



HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

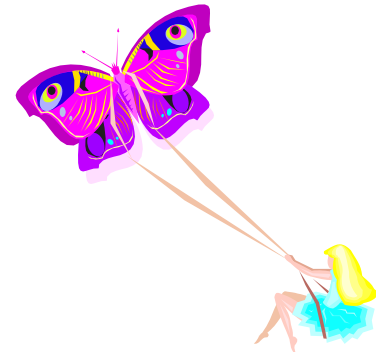
Oscoda, Michigan

HSGS 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Judy Sheldon, President

If it's true that "Moss never grows on a rolling stone", then HSGS is a rock that really hasn't a speck of moss!

- This year we sponsored two well attended all day events: Immigration and Naturalization featuring Kris Rzepczynski and Ceil Jensen and German research featuring Frieda Hirschenberger.
- Our main project for the summer was to research the families of Kevin Gresens of Oscoda and Dorothy Lehman of Whittemore, who were our featured celebrities for Who Do You Think You Are – Iosco County. Each family had a special program, inviting friends and family to view our discoveries. This project was the subject of an interview on WJKC radio.
- We also had a class on Seeking Michigan, and also presented this to the NE Michigan Genealogical Society.
- Roger Miller was in town in November and met with anyone interested in Canadian research.
- Our society had a table at the Harrisville Antiques and Collectibles Show in July. We were in a news report on WBKB-TV.
- We have had several great volunteers helping in the HSGS



HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

- April
17 HSGS Business meeting, A Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas, MI
- May
10 "The Land Gives Up Names" Workshop, Parks Library
- July
17 HSGS Business meeting, A Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas, MI



library this year: Betty Goetgluck has cataloged our book collection and Billie Wright and Mary Smith have been organizing our large newspaper collection in preparation to cataloging it. Thanks ladies for all your help!

Lugene Daniels and Judy Sheldon attended their first Federation of Genealogical Societies conference in Fort Wayne, IN. While attending the conference,

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Join Us at our next Workshop
"THE LAND GIVES UP NAMES"
Kris Rzepczynski, from the Michigan State Archives, will make presentations on the Homestead Act and the WPA Farm Inventory
At the parks Library on
May 10
9:30 am to 3:00 pm

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN TO OPEN THE SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Beginning April 12, 2014, and continuing on the second Saturday of every month, the Library of Michigan will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Library's current hours during the week, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. To 5 p.m. will remain the same.

Library of Michigan staff is excited to offer this weekend access each month to the Library's services and specialized research collections, which include Michigan newspapers, periodicals, books, maps and

government documents as well as electronic databases available only on site. It is believed that expanded access will help build a culture of reading in Michigan.

Individuals are asked to call 517-373-1300 or email to librarian@michigan.gov if they have any questions about "Second Saturdays" or any other Library of Michigan services. Parking near the Library of Michigan is free on Saturdays.

Surnames and Interests of members

When each of you send in your membership dues we ask for surnames and/or interests you are researching. This information has in the past just been filed. We thought by publishing these interests in our newsletter others with similar interests could correspond with each other.

We have also posted a place on our Face Book Group to list surnames you are looking for.

Here is the first of a continuing listing of member surnames and interests:

- Ethel Blust: Surnames: Dorcey, Earhart, Horner, Fenton, Wisiner, Blust, Youngs, Pfifer, Hurford, Merchant, Whitford, Fortune
Interests: Whittemore, Burleigh Twp., Plainfield Twp.
- Janet Arntz: Surnames: Benson, McDonnell, Slingerland
- Elizabeth Granz: Surnames: Granz, Grenc, Loveless, Lovelace
- Joan Doerr: Surnames: Leslie, Harwood
- Janis Jones: Surnames: Pringle, McIvor
- Darlene St. Martin: Surnames: St. Martin, Wey, Jolly
Interests: East Tawas, St. Josephs Cemetery, Saint James Catholic Cemetery and Mount Olivet Cemetery

If you would like to contact any of the above members, please send a message to our society and we will forward it on to the member so they can contact you.

KILLER DOGS

From the Tawas Herald, April 12, 1901

"Thomas Curry, of Tawas township, met with a heavy loss last Sunday night from sheep killing dogs. He had his breeding ewes in a corral and Monday morning it was discovered that two dogs, belonging to neighbors, had killed eleven out right and wounded 28 others, all of which were ruined, making a total loss of

39. The total loss will exceed \$200 by a considerable amount, and is much in excess of the value of all the dogs owned in Tawas township. Those who visited the scene the next morning report that it was almost beyond belief that the work had been done by dogs. The yard was literally strewn with wool and mutton."

BOOK REVIEW

Hiding the Past; a genealogical crime mystery

by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. Published in Sept. 2013.

If you like mystery, twists and turns and a little mayhem, this is the book for you! It combines regular detective work with genealogical techniques to solve the mystery. The story takes place in England, so be prepared for English vernacular.

Peter Coldrick had never been able to trace his family; that was the conclusion drawn by years of personal and professional research. Then he employed the services of Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist – a stubborn, determined man who uses whatever means necessary to uncover the past. With the Coldrick Case, Morton faces his

toughest and most dangerous assignment yet, where all of his investigative and genealogical skills are put to the test. However, others are also interested in the Coldrick family, people who will stop at nothing, including murder, to hide the past. As Morton begins to unearth his client’s mysterious past, he is forced to confront his own family’s dark history, a history which he knows little about. This book was sent to our society to read and review. It's on Amazon as a paperback and Kindle.

Judy Sheldon

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the pair made good use of the Allen County Public Library.

Our indexes and catalogs continue to grow, vital records to be recorded, cemeteries walked and recorded, all to support our steady flow of research requests and walk-in researchers. The in house search engine (File Locator Pro) has had upgrades

and now searches faster and the print formats have been improved.

Great plans are in motion for 2014 including:

- The first installment of newspaper digitization to make older issues available for viewing electronically in all branches of the District Library
- Two great workshops
- A publication of historical pictures of Iosco County

I sent for my grandfather’s World War One service record and found some really great stuff!

Submitted by Judy Sheldon

Roy Hasseler (1894-1968) was drafted on May 28, 1918, but his service to our country started several years earlier as the Supervisor of the War Gardens of Detroit, Michigan. He had been married to Adabelle Powers only two weeks, when he left for Camp Wheeler, Georgia. Roy was assigned to the 31st Division, Field Hospital 124, 106th Sanitary Train as a secretary. They sailed to France on October 28, 1918 where his unit was attached to the Medical Department Concentration Area at Fort Bouguen, France. His hospital was to have been established in Joinville, but from reading a historical account of this area, the administrative organization didn’t work well, personnel was lacking and the end of the war saw the end of this organization, (Report of the Surgeon-General, United States Army, to the ..., Volume 2). By February 1, 1919 Roy had returned to the United States and on his way home by February 20, 1919.

This document gave me the exact place in France where he served and which units he had been assigned to. I also learned what jobs he had before he entered the service. You never know what good stuff you will find!

Perry W Allen

25 March 1872 – 1 January 1925

By Lugene Daniels

Perry W ALLEN was often referred to as Thomas ALLEN. He was the son of William ALLEN and Hannah HALL.

His obituary was printed in the January 9, 1925 issue of the Tawas Herald and tells the story of his interesting death.

HALE FARMER MEETS DEATH: Thomas ALLEN, 52 years of age, a respected farmer residing near Hale, was smothered to death New Year's Day while hunting. He was digging out a fox in the side of a sand bank near Vaughn Creek about one mile from his home. After digging for some distance, seemingly, he crawled into the hole to learn in which direction the fox was located. The bank of sand over him gave away and smothered him to death. It appears that on the previous day a fox had been chased to his den by the dogs of Samuel BARNES. On the morning of the fatal day, Mr ALLEN with shovels and axe, accompanied by Mr BARNES, his gun and dogs, returned to the den to dig out the fox, and upon reaching it they found that during the night the fox had dug his way out and had gone.

Mr BARNES turned his dogs on the track of the fox, Mr ALLEN started for home to leave his shovels and get his gun, but on the way he heard the dogs at the hole where the fox had again taken refuge, he having the shovels, went to the hole and started to dig out the fox. Mr BARNES, not knowing what had happened, and as his dogs had returned to him, went to the home of Mr ALLEN to get him and the shovels, but upon reaching it found that he had not returned home, so he and Daniel PARKER, a brother-in-law, started out to find Mr ALLEN, the ground being covered with snow, it was no trouble to follow his tracks, and upon reaching the place discovered only one of Mr ALLEN'S feet in sight, the balance of him being covered with the sand. They extricated him and carried him home.

Perry W (Thomas) ALLEN was born March 25, 1872 in Ottawa County and died January 1, 1925, aged 52 years nine months and six days. He came to Reno Township when a young man and has lived there nearly all his life. He moved to Hale about six years ago and lived here until he went to British Columbia in 1923 living there until late last fall, returning to his farm south and east of town.



The DADDY footstone of Perry W ALLEN is deeply imbedded within a dense spirea bush at the Reno Township Cemetery. This is the only marker denoting the burial place of Perry W ALLEN. It is located in the family plot with the tombstone of his first wife, Martha Jane (ROBINSON) ALLEN (27 May 1880-27 December 1904).

Generations ago, it was often customary to plant a bush, perennial, or tree at a gravesite from the family homestead or farmstead. Simply, it was a way of bringing part of the "home" to the deceased by the bereaved.

It is fairly safe to say that lilac, spirea, rose, or other bushes that grow on old gravesites once grew where the deceased lived.

He was first married to Martha ROBINSON on September 18, 1895, she having passed away in January 1905 and to this union two children were born, Neil and Bessie ALLEN (HARTWICK) who still survive. He was again married to Jennie E PARKER, October 18, 1905 and to this union nine children were born and are all still living, eight of whom are now at home with the bereaved mother, the oldest, Lavina, is living in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Besides his wife and children he leaves to mourn his untimely death, an aged fa-

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Superintendents of the Poor
Part I: Paupers
 By Alonzo Sherman

A statewide system to care for paupers was designed in 1869, and was implemented and funded by local tax revenue by each county in Michigan.

Within a county, each city, town, village or township appointed a superintendent of the poor to care for their own paupers. Those appointed in Iosco County were also members of the Board of the Iosco County Superintendents of the-Poor, who elected a chairman from its members. The Iosco County clerk acted as secretary for the board. This system was replaced by Michigan's Social Welfare Act of 1939.

The first proceedings of the Iosco Board of the Superintendents of the Poor were recorded in a large ledger in November 1869, the first of four created. The ledgers remain in the care of the Iosco County Register of Deeds in Tawas City and the 4,600 names have been indexed by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society in a document titled *Index To Paupers: 1869-1934*, available for review at the Robert J. Parks Public Library in Oscoda.

The board supervised temporary direct relief to persons living in their own home and also maintained a poor farm, a house on the poor farm called the poor house and a poor farm cemetery. The state played only a minor supervisory role. Each superintendent was charged with seeking out the persons in his jurisdiction who needed relief and arranging to get it for them.

Several common conditions caused the need for relief, such as sickness, death of a spouse or the inability of some injured and elderly to work and support themselves and their families. Most of the names in the ledgers include persons who lived in their own homes; a few lived at the county poor farm.

When relief was also given directly in the form of cash, it was through a trusted third party. Most of the time, the county paid local businesses to furnish relief in the form of food, clothing, firewood, rent, school books, gasoline to get to work, nursing for the sick and injured, doctor visits and hospital services. The board also funded expenses involving death and funerals.

Some recipients received relief in the form of transportation for travel to relatives or friends who would care for them.

Adoptions were arranged through the Probate Court for some orphaned children, and other children were sent to the State School in Coldwater. Several persons were

declared insane and were taken to the state asylums at Kalamazoo, Pontiac or Traverse City.

Iosco County also paid reimbursements to other counties when they furnished relief to county residents who needed help while visiting. Likewise, Iosco billed other counties for out-of-county residents who received relief here. This billing resulted in many disagreements between counties as to which county was the pauper's legal residence. Several court cases were needed to resolve some disagreements.

Several actual cases are shown below as examples of the relief given.

- Lachlan Campbell received relief in the form of payment for his room and board and some clothing between August 1870 and October 1871. Payment was made for a horse and buggy to move him to the poor house in September 1871.
- Richard Cassidy, between January and March 1874, received room and board from January of 1874 until his death in March. His funeral, digging the grave and burial plot in Greenwood Cemetery were billed to the county.
- Thomas Cullen had his room and board paid for from Oct. 1877 through April 1878.
- John Doyle received room and board, medicinal attention and medicine from September 1870 through April 1871. A coffin was bought for him in April 1871.
- Catherine Ford, an inmate in the poor house, had some mending done and a new dress made for her in November 1874. The same month, she became violently insane and was removed to the State Asylum for the Insane in Kalamazoo. The county paid all cost to keep her at the asylum, also keeping her small child, which it buried when the child died in March 1875.
- Sarah Gentry, apparently a young girl, was furnished relief in 1876 in the form of room and board and was sent to the State Public School in Coldwater. She was furnished shoes and clothing in 1877.
- Charles Green received relief in the form of medical care medicine and a coffin in 1877.

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ther, five brothers, two sisters and other relatives and a host of friends. He was an active member of the Whittemore Lodge F & A M and the A O O G in Reno. He was buried from the Baptist Church at Hale, Rev ROBERTS officiating, and laid to rest in the Reno Cemetery by the Whittemore Masonic Lodge.

William ALLEN

September 1855 – 8 February 1892

By Lugene Daniels

Unraveling the ALLEN family/families of Reno Township is not only a daunting task, but also probably nearly impossible for the amateur genealogist.

His stand-alone tombstone and the interesting story of his death provided reason enough to add this William ALLEN to this edition of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society Newsletter.

Printed in the Tawas Herald dated February 12, 1892 beneath the “Reno Rose-buds” heading was the following story.

“On Monday last, while loading cars for H N Laird, Wm ALLEN was instantly killed by a log rolling from the car onto him. Mr ALLEN was well thought of in these parts, and will be a great loss to the neighborhood, as well as to his family. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.”

At the time of his untimely and sudden death, William ALLEN was married to Louisa Frances (Frazier/Frasier/Frasure) WOODRUFF. This was her second marriage. According to marriage records from Sanilac County, Michigan found on-line, ALLEN and FRASIER-WOODRUFF were married on September 28, 1880.

Louisa’s first marriage was to Walter Powell WOODRUFF, which ended in divorce (according to family information found on-line). After the death of William ALLEN, Louisa married for a third time to

Frank J WILTBERGER on September 23, 1892 in East Tawas of Iosco County.

Frank J WILTBERGER, 36, was a farmer from Whittemore. Louisa ALLEN, 34, was a single-mother housekeeper, also from Whittemore. Instantly, WILTBERGER became a step-father to the four young children of William and Louisa ALLEN: Hannah, William, Mabel, and John Ira.



The solitary tombstone of William ALLEN stands 22.5 inches tall and measures 16 inches wide and 8.5 inches deep. It was erected in the oldest portion of the Reno Township Cemetery. The marker is inscribed with FATHER on the top.

It is said that a person’s final, lasting impression should be evident on one’s tombstone. Obviously, fatherhood insures that one’s legacy will definitely continue into the future, and being a father was undoubtedly one of William ALLEN’s strongest passions..

STATUS OF HSGS INDEXES

Total number of files (Indexes, Catalogs, Admin)	1,671
HSGS index files Searchable with Boolean search engine	1,470
Files to be edited before placement on web site	116
Older newspaper files needing event code updates	390
Files in need of other minor corrections	348
Catalogs completed (Michigan, Iosco Co., Canadian, Photos, Family Histories)	1,911
Catalogs Planned (newspapers, other counties)	25,166

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society
2013 Annual Financial Report**

Balance in checking, savings and petty cash January 1, 2013 -	\$2,416.89	Expenses Program	
Income		Collection management	\$87.02
Research	\$1,348.20	Postage, copies	320.06
Book and CD sales	71.00	Computers	
Membership dues	509.00	Hardware and software	239.00
Donations		Supplies	409.00
Digitization	890.45	Workshops	
Grants	650.00	Prizes, lunches, handouts	128.93
Dividend interest	3.86	Honorariums	772.00
		Books and Cds	86.32
		Administration	
Total income	\$3,472.51	Supplies, postage, printing	486.44
		Facility improvements	62.24
		Advertising	152.70
		Dues and donations	60.00
		Rent	150.00
		Total expenses	\$2,953.71
		Balance in checking, savings and petty cash	
		December 31, 2013 -	\$2,935.69

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- Elijah Pitts received relief about 30 times between 1873 and 1879 in the form of room and board, doctor visits and medicine.
- The Robson family (first names not given) received relief from April through October 1877. Furnished were house rent, clothing, one pair of boots and three pairs of shoes, books, sundries and provisions. They were also given a rocking chair, which was to be given to the Poor House when they no longer needed it. Finally, their travel to live with friends in New York was paid for.

Mr and Mrs. George Stiles were given relief in April 1876. George committed suicide and the county purchased his coffin. The county also paid for the washing of two double wool blankets and furnished Mrs. Stiles with a barrel of flour, pork and other supplies.

Note: *This is the first in a series of three articles about how Iosco County dealt with its impoverished citizens prior to 1939. The second installment will be on the Poor Farm and Infirmary.*

Huron Shores Genealogical Society
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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 - Lugene Daniels
 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.

Our next meetings are:
 April 17 July 17

We meet at the "A Different Blend Coffee House" in East Tawas.

Our office is open for individual research whenever the Parks Library is open:

Monday, Friday and Saturday	9:00 - 5:00
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday	9:00 - 8:00

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.

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!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
 \$10 per year \$15 per year with mailed newsletter

Make checks payable to: Huron Shores Genealogical Society

DATE: _____ PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP+4: _____

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: _____

Send this completed form and and your check if appropriate to:

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