poland, so I am including the correct spelling of our ancestors' names and some further data that was previously unknown. All additional and corrections are bolded and underlined below

Ancestors of Rosemary Elaine Mielock Klenow. Rosemary was born 2 September 1929 in Detroit, Wayne County, MI and died 27 January 2007 in East Tawas, Iosco County, MI. Her great-grandparents were Stephen Budzynski, born 8 May 1843 Poland/Germany, died 24 February 1926 in Alabaster, MI. He married Marianna Durzewski, born 2 February 1851, Poland/Germany, died 14 October 1910 in Alabaster, MI. (Stephen's parents were

Martin Budzynski (dates unknown) and Agnes Mizerkiewicz, while Marianna's parents were Nepomucen Durzewski and Theophila Siudzinska.) They had a daughter, Angela Budzynski, born 12 September 1872 in Zerkow Zarocen, Poland and died 8 February 1948 in Gaylord, MI. She was married on 10 Nov 1890 to Jacob Mielock in East Tawas. Rosemary's mother, Florence Kull married on 29 January 1927 to Ernest Joseph Mielock, (born 25 January 1893 in Alabaster, MI and died 9 November 1962 in Tawas City, MI).

I also noticed that I forgot to provide the birth and death dates of Rosemary and my grandfather Jacob Mielock who married Angela Budzynski on 10 November 1890 in East Tawas so I thought I would pass that information on as well. Both Angela and Jacob Mielock are buried at St. Joseph Cemetery in East Tawas. Jacob Mielock, was born 9 July 1861 Bernatki, Srem, Poland and died 4 January 1946 Gaylord, Michigan.

### Alabaster Cemetery Walk, Continued from page 1

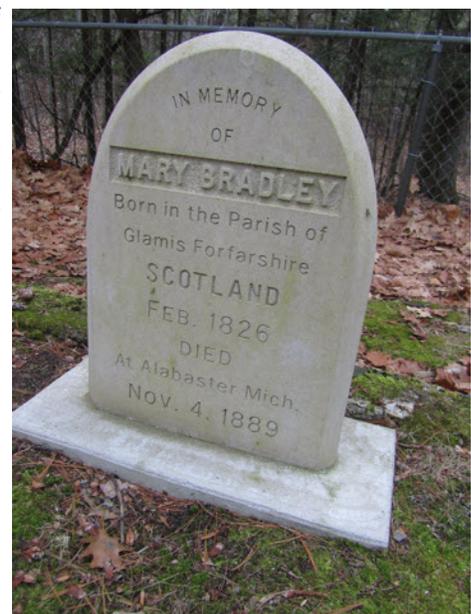
Guest readers were Jerry Brown, Catherine Sheldon Landrum Hammer, Anna Nash, and Ruth Erickson Barnes. Society members who read were Al Sherman, Dan Stock, Rachel McCready, Dale Harwood and Judy Sheldon.

This walk was more like a community reunion as many of the people attending knew each other or knew someone in their families. There were numerous folks from out of town joining other family members on the walk. Even though the town is gone, the memories will live on in the stories these families have to tell.

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> cemetery walk HSGS has sponsored or co-sponsored. Cemeteries are essential sources of information for family

historians. They supply us with birth and death dates, relationships and sometimes a location of birth.

A fine example of giving us a birth location is the marker for Mary McKiddie Bradley. From the information on her marker, shown here, and information on the other McKiddie family members, we were able to establish her connection with the rest of the McKiddie family.



**Lakeside Monitor**  
**13 February 1886, P4**  
**Newspaper of Au Sable and Oscoda. Editor Wesley M. Featherly**

### The New Indian Church

Tuesday occurred the dedication of the Indian church at the Indian settlement of the Pine River, some 14 miles up from town, under the direction of Revs. Davis and Nickerson. A party numbering in all some 60 left town about 8:30 a. m., arriving at the settlement at about 11 o'clock. Luncheon was then partaken of, after which the dedicatory services commenced. The church is quite a neat structure sufficiently large to accommodate all those who will attend it. The building cost finished, with the exception of painting, \$589. The work of erection had been under the direction of Rev. John Tad-gah-song, the Indian missionary, better known as "Preacher John," and his son, Jacob Tad-gah-song. They had raised in all \$491 in money, leaving a balance due of \$98. This amount was soon raised, the visitors present pledging \$70, the Indians \$39 towards it.

One feature of the services was very impressive to the whites present, and that was the singing of hymns in the Chippewa language, which are printed in that dialect in small hymn books. The singing is executed in a very slow, melodious strain, and a person can easily imagine himself away back in years gone by when they chanted the original chants of their tribe before the days of civilization.

The question was raised as to how many

services should be held each Sunday. Mr. Tad-gah-song has been in the habit of preaching twice each Sunday, besides an afternoon class meeting. It was proposed to restrict services to a sermon each Sunday evening and prayer and class meeting in the morning. This proposition met with decided opposition, all but four voting for three services as formerly. This is only one example of the devotedness of the Indian in his worship of God.

The community now numbers about 20 families, or 100 persons, many of whom have homes which are both comfortable as well as attractive. The land upon which they have settled is of first-class quality and will produce crops of all kinds in abundance. The church is located just across the road from the Alcona county line, so that some of the Indians live in Alcona and some in Iosco county.

It was very gratifying to those whites present to note the rapidity with which these children of the forest are taking to Christian civilization. There were several present who gave \$5 towards the payment of the indebtedness on the church. These, and all those who paid smaller amounts, felt amply repaid as they noted the pleased expression on the faces of the Indians when they were made aware that their church was paid for.



The Oscoda Indian Mission Church Today

## Benjamin Slingerland and Elizabeth Fairchild

A reading from the Alabaster Cemetery Walk

By Dale Harwood

The Tawas Herald noted on Jan 23, 1914 that "Benjamin Slingerland of Alabaster was in the city yesterday and was a pleasant caller at the Herald office. Mr. Slingerland is 96 years old and is in possession of all his faculties, looking to be many years younger than he really is. He bids fair to become a centenarian.

Benjamin Wesley Slingerland was born in New York State on September 16, 1819. When he was 12 he and his family moved to Canada. Elizabeth Fairchild was born on December 17, 1823 near the city of Victoria, Canada. In 1842 Mr. Slingerland and Miss Fairchild were united in marriage.

1852, the family moved to Michigan and spent a few months at Saginaw and Bay City before coming to Alabaster where they spent the rest of their lives.

When they first came to Iosco County, it was a wilderness with neither a town or a store nearby. The nearest trading post was Bay City. There were no railroads or trails and Mr. Slingerland made frequent trips to Bay City to secure supplies, in the summer he went by team and wagon and in the winter he made the trip on ice skates, dragging a heavily loaded sled behind him. During one of the trips, Mr. Slingerland fell through the ice and when he had climbed out he found that a keg of nails had also gone through the ice. He jumped back into the hole to rescue the keg of nails and then continued on his journey.

In 1869 He homesteaded a parcel of land in Alabaster Township and spent the

rest of his life farming until he became too old for active work.

Mr. and Mrs. Slingerland were married for 75 years until Mrs. Slingerland passed away in March of 1918, with Mr. Slingerland passing away in November of 1918. In the Herald, it was noted that their record of 75 years probably stands "unparalleled" in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Slingerland had six children born to them with four of them surviving at their deaths, Sylvester, Agnes, Frank and Susan.

Mrs. Slingerland's funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in Alabaster on March 5, Elder Sommerfield of the L. D. S. church officiated. Mr. Slingerland's funeral was held at the Alabaster Presbyterian church on Nov. 17 and as the Herald stated in his obituary, "the remains of the old pioneer were laid to rest beside those of his wife, that those who had been comrades for so many years in life might not be parted even in death."



Dale Harwood with Marie Proper, a great granddaughter of the Slingerlands at their gravesite.

**NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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**A DNA SURPRISE  
by Judy Sheldon**

A little story on when DNA can give you a jolt! Last weekend when my step-daughter was visiting she asked about DNA tests. What did the results look like, what things did they show for a person.

So I opened up Ancestry.com to her Dad's test. I hadn't checked matches in a while and was pleasantly surprised to see his cousin on the Sheldon side and (what I know now) is that the cousin's grandson had tested. They were close matches as expected. Super, right! We clicked around to see the heritage maps and some of the other matches.

We talked about what an autosomal test was and how it is different from a Y-DNA test and who does what test. I closed up the program and we went on with their visit. After family went home, I decided to go back to the match and give it a closer look. The grandson is the administrator for the tests, so I opened his profile to message him AND (drum roll or some other noise!) it indicated he and

I were matches! WHAT??? Knee jerk reaction is OMG my husband and I are connected somewhere in DNA land!

By clicking on the match I was able to see the name we had in common. The common name was George Fleck. Now in all my searching of my husband's family there are no Flecks, but in mine there certainly are. I messaged the administrator to ask who this test was for. This match is to the grandson's mother! She and I share the same Fleck family from Reading, PA!!! I then looked for the matches we had in common and we have at least one more family who are direct descendants from my Fleck family.

So, with one test my husband and I both have new matches to work with and if these tests are uploaded to Gedmatch.com we could expand on the number of matches!

**The Library of Michigan**

<http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/>

The Library of Michigan is located in the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing, MI. It was created in 1828 and is similar to the Library of Congress, but on a state level. Therefore it serves the Michigan State government, Michigan libraries and Michigan residents. Often times state libraries are confused with archives. Libraries collect published works whereas archives usually collect original records. (Our State Archives is an exception.) In the Library of Michigan, you will find

all kinds of **published** works on the state of Michigan. These include, but are not limited to, newspapers, city directories, county and town histories, maps, electronic databases and just about anything else you can think of related to Michigan.

Before you plan a trip to the library the best thing to do is visit their web page for hours and then search the catalog, “**Answer**”. Be aware that this catalog also searches the Michigan State Archives and the main library at Michigan State University.

## Tidbits From A Presentation by Judy Russell By Dan Steck

I had the pleasure in October of attending a presentation by Judy G. Russell, *the Legal genealogist*, sponsored by the Western Michigan Genealogical Society. She is a very effective presenter and if you ever have the opportunity to attend one of her sessions, take it.

The following are a few of the tidbits of information that I found to be most interesting from my day with Judy:

### On copyright law

Items not covered by copyright Include facts such vital statistics data, generally known information and all publications of the US government, including WPA photographs

If created before January 1, 1978, the copyright generally lasts for 70 years following the death of the creator. If created on or after that date, it can last for for 95 to 120 years for some authors.

You can stay safe using materials in the public domain including anything published before 1923 in the US and materials so identified as such on a web site. However, you need permission to use copies of pre-1923 articles from the Genealogy Bank (a contract license issue not a copyright issue).

You also need to ask permission from the holder of the copyright after making certain you are getting the permission from the true holder. This includes even

copies of pictures of yourself taken by someone else unless passed to you in a will. This means you would need the permission of all your siblings to use a picture taken by a parent if not willed to you before using it in a published document. Giving credit to the author is not adequate, the right to share belongs to the copyright holder which exists as a result of having created the document.

### DNA and the Golden Rule

The ownership of DNA results belongs to the person tested although the transfer of ownership can be transferred by will. You do not have the right to share the DNA of others. Ancestry is the best test to use for finding cousins while Family Tree is the only game in town for Y DNA and mitochronical DNA. None of the testers have a very accurate test for ethnicity although 23 and Me is probably best right now.

Ms. Russell also gave presentations on Resolving Conflicts in Genealogical Records and Building a Family Through Circumstantial Evidence. A copy of her handout can be reviewed, but not copied, in the Genealogy Room at the Parks Library. A considerable amount of information on these and many other topics can be found at her web site:

[\(http://www.legalgenealogist.com/\)](http://www.legalgenealogist.com/).

## Judge for Yourself Tawas Herald, 4 Nov 1892

The editors of the Gazette and Monitor have for the past few weeks indulged in much slander and vituperation against Messers Murphy and Jahrans, and we have heretofore held our peace, but patience has ceased to be a virtue, and we are forced to notice these two barnicles (sic) on decent society, by simply saying they are a-kin to the father of liars, and that the articles published in their papers have for their foundation, spite, jealousy, malice and falsehood. They dare not compare records with us. Who and what is Featherly? And where-

with-al has he ever commanded respect, confidence or esteem? Who is Jackson? What has he ever done? A narrow minded bigot, a deplorable phanatic (sic). We have lived here 28 years, paid our honest debts and held offices of trust and responsibility, and no man has ever said aught against us. Featherly is a confessed insolvent. Jackson an admitted crank, even using the church to father his narrow purposes and to cover his detestable hypocrisy (sic). Choose ye whom ye will believe and countenance.

*Watch for more on this issue in the March, 2018 Genogram*

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society**

**6010 Skeel Ave  
Oscoda, MI 48750**

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 - Lindsey Russell  
 Secretary - Dale Harwood  
 Treasurer - Daniel Stock  
 Database Manager - Alonzo Sherman

**Our Regular Meetings**

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

We meet at Hsing's Garden Restaurant, 600 E. Bay St., East Tawas (just north of the State Police Post)

Our next meetings are:

Jan 18, 2018                      April 19, 2018

Our office is open when the Library is open:

Monday & Tuesday              9:00 to 5:00

Wednesday & Thursday      9:00 to 7:00

Friday and Saturday          9:00 to 2:00

Please call ahead for an appointment (989.739.9581) if you would like to have the help of an experienced genealogical assistant.

**Please visit our web site at: <http://www.huronshoresgs.org>**

**And our Facebook page at : <http://www.facebook.com/HuronShoresGS>**

**to learn more about us and to link to our many indexes and our archived newsletters.**

**Editor's note - To access the Internet links in this issue, copy and paste them to your browser.**

If you, as a new or renewing member, would be willing and able to hold an office, work on a committee, or help with indexing materials, HSGS would appreciate your help very much. You may indicate your area of expertise and/or interest on the following form. We will be happy to contact you about your interest in helping. Thank you!

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What is your level of genealogical experience? (circle one):      Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced

Do you use computer software to manage your genealogy?      No

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