

## **INDEX TO ARD EMERY GLASS NEGATIVES COLLECTION 1890-1905 Part #4**

**Iosco County Michigan**

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**For the introduction see List #1.**

### **History of the Ard G Emery Glass Negatives Collection**

**(By Alonzo J Sherman)**

**This collection of 4,563 Ard G Emery's glass negatives** were donated to the Iosco County Historical Museum by Neil Thornton of Tawas City Michigan between 1980s-2008, and are maintained by the Iosco County Historical Museum located at 405 W Bay St. (US-23), East Tawas Michigan 48730. Phone (989) 362-8911. The total collection is divided into three parts:

- Part #1. The glass negatives were donated in the about 1980 and stored in the basement. In 1994 Jackie Soncrant of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society, and her mother, cleaned the negatives and filed them in archival envelopes and stored them in a fireproof file cabinet in the Museum's Library. They also produced an index that was posted on the Huron Shores Genealogical Society's web site. In 2002 Doris Demt of Union City Wisconsin, a member of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society, retyped the index in order to have it in a modern compatible format, so it could be added to The Huron Shores Genealogical Society's web site.
- Part #2 negatives were donated in 2002, and Museum made a paper index. From this paper index, the Huron Shores Genealogical Society made a computer index and placed it on their web site. These negatives were scanned in 2008 and the index was updated in 2008 by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society.
- Part #3 negatives were donated in April & May 2008. They were cleaned up and placed in archival envelopes by Neil Thornton of the Museum and Lugene Daniels of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society. These negatives were scanned and indexed in May 2008 by HSGS.
- HSGS persons working on the scanning project were Charles Birnbaum, Lugene Daniels, James Farrand, Eileen Gervais, Judy Sheldon, Alonzo Sherman, Dan Stock & Naomi Stonehouse. The scanner used was an Epson model 4990. The format was TIFF using 300dpi. The index was update while scanning, and later proofed read by Alonzo Sherman, Lugene Daniels and Jim Farrand.

**Indexes for Parts #1, #2 & #3** were published by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society, and placed on the Huron Shores Genealogical Society's web site in June 2008 by our Web Master Dan Stock.

The resulting photographs may or may not be of the person who ordered the photograph: Names seldom are given for the people in the photographs, but they are probably the person, or family members, or close friends, of the person who ordered the photographs. These photographs are mostly of people, although there are a few of funeral wreaths, buildings, boats, animals etc.

**Approximate date the negative was taken can** be determined from the following Table. A few negatives were in envelopes that contain the date and image number, and are shown below. Use the following table to estimate the date of the undated images:

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<b>Order No</b>	<b>Mo/Dy/Yr</b>
0001	xx/xx/1891
0007	xx/xx/1892
3015	05/xx/1899
3243	06/xx/1900
3351	07/xx/1900
3380	09/xx/1900
3801	10/xx/1901
3892	06/27/1902
4238	xx/xx/1903
4527	08/01/1903
4649	11/01/1903
5009	08/18/1904
5066	07/22/1904

**Condition of the Glass Negatives.** These negatives were taken between about 1890-1905, and since then have been stored for several decades in a building with a leaking roof, in a unheated lumber yard, and in the Museum's damp basement. Then in 1994 they (Part #1) were finally cleaned by HSGS members and placed in archival folders and stored in a fireproof file cabinet in a heated area of the Museum's library.

The original envelopes were manufactured with coarse brown paper and had a glue seam, and became water logged and musty. The glue leaked through and transferred to the glass negatives, which has left a smudge mark on the negatives running the long way through the center of many negatives. This smudge mark was removed if it was on the shiny side, but we were advised by Kodak not to try to remove it from the emulsion side.

Some negatives have been cracked and broken; an a few pieces are even missing. Cracks however, may go through the faces.

A general condition of the negative is given in the "Description" column of the index. If the face is effected it will be noted the "image (meaning the face(s) is/are bad" in the index. The minor defects are not mentioned in the index, if in our judgment are they easily correctable by the patron with Adobe Photo Shop, or a similar program. Even a bad image could be used by an artist to draw or paint the person, and may be the only option to get an image of an ancestor.

**Order Number:** The photographer assigned an Order Number to most negatives. Order numbers 0001-9999 with a letter suffixes generally indicates there are multiple poses of the same person(s) for that specific order number, although there are some exceptions. Those negatives without an order number have been assigned the number 0000 or 0000 plus a letter suffix.

**Viewing the glass negatives:** The glass negatives are now stored in the Museum archives and cannot be viewed by the public, with out permission. However both the index and images can be viewed on the computer at either the Iosco County Historical Society & Museum or at the Huron Shores Genealogical Society.

**The index is also posted** on the Internet on the Huron Shores Genealogical Society web site at:

[www.usgenweb.org/mi](http://www.usgenweb.org/mi) (Then link to Iosco County & then to HSGS).

**Images are not posted** on the Internet.