



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

### Judy Sheldon is the recipient of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award for 2019

Judy Sheldon is the 2019 winner of the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award which was presented to her on November 8 at the delegate meeting of the Michigan Genealogical Council. The Lucy Mary Kellogg award was established in 1992 by the Council to honor her as their founding member and an eminent Michigan genealogist. Her accomplishments on the state and national levels were recognized in 1991 as the first woman and the first from the Midwest area to be named to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame. The recipient of the reward is selected by an anonymous jury.



Judy justifiably delighted to be receiving the Award

Judy Sheldon received the award on this date based on the following contributions she has made to the genealogy community. First and foremost, Judy is the backbone of our society. She has been instrumental in stewarding our project to digitize our local newspapers including the acquisition of the permissions to scan and to publish from the owners and in leading the efforts to secure donations and grants to accomplish this project. Currently, phases I and II have been completed including the scanning and placement on line of the 1884 through 1952 issues of the Tawas Herald.

She also spends a considerable amount of time at the HSGS resource room at the Parks Library in Oscoda, and basically handles the majority of the research requests. She maintains our HSGS equipment, including computers and a digital microfilm reader, and keeps our vast collection of resources organized. She

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### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

#### January

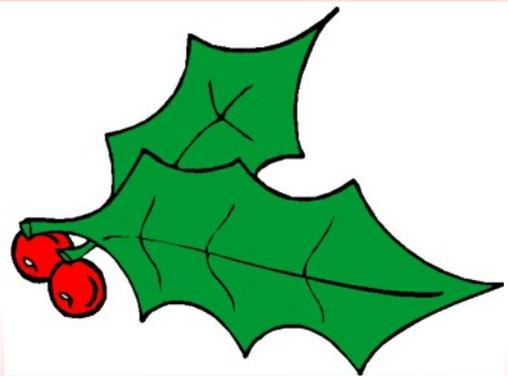
- 4, 11 "Basic Genealogy and More"  
12:00 to 2:00 Iosco County Historical Museum, East Tawas
- 16 HSGS Business Meeting,  
The China Buffet Restaurant,  
East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm
- 18, "Basic Genealogy and More"  
25 12:00 to 2:00 Iosco County Historical Museum, East Tawas

#### April

- 16 HSGS Business Meeting,  
The China Buffet Restaurant,  
East Tawas, MI, 5:30 pm

#### May

- 2 "Your Swedish Roots and More"  
With Cindy Grostick, 10:00 - 2:00  
Parks Library, Oscoda



Reminder - It is membership renewal time. This can now be done using Pay Pal through our web page using the link on page 8 but checks are also accepted.

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indexes documents not only for our society, but also for [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) whenever her busy life-style allows her some spare time.

Judy's unwavering commitment to genealogy additionally qualified her for the Award. As a voting delegate for the HSGS at Michigan Genealogical Council meetings and has served as the Public Relations Chairperson for the MGC since 2013. She has served as the Secretary of the Sheldon Family Association, a national association for all Sheldon families, since 2016. Judy has been involved in countless research projects, ranging from local history to her own personal genealogy. As a writer, she has contributed timely articles to this HSGS quarterly newsletter and was a major contributor to the research and writing of our 2015 publication: *Iosco County 1892-1904: The Photography of Arg G. Emery*. Judy is also actively involved with several historical organizations in northeastern Michigan and is a strong supporter of inter-organization sharing and cooperation.

Judy is the second member of HSGS to receive this award as Alonzo Sherman was likewise honored in 2009. No small accomplishment for our relatively small but active organization.

**[Michiganology.org](http://Michiganology.org) Update**

The migration from Seeking Michigan to the new website, Michiganology is still a work in progress. Although all of the existing digital records have been moved to the new site, successful access at the 'soft launched' website remains problematic. In the interim, stories, general information and county guides remain accessible at Seeking Michigan. These records will be moved to michigan.gov in 2020. The future access to existing records will be improved and many new records will become available on the new site which has the greater capacity.

*"Even though we wanted to "flip a switch" and make everyone immediately happy, monumental change, like the seasons, is a gradual process. We will continue to work to work out bugs, listen to users and work to better serve the public as we fine tune the website."*

Mark E. Harvey, State Archivist of Michigan

Our office at the library is unattended most of the time while the library is open. However, we have made arrangements to have one of our members there from 11:00 to 2:00 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to provide assistance with family studies.

In addition, arrangements can be made to meet with one of our members by calling the library at 989-739-9581 and leaving your contact information.

**EVENTS BEING PLANNED  
FOR THIS YEAR**

January - "Basic Genealogy and More" presented by HSGS members

Saturdays from the 4<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, Iosco County Historical Museum, East Tawas

May 2 - "Your Swedish Roots and More" With Cindy Grosfick, and a panel with Cindy Grosfick, Dale Harwood and Linda Pletcher, Parks Library, Oscoda

September 26 - Native American Research at the Grace Lutheran Church,  
401 E. Main St., East Tawas

**JAMES MCGILLIVRAY (MacGILLIVRAY)**

By Dan Stock

James was born on May 20, 1873 in St. Vincent, Grey county, Ontario as the third son of six children of William {1837-1900) and Margaret Boyle MacGillivray (1843-1910). The family moved to Michigan in 1878.

Although well known for his story of Paul Bunyan, James MacGillivray did not actually create the legend of Paul Bunyan who was "born" in the lumbering camps of Northern Michigan when of an evening, shanty boys would gather around a crackling stove and swap yarns. This was about the only form of entertainment in the camps and many men were master story tellers. Jame's knowledge of such a lumber camp character now known as Paul Bunyan came when he was scaling logs for Rory Frazer, 22 miles east of Grayling on the north branch of the AuSable River. He was then 13 years of age, but big, like an adult man.

While traveling around the country, he worked at various occupations including as a lumber broker in the Great Lakes area, a prospector for gold in Alaska, and as a manager of sawmills in Idaho and Nevada. As he had a flair for writing James picked up various newspaper jobs with the Sacramento Star, the Spokane Review, the Marquette Mining Journal and the Alaska News during his travels.

While on vacation, he penned the first Paul Bunyan story in 1906 for the Oscoda Press based on exploits of timber fellers he had heard about from Jimmy Conn and other story tellers and using a French Canadian lumberman Fabian "Joe" Fournier as the primary model for the hero. He joined the Detroit News Tribune staff in 1907 and wrote an expanded version of the "Round River Drive" which mentioned Pau Bunyan published in the July 24, 1910 Detroit News Tribune.

MacGillivray left the News-Tribune in 1911 and was in Oscoda at the time of the fire. Based on his actions during the fire, he was asked by the Governor shortly after to become



Educational Director of the Michigan Conservation Department, a post he held for 17 years. During this period he gave many educational and fire prevention lectures throughout the state based on studies he had made of wildlife in its natural habitat. MacGillivray continued his nature studies after retiring to Oscoda in 1928, writing extensively of his findings. He even found time to serve as a township supervisor.

James died May 1, 1952, at the age of 78 years, following injuries received in a fall at the Iosco County courthouse.

James married Amanda A. Fiedler on June 25, 1913 at Holt, Ingram County, Michigan. Amanda was born on Oct 12, 1876 in Oscoda, the daughter of Gustavius and Lucile Becker Fiedler. She died on Jun 28, 1957 in Contra Costa, CA and they are buried in the family plot next grandson Alan J. and near his mother, his brothers William and John E., his sister, Eveline and numerous other family members. James and Amanda had three children;

Amanda Margaret , born May 24, 1914, Oscoda and died April 22 2007, Henrico, VA, She married first, Floyd Gabbe on Dec 15, 1941 in Escanaba, MI and later Harold Buttman on May 21, 1986 in Norfolk, VA and died as Amanda Tripp.

Jeanne Gretchen, born Sep 23, 1916 in Oscoda and died Mar 26, 1998 in Contra Costa, CA. She married William D. Barton on Jun 24, 1939 in Holt, MI

and James Hale, Jr. born May 3, 1918 in Oscoda and died on Mar 6, 1966 in Rio de Janeiro of a skull fracture. He was a Foreign Service Officer. He

married Jean Ritzman McGillivray, born 1918, DeKalb co. IL and they had two children, Mary Jo McGillivray Linderman, born 1943 and Alan J., born May 15, 1951 and died Aug 3, 1952.



## James Stewart Duncan, 1829 - 1897

Submitted by Judy Sheldon

James Stewart Duncan was born 3 May 1829 in Crathie and Braemar, Aberdeen, Scotland or perhaps 1835 to Charles Duncan and Marguerite Stuart, both of Scotland.

Harriet Duncan, his wife, was born 25 July 1833, in Crathie and Braemar, Aberdeen, Scotland. Other possible years are 1835, 1836, 1837. Her parents were William Duncan and Jane McPherson.

They had the 12 children, with the following surviving infancy:

- Jane/Jennie, b. 1860 Ontario (1863 on death record), d. 1920 Cheboygan, MI, married Edward Augustus Tremaine (1882),
- Margaret, b. 1862 Ontario, d. 1931 Port Huron
- Hellen/Helen, b. 1864 Ontario, married Charles Killmaster (1884 Oscoda)
- Charles, b. 1866 Ontario, d. 1917 Port Huron, married Mabelle Bradley (1895)
- Peter, b. 1867 Ontario, d. 1871 Ontario, cause - accidental injuries
- Robert, b. 1869 Ontario, d. 26 March 1895 Au Sable, MI, cause - paralysis; was a labor inspector
- Anna Stuart, b. 1872 Au Sable, Michigan; applied for passport 1912, living in Port Huron, never married; 1926 sailed from Southampton to New York; may have lived in Cedar Falls, Iowa through 1940.

From 1861 through 1871, the family lived in Moore, Lambton county, Ontario; James was a farmer with wife, Harriet. In addition to Jane born in 1860, Margaret, Hellen, Charles, Peter and Robert were born during that time.

In 1871 James and the family immigrated to Au Sable where he was a foreman of the sawmill Backus & Bro. He purchased the mill with John E Potts in 1875.



However, by 1878 he decided to leave the lumbering business and purchased a small boat. This was the beginning of the Michigan Transportation Company. Steamers such as the Olean, Keystone and Mohawk were among the fleet. He was a prominent businessman in the shipping business of the Great Lakes, commanding a large fleet and presided over the company.

In the 1880 US Federal Census records James S. is a steamboat owner living in Oscoda with wife, Harriet and daughters and sons; Jennie, May, Nellie, Charley, Robert, and Annie. By 1888 he was the chaplain of the Pine Tree Council, No 4, Royal Templars of Temperance.

Then on 19 September 1897 in Au Sable he walked to a farm just outside of town and was found there leaning, in a sitting position, against a barn, having died of heart disease. Two days earlier Captain Duncan had received notice from Washington, D. C. of his appointment as postmaster of Au Sable. He is buried in the Au Sable Township/Pinecrest Cemetery.

In his will he left all to Harriet, \$2,000 in personal property and \$1,000 in real estate. Listed in his probate records were:

Harriet - 58 wife, city of Au Sable

Jennie M. Tremaine - 38 daughter, Cheboygan

Mary B Duncan - 36 daughter, Au Sable

Helen C Killmaster - 34 daughter, Alcona County

Charles O Duncan - 32 son, Oscoda

Anna S Duncan - 25 daughter, Au Sable

Harriet continued to live in Au Sable, Iosco, MI at least until 1910 with her grandchildren, Margaret and Benjamin Killmaster. Margaret was the Au Sable postmaster in 1910.

Harriet died 2 August 1919, in Cheboygan County, MI

**2020 CENSUS**

**Submitted by Judy Nimer Chipps Muhn, Lineage Journeys**

As active genealogists, we have a vested interest in the success of the census process. It is frustrating when we are unable to find relatives thought to have been living in a specific area at given point who cannot be found in the census records. Such will be the case for our descendents in the future if members of our families and our neighbors are missed in the 2020 census.

It cannot be said strongly enough – EVERYONE in our state needs to be enumerated on the 2020 Census! Michigan stands to lose an estimated \$1,800 per person per year in federal support for programs that use census data. These include Medicaid, nutrition assistance, highway construction and planning, Title I and Special Education Grants, Foster Care and Child Care Grants, D-12 education, Section 8 Vouchers, and Head Start/Early

Start – key programs that thousands of our citizens need! As an example, the State of Michigan received more than \$14 billion in 2015 from the enumeration of 2010.

Information, the timeline for the key dates, fast facts, media messages, translated materials, recordings of TV/radio ads and informational flyers and more can be accessed from this site: [www.becountedmi2020.com](http://www.becountedmi2020.com) . Regional census “Hubs” – locations for obtaining in-person information, getting questions answered and supportive resources – are located here: <https://becountedmi2020.com/engage/>

Please share with your neighbors, watch for advertising about the census on TV, radio, billboards and more. Your help and support in reaching out to your neighbors and friends is key to success for our state!

**Do You Have A Story To Tell?**

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library has been awarded a \$2,500 grant by The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan for a program called “Your Story Matters”, which will feature a town hall story-sharing event in partnership with The Alpena News about how the census has impacted lives and the importance of being counted. The grant will also purchase iPads for the library to use for people coming to the library to complete the Census survey.

As an integral part of this program the Alpena News is looking for Northeast Michiganders who have an interesting story to tell about tracking down ancestors and who are willing to tell their story in front of a live studio audience during an event next year.

The News is looking for individuals who have used census records and other materials in genealogical research. The storytelling project is part of The News' partnership with the Alpena County Library to stress the importance of participating in the decennial census.

If you think you have a story to tell, contact Managing Editor Justin A. Hinkley at 989-358-5686 or [jhinkley@thealpenanews.com](mailto:jhinkley@thealpenanews.com)

The Press Oscoda (Au Sable) Michigan Will McGillivray, publisher  
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Friday, October 18, 1912

Stations on the Au Sable & Northwestern Railway Company

Au Sable (Oscoda)	Bryant*	Hardy*
Doan	Lott	McCollum
Cooke Dam	Glennie*	Millen
Five Channels Jet.	Bamfield	Dew
Five Channels Dam	Flat Rock	Comins
Five Channels Jet. *	Russell*	

\*Were regular stops

## “For Rent: 2 Bdm, one bath, third floor, nice neighborhood, walkup.”

By Judy Sheldon

We all know what the first part of the above ad describes, the rental has two bedrooms, one bathroom and it's on the third floor, but what is “walkup”? Knowing what a walkup is, is pretty important if you don't want to use the stairs all the time. A walkup doesn't have an elevator or other means of reaching the floors above the first one, just the stairs!

How do you describe the place you live in? Do you describe it by the type of dwelling or by the architectural style? The terms used often mean something different in today's world than they did in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Below are just a few terms used to describe where people have or do live and a short description of the term.

**House:** Usually referred to as a single-family dwelling, not attached to another dwelling. It can be built from the ground up on the site or manufactured elsewhere and brought in to be set on its foundation. Houses are described in two ways: the architectural style or building/structure type. I found a site that described 33 styles of homes with pictures. Check it out to see what a Bungalow, a Federal Colonial, a Mid-Century Modern or a North-western style looks like.

[https://www.homestratosphere.com/home-architecture-styles/#Here8217s\\_our\\_full\\_list\\_of\\_home\\_architecture\\_styles\\_in\\_alphabetical\\_order](https://www.homestratosphere.com/home-architecture-styles/#Here8217s_our_full_list_of_home_architecture_styles_in_alphabetical_order)

But you don't live in a “House” you say, so here are some other options:

**Flat:** A flat is the British English version of an apartment. In the United States a flat is usually a house with an apartment on the ground floor and one on the second floor, each with a separate entrance.



**Duplex:** A duplex is a kind of house where two homes are built under one roof. Some duplexes used to be one house but were split into two homes. They are side by side, as opposed to above and below.

**Apartment:** An apartment is an American term for a home where you live (British English: flat) in a separate home within a large building where others also have their own home. This style of building is often called an apartment

block. Or, if it's very large, a skyscraper. Apartment blocks are normally owned by a single company or developer and each apartment is rented by the person living there.

**Condominium/Condo:** A condominium is a style of an apartment which is individually owned. Normally by the person living there, although you can rent from the condo owner. Each condo owner is allowed to buy and sell their own condo and own a small percentage rights to the land and common areas, like the gym or tennis court. This is different from an apartment where the entire building is owned by one person or company.

**Terraced House or Rowhouse:** A terraced house is a tall but narrow house which is attached on both sides to another house. They are common in many European countries like England, Holland and Germany. In those countries, whole streets of houses can all be connected to each other in a row. A **rowhouse** will generally be smaller and less luxurious than a dwelling called a **townhouse**. The name **townhouse** or **townhome** was later used to describe non-uniform units in suburban areas that are designed to mimic detached or semi-detached homes. Rowhouses are found in most New England and Mid-Atlantic cities like New York, Philadelphia, or

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## The Keepers by Lindsey Russell

Do you know the keepers of family history in your family? As a genealogist, your first instinct is to answer “yes, of course!” Sometimes we try too hard to solve our burning questions when posing the correct question to the correct person is all that is needed. Keepers of family lore may or may not be the same as the family genealogist. As with so many things in my life, I found this out the hard way.

This simple mistake kept me from resolving one of my roadblocks for years – and eventually accidentally asking the right questions in front of the right person led to a resolution. In my Forward family history, I knew that the family hunting camp in Kenton, Michigan passed down from Laurentious Forward, who homesteaded the property, to my Forward ancestors. While I could find documentation to prove that Laurentious did indeed homestead the property, I could not find how he related to my branches of the Forward family tree. What was the relationship?

Last year, I discovered that my great-

grandmother, Leona Clara Forward Buttrick, had a brother who died in infancy. No one in the family knew this. As I shared this new information with my Aunt Amy, it prompted me to share with her the roadblocks I’d been working on recently. As soon as I mentioned that I had been searching for Laurentious’s connection to our family for years, she simply stated: “Oh. He was A.G.’s cousin,” A.G. referring to my second-great grandfather Austin George Forward, Leona’s father.

While my aunt isn’t exactly into genealogy, she has collected many family stories, lore, and heirlooms over the years. I never thought to ask her. By simply directly asking the question, I now have a connection to prove. It also highlighted why I couldn’t prove it earlier: The connection could easily be proved using the 1890 census. Now I will have to use other means to prove it. Lesson learned: Don’t automatically assume those who aren’t as interested in genealogy don’t know the information you need to smash through those walls.

### “For Rent” Continued from page 6

Lancaster. They can be referred to as “Brownstones” because of their exterior appearance (a brown Triassic-Jurassic sandstone).

**Townhouse:** A townhouse is similar to a terraced house. Townhouses are houses built for inner-city living. There are tall and narrow buildings. They don’t have a lot of land around them and often only have very small gardens at the back.

**Caravan:** A caravan is a vehicle, which can be pulled behind a car or truck, which is made for living in. A caravan is also commonly called a trailer. Caravans are often used for short term stay, for example when going on holiday. Many retirees are selling their homes and living in caravans due to rising living costs or just to be able to travel and not be tied to a single place.

What I haven’t mentioned are all sorts of other places a person might live, like tents, sod houses, caves, igloos, the Space Station, the list goes on and on.

So, how do you describe the place you call home? My Mom, her sister and her parents lived in the upper flat, above her grandparents in the house the grandparents owned at 3265 W. Philadelphia St, Detroit, Michigan (pictured on page 6). Often other children and their families joined the grandparents when times were rough. It is still a two family house.

Check out [www.Zillow.com](http://www.Zillow.com), [www.Trulia.com](http://www.Trulia.com) or [www.Hotpads.com](http://www.Hotpads.com) for other pictures of the area.

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society**  
**6010 Skeel Ave**  
**Oscoda, MI 48750**

**Our Regular Meetings**

Our regular business meetings are held quarterly at the China Buffet Restaurant, East Tawas at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month.

Our next meetings are:

January 16, 2020

April 16, 2020

HSGS staff will be in our office at the Library during the following hours:

Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 to 2:00

Saturday 11:00 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 at other times.

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 - Judy Sheldon

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 to learn more about us and to link to our many indexes and our archived newsletters.  
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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?    Yes \_\_\_    No \_\_\_

If yes, list the software you use: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you, as a new or renewing member, be willing and able to hold an office, work on a committee, or help with indexing materials? Yes \_\_\_\_                      HSGS would appreciate your help very much. Thank you!

If yes, we will contact you about your interest in helping.

Send this completed form and your check if appropriate to:

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