



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

### FRENCH CANADIAN ROOTS

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society and the Iosco/Arenac District Library present

“French Canadian Roots”,  
 Saturday, October 13, 2012, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,  
 at the Robert Parks Public Library,  
 6010 N. Skeel Ave, Oscoda, MI.

Speakers will be:

- Roger Miller of Canada who will do a live search for a family using his resources and the internet in the Quebec, Canada area.
- Phyllis LaVigne of Mio, MI will concentrate on the Michigan side of the topic and will be using print resources not found on the Internet.

Both speakers are seasoned genealogists, with years of experience on the French Canadian topic. The speakers will present in the morning, the afternoon will be set aside for individual help and research using resources provided by the speakers and those available in HSGS's library.

Bring your family information and questions. You are also encouraged to submit your specific questions to us ahead of time. We will forward them on to the speakers so they have the opportunity to give them some thought before the program.

The program is free and open to the public. Lunch is provided. Contact Judy Sheldon for further information or to submit questions for the speakers at 989-739-5497 or via email to [huronshoresgs@yahoo.com](mailto:huronshoresgs@yahoo.com). Reservations are required, call 989-739-9581 to provide a lunch count.

### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

#### October

- 7 Tour of Esmond Cemetery, Hale, MI, with Lauri Finerty
- 13 **French-Canadian Research;** Robert Parks Library, Oscoda, MI: 10:00-3:00
- 19 HSGS Business Meeting  
Different Blend Coffee House, East Tawas

#### November

- 10 MGC Fall Event, Michigan Historical Center, Lansing, MI

### Tour of Esmond Cemetery

Tour of Esmond Cemetery, Hale, MI, Oct. 7, 2012, 2:00 pm. Meet at the cemetery. A wagon will be available for people to ride on, no walking unless they want to. Sponsored by Plainfield Township Historical Commission and narrated by Lauri Finerty.

Visit our relocated web site at:  
<http://www.huronshoresgs.org>



The Beatitudes of a Family Genealogist

Blessed - are the great grandfathers, who save embarkations and citizenship papers, for they tell when they came.

Blessed - are the great grandmothers, who hoarded newspaper clippings and old letters, for these tell the stories of their time.

Blessed - are the grandfathers, who filed every legal document, for this provides the proof.

Blessed - are the grandmothers, who preserved family Bibles and diaries, for this is our heritage.

Blessed - are the fathers, who elect officials that answer letters of inquiry, for - to some - the only link to the past.

Blessed - are the mothers, who relate family traditions and legend to the family, for one of her children will surely remember.

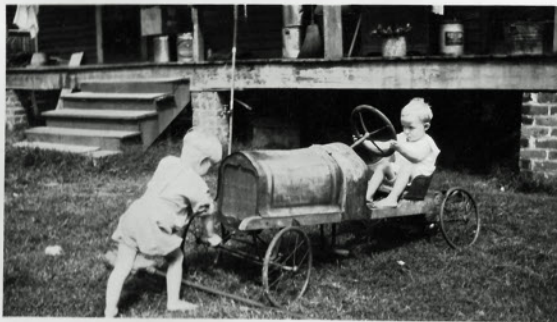
Blessed - are relatives, who fill in family sheets with extra data, for to them we owe the family history.

Blessed - is any family, whose members strive for the preservation of records, for theirs is a labor of love.

Blessed - are children, who NEVER say, "Grandma, you have told that old story twice today."

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Fond Family Memories  
By Judy Sheldon



William with unknown friend playing with his favorite toy and helping mother with the wash.



William Fredrick Thompson, Jr, born 14 May 1920 in Tyler, Texas, died 18 Apr 1995, Alpena, Michigan. His parents were William Fredrick Thompson, born 17 Oct 1895 in Tyler, TX and died 4 July 1993 in Tyler, TX and Esther Nora Buntyn, born 23 Apr 1900 in Meridian, Mississippi, died 28 August 1990 in Tyler, TX.

Dad was an only child, his nick name was Junior or Junie as his mother called him. He liked roller skating and horseback riding (how he met my Mom). He grew up in North Hollywood , California. Served in the Army Air Corp and was stationed in Panama during WWII. My Mom is a Detroiter, so they moved back to Michigan from Texas in the early 50's. He worked for the Ford Motor Co. for over 30 years at the plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan. When he retired he and my Mom moved to Lincoln, Michigan.

FROM THE TAWAS HERALD IN 1940

**August**

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ewing, pioneers of Plainfield Township, celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Zion Church is 50 years old

Eleanor Graves, 17, killed when lightning struck her grandparents home in Hale.

**September**

Gov. Dickinson names local draft boards. Iosco County board supervisors: John A. Mielock, H. Read Smith and Albert Davidson

1921 OSCODA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS

To Mr. John Winters, our superintendent, always our leader and friend, we, the Senior Class, gratefully dedicate the Oscodian for the year Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-one.

Board of Education:

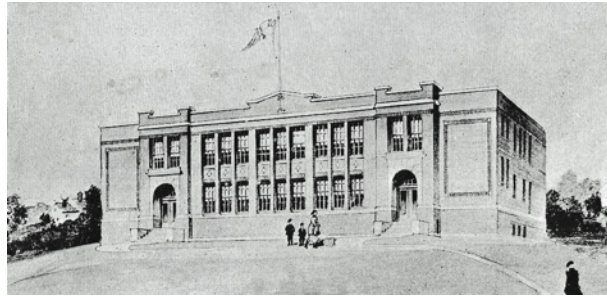
- Nada P Mills, President
- J. M. Amley, Treasurer
- A. R. Weir, Secretary
- W. J. Grant, Trustee
- W. P. Vaughan, Trustee

Staff:

- John Winters, Superintendent, Science
- Florence McMorran, English
- Lional Van Kersen, Latin, History
- Marion Hill, Music, Art
- Earl Tatch, Mathematics
- Fay Rouse, Commercial



Margaret Hall, President



Mary Chapron, Vice-President



Bella Grant, Secretary  
Irving Stockman



Emory Berry, Treasurer  
Zelpha Clark



Evelyn Dawes  
Allen Bertrand



## Unhappiness in the Saw Mills

By Judy Sheldon

Little is known about the men who worked in the saw mills in the late nineteenth century. They worked long hours in noisy, dirty mills. They often had families living in cramped housing. Even though they received higher wages, often \$30-50 per month, they paid their own housing. The wages were often not consistent from mill to mill, pay periods fluctuated greatly from one mill to another in the same town and when a worker needed cash between pay periods, which might be weeks, they they could receive orders from the company store or often turned to credit with brokers at 8% interest.

The 1880's was the advent of organized labor in many areas of our work force, and lumber wasn't left out of this movement, but the nature of the lumber business and it's slow decline made it difficult to unite the workers for any length of time. Men would go on strike, but little was gained.

In 1870 workers in Bay City went on strike to protest 12 hour days. They were asking for 10 hour days. As many as 1200 strikers marched on July 5<sup>th</sup> to the Third Street Bridge, where they fell into a line behind Charles Drago and marched to Center and Water St. There they met the 6 police officers led by Deputy Sheriff Perrott, who threatened to "blow your head off", several of the first marchers in the line were arrested and the rest fled. So ended that strike!

Unrest next erupted in Oscoda/AuSable in 1884. The summer was intensely hot, forest fires raged through Tawas and Sherman Townships. Workers had experienced a reduction in pay as the lumber industry was taking a down turn. Tempers were on edge. On June 15 a circular from the Oscoda Salt and Lumber Company (Loud) went out to their workers stating: "Your wages are \$1.37 1/2 per day. If you work until the close of the season and do satisfactory work, you will receive 12 1/2 cents a day more. If you do not agree to the above, report to the office at once." Coupled with the fact that wages had not been cut uniformly among the mills and were paid in various ways, some weekly - others semi-monthly. Some paid in full, others retained 10 to 15 days. This circular was the catalyst for the strike on June 17.

When the whistle blew at 6:00 am, the workers refused to work as did those at the J E Potts Salt and Lumber Company. These men were soon joined by the workers from Gratwick, Smith and Fryer Lumber Co., T F Thompson and Co., and millmen of

John C Gram. By 1:00 pm some 800 men marched to Pack, Woods and Co. mill and demanded a surrender. Greene Pack drew his revolver and was hosed with a mill hose. The strikers, who at all times, remained calm and orderly, marched through town with banners proclaiming their demands, such as same wages as the previous year, 11 hour days and weekly pay.

Resolution did not seem likely and pressured by the mill owner's and other business owner's, Governor Begole ordered troops from Bay City and Alpena to Oscoda/AuSable to keep order. They arrived on Saturday with a contingency of Pinkerton men who Greene Pack had requested for protection. By Monday, Sheriff Esmond asked the Governor to withdraw them as they were only irritating the situation. The Governor said he could not remove them until order had been restored and the mills were operating again. He ordered the sheriff to arrest the leaders of the revolt at once.

Then on Wednesday, the troops were ordered to stand down and withdraw although the situation was unchanged

In the mean time a committee of six workers chosen to represent the strikers had attempted to meet with the mill owners.

They were asking for the previous years wages, no store pay and cash on Saturday. The response from the owners was mixed. Three were willing to work with the workers Thompson and Penoyer, J E Potts and John C Gram. The others, loudly led by Greene Pack of Pack, Woods & Co refused to recognize the committee or talk with them. Pack had been strongly against the military withdrawal as he felt the many French-Canadian workers were excitable people and without the military order they would ignore the law and there would be mob rule.

After the troops left, there was no violence and the men went back to work. The three mills met some of the concessions as to cash payment every week, but on the whole the men were no further ahead and the situation for the workers and the mill owners was only to get more serious. The mills closed early that year because of the poor market for lumber. By September no logs came down the river.

1885 was no better. Bay City mill workers lost 25% of their pay and in July things exploded in the mills of Bay City and Saginaw. This eruption was much longer, lasting until September, and way more violent. Once again labor did not gain as much as they had hoped for, but shorter hours were accomplished.

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More can be found about these strikes in the following:

- BAY CITY'S LONG SUMMER: The Labor Strike of 1885 by Victor J. Mobley, June 11, 2011
- Ten Hours or No Sawdust by Victor J Mobley, Michigan History Magazine, Mar/Apr 2012
- Lumbering in Michigan – Background Reading [http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-54463\\_18670\\_18793-53133--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-54463_18670_18793-53133--,00.html)
- Cash Every Saturday or ... No Sawdust! by Neil Thornton
- Tawas Herald, 19 June 1884, p1 and 4
- Tawas Herald, 26 June 1884, p1

**Olde English Origins**

Stone cold

The ground floors were covered with stone slabs placed directly on the earth and so they were always cold.

Done to a turn

Meat was roasted until cooked, on an upright spit which had to be turned by hand.

Threshold

The raised door entrance held back the straw (called thresh) on the floor.

**New Features on Ancestry**

Ancestry.com is introducing a new feature to appear in the Search results. They are adding web records from sources outside of the Ancestry.com site. These will be available without a subscription to Ancestry.com. An example would be records in the Allen County Indiana Deaths at

[http://friendsofallencounty.org/search\\_deaths.php](http://friendsofallencounty.org/search_deaths.php).

The symbol for the record is a square with an arrow pointing out of it. There are only a few sites available at this time, so it possible you will not see this right away in your searches.

**The donations keep coming in. The donors below have added the donations previously reported. Over \$1,795 has been contributed towards the project as of press time. We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of our supporters**

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This is a very good start although we still have a long ways to go.



**CORRECTION**

Amy Alberts has correctly pointed out that Ruth Breiter (seated with puppy) and Joe Breiter (behind her), featured in a picture with Mary Hewitt near Chief Sodney's grave markers are actually Sodney's great- granddaughter and Sodney's great-great-grandson respectively. Lewis Williams was Sodney's grandson and he is Ruth's father.

## HSGS's COLLECTION OF PUBLISHED FAMILY HISTORIES - Part I

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.

Part 2 will be included in the December issue of the Genogram. The complete listing can be found on the HSGS Archive web site.

Title	Surnames	Ref #
Family Record of Jeremiah S Troyer & Maria (Mary) Troyer: 1829-1998, Mose J Troyer, © 1998, pages not numbered, about 300pp	Troyer	FH-001
The Amazing Story of the Birnbaums in America, by Sharon Taylor, A3 © 1982, 120pp	Birnbaum	FH-002
The Price, Blakemore, Hamblen, Skipwith & Allied Names, by Jay Berry Price, © 1992, 929pp	Blakemore, Hamblen, Price, Skipwell	FH-003
The History of Ancient Wethersfield Connecticut, author & © not given, 12pp	Holebert, Hurlburt, Hulibut, Hurlburt	FH-004
Derby Genealogy: a record of the descendants of John Darby of Marblehead MA- the generations, by Webster D Derby, © not given	Derby	FH-005
Genealogy of the Hibbard Family who are descendants of Robert Hibbard of Salem MA, by Frederic Andrew Hibbard, © 1992.	Hibbard	FH-006
McMillan, Cools, Shadko, Austin, by John T Austin, not dated, about 75pp	Austin, Cools, McMillan, Shadko	FH-007
Genealogy of Troyers, Descendants of Immigrant Michael Troyer, by Carl Troyer, ©1999, 289pp	Troyer	FH-008
Hayes Genealogy & Travel, by Warren & Elaine Hayes, not dated, about 25pp	Hayes	FH-009
Johnston Journey, by Bernice E Prevost, ©1929, pages not numbered, about 50pp	Johnston	FH-010
Harold Nicolson Diarie & Letters 1930-1939, by Nigel Nicolson, ©1966, 448pp	Nicolson	FH-011
The Life & Letters of John Paul Jones Vol II, by Mrs Reginald deKoven, ©1913, 511pp	Jones	FH-012
Life & Times of Steven Thomson Mason the Boy governor of Michigan, by Lawton T Hemans, ©1930, 528pp	Mason	FH-013
The Yutzy Family- Christian, Peter, Elizabeth, Reuben, Susan & their Descendants, by M J Troyer, ©1995, 232pp	Yutzy	FH-014
Harold Frederic Powell Genealogy, by Harold D Powell PhD, ©1991, 390pp	Powell	FH-015
Sherman (William Tecumseh Sherman)- Fighting Prophet, by Lloyd Lewis, © 1932, 690pp	Sherman	FH-016
Memorial Addresses on the Life & Character of James S Sherman Vice President of the United States 1909-12, by Charles G Bennett, ©1913, 136pp	Sherman	FH-017
The Day Dreamer, An Autobiography, by Irl L Baguley, not dated, 158pp	Baguley	FH-018
Promises to Keep, The Life of Dr Thomas A Dooley, by Agnes W Dooley, ©1961/62, 272pp	Dooley	FH-019

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One Thomas Culhane, by Mildred Agnes Bell, ©1978, pages not numbered, about 150pp	Culhane	FH-020
William Chipps Family- William Chipps – Deborah Chambers & Descendants of Canada & United States 1802-2002, by Bernice J Soave, ©2002,	Chambers, Chipps	FH-021
Ancestors, A Family History, by William Maxwell, ©1971,	Maxwell	FH-022
A Dutch-English Odyssey- Stories of Brewer & Estey Families in N America 1936-1996, by Floyd I Brewer, ©1997, 548pp	Brewer, Estey	FH-023
Genealogy of the Blanding Family with Blanden, Blandin & Blandon, by Leonard Clark Blanding, ©1986, 429pp	Blanden, Blandin, Blanding, Blandon	FH-024
Cartwright – Northrip & Allied Families, by Floyd J Cartwright, ©1981, 415pp	Cartwright, Northrip	FH-025
History of the Simon Mills Family, Book II- Katie R Mills & Ralph R Mills, ©1982, 495pp	Mills	FH-027
Seven Generations of Twigs & Branches, by Clarice W Birdsall, ©1992, 227pp	Winfield	FH-028
The Bark Covered House, by Milo Milton Quaife, © 1967, 342pp	Nowlin	FH-029
Philip A Hart, Memorial Addresses & Tributes in the Congress of the United States, by Joint Committee on Printing of US GOP, ©1977, 105pp	Hart	FH-030
The Peek, Pake, Peck Genealogy- The descendants of Jan Peeck (1624-1659) of New Amsterdam NY, by Ross R Pake, ©1999, about 300 pages	Pake, Peck, Peek	FH-031
The Burdett Family of VA & WV, by Howard W Burdett, c 2001, 377pp	Burdett	FH-032
Farm Boy (Bill Hammer Jr & his father Bill Hammer Sr of NW Illinois), by Archie Lieberman, undated, c1970s, 361pp	Hammer	FH-033
Autobiographical Episodes, by Allen A Warsen, ©1971, 43pp	Warsen	FH-034
Descendants of Hartman & Catherine Freeland 1760-1987, by Dorothy J (Freeland) Hoover, c1987, about 350 pages	Freeman	FH-035
History Of A Good Family, by Mary Ellen Good, ©1978, 646pp	Good	FH-036
Once in a Lifetime, a Bibliography of Louis F Peterson, by Sylvia A Nickelson, ©1871, 119pp	Peterson	FH-037
Historical & Biographical Sketch of the Bowden, Bodine & Beaudion Family, author unknown, published by Historical Publishing Co, Washington DC, not dated, 32pp	Beaudion, Bodine, Bowden	FH-038
Henderson Family Tree, Descendants of the Emigrant from England (William Henderson c1811-1889-91 & wife Sara A c1822-1852), by Linda Wells, © 1996, 610pp	Henderson	FH-039
Charles Sumner Pierce 1858-1928, by Mary Pierce Kerr, ©1995, about 75 pages	Pierce	FH-040
Moore/Thornton Family, by Robert G Moore, ©1999, about 50pp	Moore, Thornton	FH-041
One Man's Journey From Slippery Rock, by Russell Wright, A26 ©1997, 137pp	Wright	FH-043
The Newcomb/Hartt & Slye/Blunden Families, by Viettia Alberta Newcomb, ©1995, 408pp	Blunden, Hartt, Newcomb, Slye	FH-044
Guzik & Vance Family Histories, by Miss Kristi Therese Guzik, ©1993, about 50pp	Guzik, Vance	FH-045

