



# HURON SHORES GENOGRAM

## Oscoda, Michigan

### DID YOU LOOK?

### DID YOU LOOK? and more...

with Kris Rzepczynski  
and Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski

Saturday March 30, 2019  
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Robert J. Parks Library  
6010 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI

**REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**  
**REFRESHMENTS  
SERVED**  
**BRING YOUR OWN  
BROWN BAG LUNCH**

Kris, a Senior Archivist at the Archives of Michigan and Melissa, a Genealogy Center Assistant Manager at the Allen County Public Library will show you little known places to search for information. They will also teach you how to index the naturalization records project on Family Search and tell you what genealogical resources are available in the Allen County Public Library.



9:00-9:30 am - Genealogy Library Opens  
9:30-10:00 am - Register & Coffee/Tea  
10:00 am - Noon - Little Known Resources  
12:00-12:30 pm - Brown Bag Lunch  
12:30-1:15 pm - Indexing  
1:15-2:00 pm - Allen County Public Library

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### HSGS Genealogical Meetings and Events

#### March

30 HSGS Spring Program, "Did You Look? And More" with Kris Rzepczynski and Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski. 10 - 2 Parks Library

#### April

18 HSGS Business Meeting at China Buffet, 724 E. Bay St., East Tawas

#### July

12-13 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing  
18 HSGS Business Meeting, Location to be determined, East Tawas

#### Sept or Oct

Pinecrest Cemetery Walk, Oscoda, MI

#### Nov

9 Michigan Genealogical Council Fall History Event, Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing

### Lugene's Lessons of Genealogy Lugene Daniels (1954-2016)

1. Be patient. Some information takes a long time to get to you.
2. Be aware at all times. The most valued information will come to you from what you think is the least likely source or the most unexpected situation.
3. Always introduce yourself to the person next to you wherever you are. I have met more relatives of myself or my husband this way.
4. Gather as much "stuff" as possible TODAY. Do NOT wait until tomorrow! Each and every day something is lost: a photo, a story, an opportunity, a family member. If you want to do this, do not hesitate. Beginning the process is sometimes the most difficult part of the quest.
5. Develop a system for storing all the information you collect. Everyone has their own system of filing information, photos, maps, family group sheets, family trees, etc. Make a system that works for you. Do not totally rely on the computer. I try to make a hard copy of everything.



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Pinecrest Cemetery Walk,  
Oscoda, Michigan slated for late summer 2019



Contact Judy Sheldon through the Robert Parks Library, 989-739-9581 or email the society at [huronshoresgs@yahoo.com](mailto:huronshoresgs@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions.

Pinecrest Cemetery (aka Oscoda Cemetery), on Adams Rd., Oscoda, MI dates back to at least 1868 with many of the influential Oscodians buried there. We are planning to do this walk a little differently from our past walks. We will be looking for 15 to 20 students to be our presenters for this walk to encourage young people to take an active part in family history, their own or that of the community, These young people might have a relative buried there, be interested in Oscoda history, need volunteer hours for organizations like National Honor Society or just want to trapes through the cemetery and tell someone’s story. Story tellers would meet several times over the summer to pick a person, research this person and write their story to be presented at the walk. Our society members will be assisting students with all of these tasks. Cemetery walks are usually held on a Saturday or Sunday.



Sarah Rockwood  
Wife of E Rockwood  
Died January 1, 1886  
Aged 48 Years

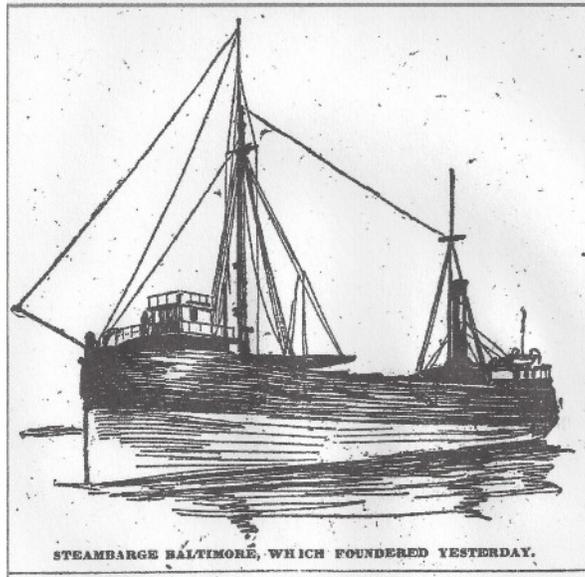
Lugene’s Tips, continued from page 1

6. Just because you cannot find what you are seeking today, does not mean that it won't be there tomorrow. Constantly, new information is loaded onto the Internet. Just because a long distant relative will not talk to you this week, doesn't mean you should quit interaction with this person. Maintain friendly relationships with your relatives. Good things will come your way.
7. Always ask the stupid questions! Never be afraid to ask anyone a question to seek an answer. Realize that sometimes maybe the answer will not be what you want to hear; but many times you will learn more than if you had not asked.
8. Pray a lot!! The Good Lord and the relatives that got you here are ready to help. You just have to ask.

## The Wreck of the Wooden Steamer *Baltimore*, Friday, May 24, 1901, Au Sable Point aka Fish Point

By Judy Sheldon

When we think of violent storms on Lake Huron most of us think of the Fall storms especially in the month of November, but wicked nor'easters are just as likely to hit in the Spring of the year as this particularly violent one that took its toll on countless ships in the lake. At least 11 ships in the Great Lakes reported damage from this particular storm.



The Baltimore was built in 1881 in Gibraltar, known then as the Escanaba. Her home port was Chicago, Ill. Made of wood, gross tonnage 1160, she carried mostly coal. This last trip was from Lorain, Ohio to Washburn, Wisconsin. As the storm hit the captain, M. H. Place got as far as just north of Thunder Bay, Alpena. The weather became more and more fierce on Thursday, washing over the ship and taking with it the engineer's quarters and the wash rooms. He turned the ship around to make a run for Tawas Bay and shelter. All was well until they made Au Sable Point when it struck a reef at about 6:00 in the morning. The deckhouse went, then the after cabin, the smokestack fell and both rails broke in two. The crew took to the rigging except two who lashed themselves to a piece of the after cabin and were washed overboard as the ship sank. These were the only survivors! George McGinnis, a deckhand and Thomas Murphy, Second Engineer, endured the storm for over twelve horrific hours. McGinnis lost all reasoning and tried to throw Murphy overboard. Murphy tried reasoning with

him and finally had to tie McGinnis to the raft. At last the tug, Columbia, found them and brought them ashore.

George McGinnis was sent to a marine hospital in Cleveland, OH to recover. While there, the story of the wreck and in his delirium that he had run away when he was 13 years old hit the papers and his brother, Edwin of Chicago, realized this was his brother who had run away from home nine years earlier. They were

reunited at the hospital.

Thomas Murphy was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Salvage operations were soon started and when a piece of the stern was brought up, it was discovered that the oak plank was so rotten your finger could push right through it. The engines and boilers were placed in either the Empire State or the Badger State and in 1903, the propeller was salvaged.

Those who lost their lives that fateful morning were:

Morton. H. Place, Captain, born 1859 Ohio, married Sarah Mussman 1886 St. Clair, MI, lived in Cleveland, OH; body recovered late June 1901 eight miles north of Oscoda.

Michael Breathour, First Mate, born 1875 Michigan; lived in St. Clair, MI, body recovered at Wenona Beach and taken to Bay Cit., MI, Saturday, June 1, 1901.

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Mrs. Sarah Mussman Place, Stewardess, born 1868 Huron Co., Michigan; body recovered late June 1901.

John Deiders, Second Steward. Various spellings: Dender, Delders; probably age 13 years.

Edward Owen, Wheelsman, body recovered at Manisou Island, Saturday, June 1, 1901; buried East Tawas Cemetery, MI, death record says married.

Charles William Sears, Wheelsman, born about 1872 Michigan; body recovered at Point Lookout on Sunday; buried in Saginaw, Michigan, lived in Cleveland, OH, single.

George A. Scott, Watchman, born 1883 Wayne Co., Michigan; lived in Chicago, IL, single, buried in Detroit, MI; body recovered July 15, 1901.

Herbert Winning, Watchman

Peter Marcoux, Chief Engineer, born 1861 Canada, body recovered late June 1901 near

AuSable; lived with his aunt and buried in Chicago, IL, single.

William Parker, Fireman, other spelling Barker.

Fred Krueger, Fireman, other spelling P. Kruger

August Anderson, Deckhand

Capt. Louis La Frarrier (**La Frenier**, Laffiner), Carpenter, born about 1841 Canada. He was an old ship builder who was doing work on the steamer. About 79 years old. He had built the Monitor and the Lac La Belle; body recovered late June 1901 eight miles north of Oscoda.

The tragedy was covered in papers all over the country. There is an extensive article in the Detroit Free Press, Saturday, May 25, 1901, front page, the Buffalo Courier, May 26, 1901, p. 10 . The Tawas Herald covered the story on May 31, 1901, page 3, column 4. It is also covered in *"Times to Remember"*, AuSable-Oscoda Historical Society, p. 8-11.

**Michael John Neill Genealogy Tip of the Day**  
 From the German Genealogical Group  
 German Life Magazine, December, 2018

Tip of the Day

Sometimes records are only accessible onsite and travel is not an option. Sometimes records are in a foreign language and someone who can read and translate them is necessary. Sometimes things just don't make sense and you need someone with expertise and experience to review your materials and make suggestions or do some research.

Before you even consider hiring a professional:

- organize what you have—go through it, put it together, find the "sources," transcribe it, summarize it.

- see if there are other ways to access the records you need.
- see if there's a Facebook group, email list, or other group where you can post your questions—or get suggestions for someone who may be able to help.
- see if you can translate the records yourself—but make certain you are understanding words correctly in their context. • coordinate with relatives to share costs.
- consider what it would cost to travel there and "get it yourself." It may be cheaper—or not.

**2019 Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar (Abrams Seminar)**

Friday, July 12 through Saturday, July 13

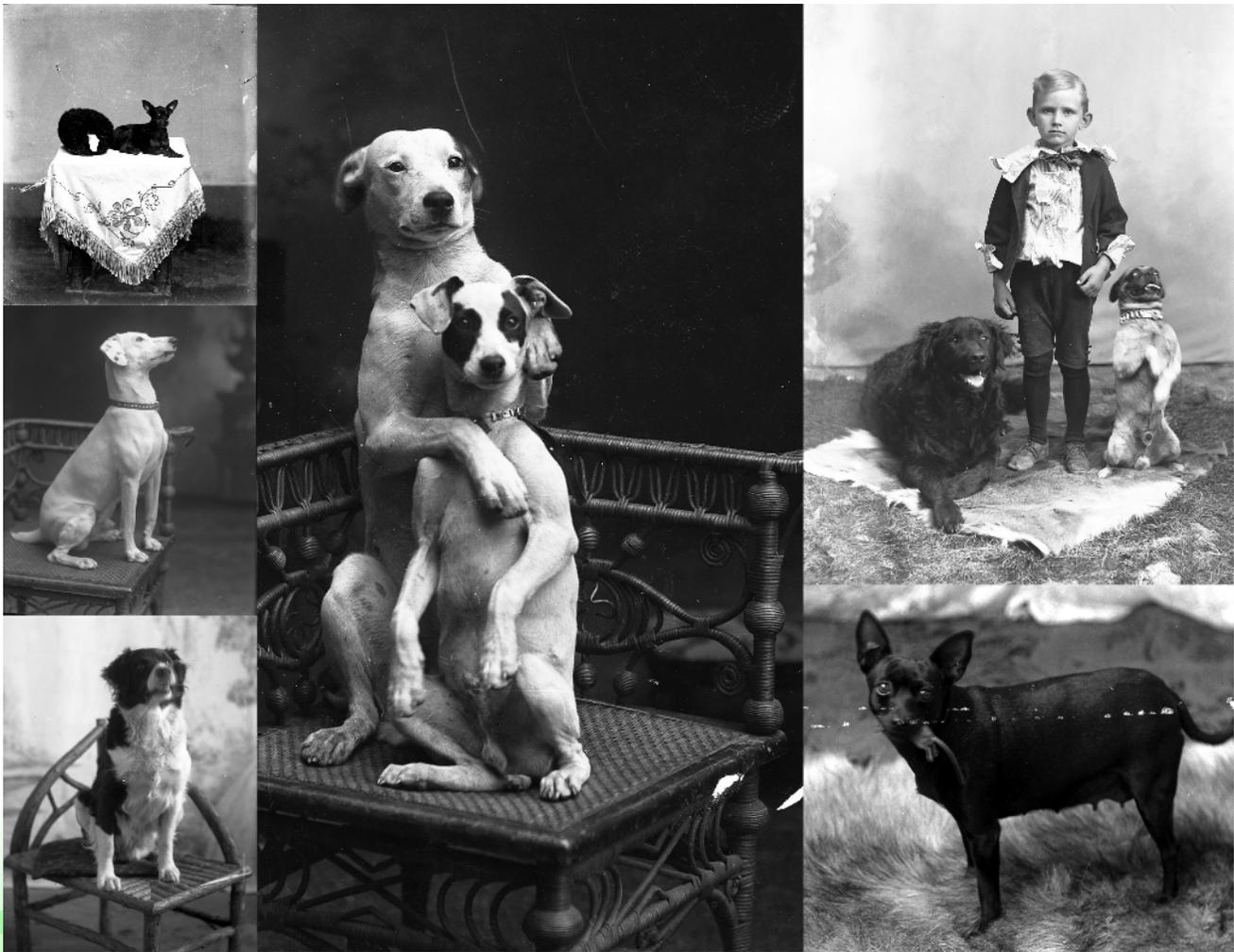
Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing, Michigan

The speaker will be Tina Beard, she is the owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is also a genealogy librarian at the Plainfield Public Library in Plainfield, Illinois. She lectures extensively on topics including Scottish genealogy, military research and archival preservation.

PICs of PETS  
Submitted by Judy Sheldon

Taking photos of our pets has gotten so much easier these days with fast digital cameras and ultra fast shutter speeds. Early photographers had to have their subjects be very still for several minutes. Pets began to appear in family portraits during the Victorian Era as their position in the family became important.

Ard Emery had a talent and a knack with dogs in his studio in East Tawas, Michigan. These photos were taken between 1892 and 1904. Ard may have taken ideas from earlier photographers who excelled in animal photography. By 1850 the lens speed was better and pets appeared with family portraits. Harry Pointer (1822-1889), an English photographer, photographed his pet cats and the collection became known as "Brighton Cats". He posed his cats in human poses, added a greeting and sold these as greeting cards. Following Mr. Pointer was Harry Whittier Frees (1879-1953) took things to a new level. He dressed his cats and dogs in clothes and then posed them. In 1906 he put a party hat on the family cat and his career in producing postcards, calendars and children's books took off.



"Roots Tech 2019 is in the books and there were plenty of announcements from the big companies. Ancestry.com has added three new tools for the Tree and DNA portion, My Heritage.com has added a new tool to the DNA part and Family Tree Maker has new stuff coming out later this year. Just a few of the announcements making the blog rounds. Check out your favorite blogger and see what they covered."

## All the hoopla over the citizenship question on the 2020 US census

Submitted by Judy Sheldon

Every ten years since 1790 the United States has conducted a general census of the population. The forms have changed, the questions have expanded, the method of reaching the people have changed, but the use of the information, as far as the Census Bureau is concerned, is to create statistical information. A quote from the Bureau in August 2018 “The data collected by the decennial census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives (a **process** called apportionment) and is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities.” It is constitutionally required as it is in Article 1, Section 2 of our Constitution. Until 1879 US Federal Marshals went door to door to conduct the survey when Congress replaced them with trained enumerators and by 1802 the US Census Bureau was officially created.

What did the 1790 Census ask, what is the name of the white head of household (usually a male) and the ages and sex of all persons in the house reported in specified age brackets? That was it! Questions like all other free persons and number of slaves were added and in 1820 there appeared a question on number of foreign born not naturalized. 1850 was the beginning of listing all of the persons in the household by name, a genealogists dream!

[https://www.census.gov/history/www/through\\_the\\_decades/index\\_of\\_questions/](https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/)

The information on where a person was born has been a valuable lead on where to look for further documents and naturalization questions have given us the direction to look for our families in other countries. Only once in our history has this knowledge been used to the detriment of our citizens and sharing this information now is a felony.

<https://www.factcheck.org/2010/03/census-nonsense/>

The table below details the years that birth place and citizenship questions were asked.

	Birthplace Question	Citizenship Question		Birthplace Question	Birthplace Question
1790	No	No	1910	Yes	Yes
1800	No	No	1920	Yes	Yes
1810	No	No	1930	Yes	Yes
1820	No	Yes	1940	Yes	Yes
1830	No	Yes	1950	Yes	Yes
1840	No	No	1960	Yes, 25% sample	No
1850	Yes, Free Inhabitants only	No	1970	Yes, 20% sample	Yes, 5% sample
1860	Yes	No	1980	Yes, 1/6 sample	1/6 sample
1870	Yes	Yes, Males over 20	1990	Yes, 1/6 sample	1/6 sample
1880	Yes	No	2000	Yes, 1/6 sample*	1/6 sample*
1890	Yes	Yes	2010	Yes, 1/6 sample*	No*
1900	Yes	Yes	2020	No*	Yes**

\*Asked or to be asked in the Annual Community Survey (ACS), less than 3% of the population

\*\* Final 2020 Citizenship Question still undecided

Will the lawsuits to eliminate the citizenship question prevail? Guess we'll just have to wait and see. What will the answers be on the 2020 Census? You have to wait until 2092, a 72 year wait!

<https://www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-u-s-census>

**STATUS OF HSGS INDEXES**

	1/2018	1/2019
Total number of files (Indexes, Catalogs, Admin)	1,734	1,789
HSGS index files Searchable on the GenWeb Archives	1,292	1,327
Files to be edited before placement on web site	175 est	185 est

**The USGenWeb Project**

USGenWeb was established in 1996 by a group of genealogists who shared a desire to create online centers for genealogical research. Each of the literally thousands of web sites have been created and are maintained by volunteers providing free online genealogy help and information for every U.S. state and county. Their national site provides links to state sites, which, in turn, provide gateways to the counties. Some of the offerings you're likely to see in these diverse and creative sites include query boards, listings of local sources for records, county and state histories, online genealogy books, research tips, maps, and links to helpful internet resources. You'll even find transcribed records online, accessible for free from the comfort of your home. The Special Projects, such as The USGenWeb Archives are a major repository of data, which is provided by helpful contributors - people just like us!

If you have not already searched the extensive list of more than 1327 HSGS index files on the Archives, take the opportunity now. Additional files are now being added on a regular basis. They GenWeb search engine and the files are accessible through our web page, [huronshoresgs.org](http://huronshoresgs.org).

Also, check out the USGenWeb Archives for other locations! There is a ton of useful FREE information there!

**MURPHY'S LAW OF GENEALOGY**

1. The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated and which the platform collapsed under him, turned out to be a hanging.
2. The keeper of the vital records you need has just been insulted by another genealogist.
3. The relative who had all the family photographs gave them to a daughter who has no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share them.

**Huron Shores Genealogical Society 2018 Annual Financial Report**

Balance January 1, 2018 -	<b><u>\$4,428.01</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	
Research	730.00
Book and CD sales	530.14
Membership dues	535.00
Donations - General	888.11
Grants	0.00
Dividend interest	4.96
Total income -	2688.21
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Program</b>	
Collection Management	68.89
Postage, copies, supplies	104.88
Computers	
Hardware and software	275.98
Supplies	210.26
Workshops	200.47
Honorariums	125.00
<b>Administration</b>	
Supplies, postage, printing	121.71
Fund Raising, Advertising	0.00
Dues and Donations	129.25
Rent	100.00
Fees	6.30
Total Expenses -	\$1342.74
Balance December 31, 2018 -	<b><u>\$5,773.48</u></b>



