

# Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter

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2020 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar

Friday, July 10 – Saturday, July 11, 2020

Hosted by the Archives of Michigan and Michigan Genealogical Council  
and supported by the Abrams Foundation

Featuring

Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

## **“The Legal Genealogist”**

Sessions to include:

- ◆ “No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses in the Streets” – Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors’ Lives
  - ◆ • Just Three Generations
  - ◆ • That Scoundrel George



Registration information and the full program schedule will be available soon, stay tuned!!

## President's Message

Sometimes genealogists, are so busy looking for a piece of information to further our ancestral lines that we may forget to keep up on our own genealogical education.

I have found that taking time for learning is just as valuable as looking for records. It can provide that one piece of information that guides you to just what you were looking for. I was so frustrated in my Vermont land record search that I put it away for a few weeks. I decided I needed to learn more about Vermont land records because, obviously, I was doing **something wrong. Well, I was, kind of. I knew how to find "Vermont" land records, but I didn't realize early, pre-Revolutionary War records would be found in New Hampshire and/or New York.** Learning about the history of the area was vital to my research success. This is where educating yourself can help in your research.

Currently, I schedule one day a week to educate myself on topics in genealogy. I use Wednesday. It is also known as Webinar Wednesday at Legacy Family Tree. I put dinner in the crockpot and use all day Wednesday to catch up on journal reading, watch webinars, or conduct self-study with a book. **My newest book, "The Magic of German Church Record: Finding the Key to Your Ancestor's Past" by Katherine Schober is a good one. I couldn't wait until Wednesday to read it when it came.** I dug right in, but usually I have a stack of reading materials waiting to be read.

There are many types of genealogical education. Here are a few I have found helpful and I hope you will too. **Blogs, books, magazines and journals, podcasts, television shows, You Tube videos, webinars, wiki's, online courses, virtual fairs, conferences, workshops and our own society meetings.** Whatever area of genealogical education you are interested in, there is something for everyone.

**Don't forget two important opportunities for expanding your knowledge: the Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar and MGC's Fall Family History Event. It won't be long before the Abrams Foundation seminar will be upon us. Save the date of July 10th and 11th for this seminar.** The guest speaker will be Judy Russell aka The Legal Genealogist. I have had the pleasure of hearing Judy speak a few times. She is one of those speakers that once you hear her speak, you will want to hear more from her. I would say she is in the top ten of genealogy speakers. A speaker that you should hear. More information will be coming about the seminar in a few weeks, but if you are looking for a way to educate yourself, **you won't find a better way than to hear Judy Russell speak.**

Sincerely,

Brenda Leyndyke,  
President Michigan Genealogical Council

## Society News

## MGC Meetings and Coronavirus Information

The March delegate meeting was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns. MGC takes your health and well-being seriously and it is especially important for us to mitigate risk for potentially vulnerable populations, including those who live with immune compromised individuals. The MGC board will continue to monitor the situation in the months ahead.

We will look at the State Department of Health and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations when deciding to hold our events.

The board hopes all our society members stay healthy. Please check our event calendar at [mimgc.org](http://mimgc.org) for up to date information on events

Brenda

## Irish Research

Abigail Eynon provided a tale of the immigration of Irish Catholic nationals into what would become the State of Michigan. She presented at the Farmington Genealogical Society meeting.

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society presented Beginning Irish Genealogy. Cathy Cottone, gave a great talk on ways to begin working on your Irish family ancestry. Cathy also showed a case study of finding her McCarthy family in the Beara Peninsula of County Cork **Ireland at the Lyon Twsp. Public Library. Griffith's Valuation** is a property tax survey carried out in the mid-1800's under the supervision of Sir Richard Griffith. The survey involved the detailed valuation of every taxable piece of agricultural or built property on the island of Ireland and was published county-by-county between the years 1847 and 1864.

The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presented the 'Do's and Don't of Cemetery Research'.

*Farmington and Northville Genealogical Societies newsletters*

## EuroDocs: Online Sources for European History

From Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library, [this website] offers links to "selected transcriptions, facsimiles, and translations" from over 50 European countries from Albania to Vatican City. This selection of open access resources covers a spectacular spectrum of materials. You may find images of newspapers, book pages, maps, prints, and photographs; digitized city or local records; and some sound recordings and film clips.

[https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://eudocs.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Main_Page)

## ZEFYS

ZEFYS is a "creative acronym" for the German words for "newspaper information system." A project of the Berlin State Library, the site includes over 300,000 issues of nearly 200 German-language newspapers. Heaviest coverage is for the 19th and early 20th centuries, but a few issues go back to the 1600s. The site can be viewed with German or English text.

<http://zefys.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/index.php?id=start>

## Legacy/Family Tree Webinars

– **you are missing out on a great opportunity if you don't** check out the Legacy webinars! They are FREE, and if you **can't listen at the time of the webinar, they are still available** for 7 more days – all for free! If you want to get the handouts as well, become a member for just \$49.95/year. With membership, you get 1129 classes to choose from, 1377 hours of instruction, 4657 pages of handouts, chat logs from live webinars, on-demand access anytime, and get 5% off anything in the store. What a deal!!! Just think of the savings you get if you had to travel for all the lectures!

## Yosemite

– **If you've never had the chance to travel to Yosemite National Park**, you can now take a tour while staying in the comfort of your own home. The site includes panoramic views from over 200 locations within the park.

<https://www.virtualyosemite.org/>

*Farmington Genealogical Society newsletter*



**News con't:**

### Family History Library Temporarily Closes Due to CoronaVirus

Out of concern for the health and safety of our guests, volunteers, and staff, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City will temporarily close starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020 until further notice. This closure is to support preventive efforts to control the spread of COVID-19.

Regional FamilySearch centers and libraries have been asked to consider the direction of their local and government leaders, and then make informed decisions about temporary closures. If you plan to visit a FamilySearch center soon, please call ahead to ensure it is open at the regular times.

We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to use the vast genealogical resources available at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) to continue your family discoveries. During the time the Family History Library is closed, personal assistance will continue to be provided online through [FamilySearch Communities](#) and [Family History Library Classes and Webinars](#).

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this closure may cause. For the latest Family History Library status updates, please refer to the [FamilySearch newsroom](#).

Sincerely,

David E. Rencher  
Director of the Family History Library

*Dick Eastman, March 13, 2020*

19th Gathering of Cornish Cousins  
Butte Montana  
July 14-18, 2021

#### Workshops, Tours and Pasty's

We have shortened the number of days to make it easier to get away to learn and renew friendships with cousins

For more information contact:  
Carolyn Haines at [hainesc@msu.edu](mailto:hainesc@msu.edu)

### RootsTech 2020 Video Sessions The Story of You

If you weren't able to attend in person or watch the live sessions you can take advantage of both London 2019 and Salt Lake City 2020 sessions now at:

<https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

Some select sessions include:

10 year Celebration

Preservng the Fabric of Our Families

German Research for the Everyday American

YDNA Basics for Genealogy and Parentage

Healing and Family History –The Emotional Side of DNA

Finding your Elusive Female Ancestors

[Rootstech.org](https://www.rootstech.org)

### My Heritage in Color™

Based on deep learning technology, MyHeritage In Color™ brings your family history to life, revealing never-before-seen details — the results will blow you away!

**This feature uses the world's most advanced technology** for photo colorization, which is available exclusively on MyHeritage and is under license from DeOldify, created by Jason Antic and Dana Kelley. It allows you to do more than look at old photos — it lets you experience them, creating a deeper connection with your family history than you ever thought possible.

### A Commitment to Authentic Preservation

Moreover, as part of our commitment to preserving the authenticity of historical documents, colorized photos will appear with a special embossed palette symbol at the bottom left corner of the photo to differentiate them from images photographed originally in color. All original black and white photos will, of course, remain intact and are not changed by the colorization process.

*Editor: I tried it and it looks good. Original is safe and not changed.*



**News con't:****Findmypast's Newspaper Archive Goes Global**

"The world's largest online collection of historic British & Irish newspapers branches out into new territories for the first time." Titles from Canada and the wider Commonwealth are now available to search. And, new publications covering regions of North America, the Caribbean and Asia to be published online in the coming months.

Findmypast's newspaper collection now contains over 36 million pages from over 1000 titles covering England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and beyond. Spanning over 300 years (1708-2009) years of local, national, and world history, it contains over 3.2 billion names found within notices of births, marriages and deaths, obituaries, advertisements, letters, news reports and much more

*Dick Eastman, February 28, 2020*

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**Newspapers.com Adds Obituaries**

Subscription genealogy giant Ancestry.com has curated **what it's calling the world's largest obituary database.** Using artificial intelligence, Ancestry.com extracted and indexed names, relationships and other facts from millions of digitized obituaries on its sister site, Newspapers.com. The resulting collection contains almost a billion searchable names pulled from more than 250 million death announcements from the United States and beyond. **Ancestry.com subscribers may search the "Newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1880s-current" index on that site:**

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61843/> .

Those who have an All Access or Newspapers.com Basic subscription may view full obituaries on Newspapers.com. (Certain newspapers may require a Publisher Extra subscription.)

*Both from Northville Genealogical Society newsletter*

**St. Piran's Day**

Patron Saint of Cornwall and Tin Miners

Before the CoronaVirus we would have held our annual meeting on March 14 with a pasty luncheon and program. **St. Piran's Day is officially on March 5 and a national day** for Cornwall which is celebrated with many parades in the towns.

"St. Piran's Day was said to be a favorite with the tanners who having a tradition that some secrets regarding the manufacture of tin were communicated to their ancestors by that saint, they leave the manufacture to shift for itself for that day, and keep it as a holiday.

'Perrantide', is the week leading up to 5 March. The day following St Piran's Day was known by many as 'Mazey Day', a term which has now been adopted by the revived Golowan festival in Penzance.

**The Legend of St. Piran**

St. Piran was born in Ireland. After studying scriptures in Rome he returned and was made a Bishop. In Ireland he was said to have performed many miracles, such as raising from the dead soldiers slain in battle. But the kings of Ireland at the time were not impressed.

He had a millstone around his neck and was thrown off a cliff into the sea, but miraculously, he floated across the water to Perran Beach in Perranporth, Cornwall. It was here he built a small chapel. He built his oratory amongst the sand dunes. People would come from miles around to hear him preach.

St. Piran discovered tin too but quite by accident. A black stone on his fire released a white liquid. The flag of Cornwall, **St. Piran's flag is a white cross on a black background.** The white represents the tin flowing from the black rock representing good overcoming evil.



**News con't:**

St Piran is believed to have lived 200 years. He was fond of his drink and met his end falling down a well. No date of his death was recorded.



**On the Sunday closest to St. Piran's Day the people of Perranporth enjoy the annual celebrations and procession to St. Piran's Oratory and the nearby 1000 year old Celtic Cross to remember the Cornish saint, St. Piran.**

*Wikipedia, Visit Cornwall and Cornwalllive.com*

If you have ancestors in Southern Michigan or Monroe County area they invite us to include a visit to the GSMC Archives to do your genealogical research.

**"We are located in the Monroe County Historical Museum, 126 S. Monroe Street, Monroe, on the second floor. We have access to Fold3 and Ancestry World Edition.**

We are open every Wednesday from 10 a.m.—12 p.m. and 1 p.m.— 4 p.m. Come in to do some research and **join us for lunch! We walk to a nearby restaurant at noon."**

Their May meeting will feature Richard Juergens speaking on **"Naming Practices"**.

*Genealogical Society of Monroe County newsletter*

**NOTICE:**

The Oral History Conference for May 2020  
has been postponed until May 2021

**Concerning Donations**

Michigan Genealogical Council has decided to change the way donations are collected to Stern-NARA Fund, Library of Michigan, and Archives of Michigan. In the past, MGC has accepted these donations when societies paid their dues. MGC is asking member societies who wish to donate to these three organizations to send their donations directly to the recipient.

The Stern-NARA fund was passed through to Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS). FGS will be merging with NGS in the coming year. During this process FGS has worked on tightening up their fundraising process and related compliance requirements for each state when fundraising may occur or where donors may reside. Faye Stalling, President of Federation of Genealogical Societies, notified us that FGS will no longer accept checks made payable to the Stern-NARA gift fund. If you have donated in the last year to this fund, MGC will be sending your society a check for the donation amount you sent to MGC.

MGC is recommending that any donations you would like to make to NARA go to the NARA Foundation.

Donations to NARA may be made online <https://www.archivesfoundation.org/donate/> or by mail:  
National Archives Foundation  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20408-0001

Donations to the Library of Michigan may be sent to:  
Library of Michigan Foundation  
P.O. Box 11027  
Lansing, MI 48901

Donations to the Archives of Michigan may be sent to:  
Michigan History Foundation  
P.O. Box 12331  
Lansing, MI 48901

When donating to the Michigan History Foundation, please specify you would like your donation to benefit the Archives of Michigan



**News con't:**

## Pioneer and Statehood Certificate How To Videos

The Clarkston Genealogy Society is excited about the Pioneer and First Family designations created by the Michigan Genealogical Council. Our society held two workshops in January and February at our local library to help our members as well as the general public learn about the designations and how to apply for them for their families who were early residents of Michigan. Our members worked with the people who came to the workshop and shared ideas for proofs for their applications.

Members of the Clarkston Genealogy Society decided to create three You Tube videos so that people could consider ideas discussed at the workshops in their own homes, if they became stuck with a proving a generation. The generations before 1850 seem to be the hardest for applicants to prove.

The Clarkston Genealogy Society is sharing our You Tube videos for members or others in Michigan who would like to complete an application for Pioneer or First Family designation. We ask that you give credit to the Clarkston Genealogy Society if you decide to place them on your website or share with your members. This project was entirely paid for and edited by the Clarkston Genealogy Society and is not connected with the Michigan Genealogical Council.

Part 1 [https://youtu.be/0BwGeA4KR\\_g](https://youtu.be/0BwGeA4KR_g)

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/IKez27T0pxl>

Part 3 <https://youtu.be/R0vKTmVbrfA>

The Clarkston Genealogy Society is willing to share with other genealogy organizations. This is not a perfect video but we hope that it gives others information to fill out the application and helps them formulate questions to ask further questions.

During this time with the COVID 19 virus distancing when many of us are at home, we hope that you find these helpful if you are working on your application or other genealogy you are doing.

*Joette Kunse, Clarkston Genealogy Society*

Jan Steven Zaleski



Jan Steven Zaleski was born in Detroit, MI, and was currently working as a civilian detention officer with the Detroit Police Department. He became interested in his Polish ancestry in 1983, and began researching microfilmed records for his Polish ancestral parishes in 1989. By 1990, he had documented his Polish ancestry back to the 1770s, and had acquired sufficient fluency in Polish, German, Russian and Latin documents, to complete the accreditation requirements of the LDS/Mormon Family History Library. From 1990-1995, he was an Accredited Genealogist with a Specialty in Polish Research.

From 1984-1999, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan, and served in various capacities, including President. Since 1991, he has served as a volunteer librarian at the LDS Family History Centre in Westland, Michigan. From May, 1992, until Spring, 2001, he was Editor of the Polish Eaglet, the official journal of the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan. In the early days he was involved with the Sweetest Heart of Mary Cemetery project.

Mr. Zaleski has been a frequent speaker at meetings and seminars of PGS-Michigan, in addition to lectures for the United Polish Genealogical Societies (UPGS) Conferences, the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) Conferences, the Michigan Genealogical Council, and various Societies in the metropolitan Detroit area. In 1996, he published "Guide to Border Crossing Records on LDS Microfilm: Accessing 1,500 Reels Documenting Crossings into the United States from Canada, 1895-1954." He also had over 25 years as researcher at Westland Family Historical Center, over 40 years as researcher/speaker for Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan.

He had recently enjoyed a trip to Salt Lake City with his dear friend Kathleen LaBudie-Szakall.

**The Speaker's List is updated. Thank you to Tom Koselka for updating this. Sign in under "member society log in", then select "secure download" and "speaker program list Nov 2019."**

**If you are interested in MGC's annual report, it is on the same page.**

## 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, K-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!

From: Judy Nimer Muhn  
[judynmuhn@gmail.com](mailto:judynmuhn@gmail.com)

## NOTE:

[In consideration of COVID-19, FamilySearch International announced today that the RootsTech conference planned for London 5-7 November 2020, will be postponed until the fall of 2021.](#)

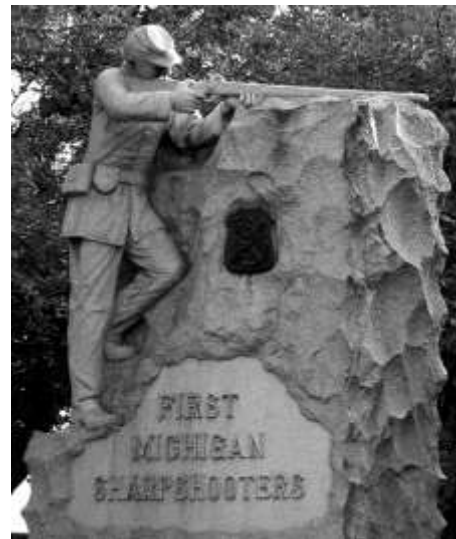
[RootsTech.org](http://RootsTech.org)



## NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY – HIDDEN FILES TELL AMAZING STORIES!

### Presenter, Chris Czopek “Lansing’s History Detective”

The Western Michigan Genealogy Society was to host Chris Czopek, on March 7. He was to reveal a recently discovered new source of information on Native American families in Michigan – Civil War pension files!



*1st Michigan  
Sharpshooters  
Company K*

[redoak1863.homestead.com](http://redoak1863.homestead.com)

In time of war, Native American men have always volunteered to fight for their land. The Civil War was no different. When a soldier fell on the field of a battle, his widow could apply for a pension. Same thing for a son who was the sole source of support for his mother. And the surviving soldiers still alive in the 1890s could receive a pension. But there was always one catch – documents! The government insisted on marriage records from the widows, birth records from the mothers, and for the old soldiers receiving a pension, the government asked they list the wife and children and give their birth dates. All those rare documents sent in for a pension still exist, buried in an archive in Washington D.C.

For the Native American community, those Pension Files are a gold-mine of information! Considered an expert on these Pension Files, Chris was to bring with him a list of over 100 available pension files and talk about what kind of documents they contain. We would have heard some interesting stories about the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomie families of Michigan!





**Pension files con't**

Chris grew up in Michigan during the Civil War Centennial. As a boy, he would watch a Civil War movie on TV – then go to the library and find out how much of the story was true. This was the beginning of his career as a “history detective”.

After college he worked for a newspaper, joined the army and served six years in Military Intelligence, volunteered for an archaeological dig in Israel, worked as a tour guide at the State Capitol Building in Lansing, a photographer for the State Senate, and in the offices of the Michigan State Police. He currently lives in Lansing with his wife, Bonnie.

In recent years Chris has become well known to Michigan historians for his expert research of Civil War soldiers.

**Called “Lansing’s History Detective” by the Lansing State Journal**, he has published several books on Civil War history and has been a consultant for The History Channel. His most recent project, a documentary titled ROAD TO ANDERSONVILLE, is the first film to tell the story of Company K.

Chris is best known as the author of Who Was Who In Company K, the first book to give solid facts about the Native American men who served in the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters.

*Western Michigan Genealogical Society newsletter*

*WMGS also announces cancellation of all meetings and Fort Wayne trip until further notice due to Coronavirus.*

*Editor: I do hope WMGS will be able to reschedule Chris in the future.*

**Please Note:**

The Library of Michigan has rescinded the rule limiting patrons to 2 obituary requests annually. Patrons may now request an unlimited number of obituaries via email to: [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov) or telephone at 517-335-1477. There is NO statewide index for all obituaries from Michigan newspapers. The library's collection of newspapers may be viewed at: [https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854\\_90003---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_90003---,00.html)

**Pioneer Certificates Presented**

The Waterford Genealogical Society and Pioneer Certificate chair, Kim Smith, presented two more Pioneer Certificates and pins at a recent Waterford meeting. WGS Member Claire Pryor applied for both categories for one ancestral couple and submitted them together, thereby requiring only one set of documents.



L—Claire Pryor  
R—Kim Smith

All Michigan Genealogical Council member societies are encouraged to promote and then work with members, and others interested, in submitting a well documented Michigan Pioneer Certificate application. Clarkston Genealogical Society recently held a follow up certificate workshop. What a great way to get the community involved. Thank you, Clarkston, for participating.

The Pioneer Certificate Program offers a great opportunity to celebrate, honor and preserve the history of your Michigan ancestors, with a goal of having well documented lineages of our pioneers.

As a reminder-two categories are offered at the nominal fee of \$25.00 per certificate: Pre-Statehood (before January 26, 1837) and First Families (January 26, 1837-December 31, 1880). Each certificate is custom designed and comes with a corresponding lapel pin.

The Pioneer Certificate application and a promotional brochure are available to download on their website:

[mimgc.org](http://mimgc.org)

*Kim Smith, Pre-Statehood and First Family Certificates*

## Public Records Access &amp; Records Preservation

## Government Site Uploaded Marriage Registers for 1845-1864

All Civil registers of 1845-1944 are Online For Free Access Irish Genealogy.ie has uploaded marriage registers for the period 1845-1864, which means that all of the civil registers of marriages for the period 1845-1944 are now online - and free to access. Only civil registers kept prior to 1864 were for non-Catholic marriages. There are no civil records of births, deaths, or marriages before that date— but not all have survived nor are all online.

Go to: <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp> These are the civil records now available on the site:

Births: 1864-1919: images and index

Marriages: 1845-1944: images and index

Deaths: 1864-1877: index only;

1878-1969: images and index

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Note: The IrishGenealogy.ie database covers the entire island up to 1921. Thereafter, the records are for the Republic of Ireland only. For Northern Ireland's civil registration records, see GRONI online:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/>

Jews in Ireland — While always a small Jewish community in Ireland it is an established community. In addition, a number of Jews immigrated to Ireland in the late 19th and 20th centuries whose families were from central Europe, due to the pogroms, and especially from Lithuania. Jews also stopped in Ireland along the way to immigrating to North America—and may have lived there for a few years. You never know what an Irish vital record may reveal!

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## (US-Utah) Bill Being Drafted to Block Law Enforcement From Accessing Home DNA Test Kits

A bill being drafted for the 2020 session of the Utah State Legislature would block law enforcement from accessing DNA collected from DNA home test kits. The bill if enacted would prohibit mass searching of DNA databases. The bill's author, Representative Craig Hall (R- West Valley)

said "If law enforcement wants to search the DNA, then they should have some kind of suspect in mind."

He believes that when someone takes a home DNA test to find out about their family history they do not necessarily intend for law enforcement to use it to potentially solve a crime. Rep. Hall said he did not believe police should be able to just raid these databases being used for genealogical purposes without a suspect in mind. The bill is supported by the ACLU. To read more see:

<https://fox13now.com/2020/01/01/police-could-be-banned-from-accessing-home-dna-test-data-under-a-bill-in-the-utah-legislature/>

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## (US-MA) Massachusetts Governor Budget Proposal to Close Births and Deaths for 90 years and Marriages for 50 Years

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is proposing a draconian change in his state which has been renowned for open records since 1641: to keep birth records and death certificates closed for 90 years and marriage notices closed for 50 years. Currently, these vital records may be viewed or purchased by the public at local town halls or **city halls and the state's records registry without waiting with few exceptions. Only a person's parent, attorney or by judicial order are the exceptions. Another change would require the certificates to include only "information minimally necessary to establish fact of birth, death or marriage."**

**The governor's office said this would shield potentially sensitive personal information and mirror "national best practices". This is part of the National Association of Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, (NAPHSIS) system which has never been approved by the federal government and NAPHSIS is currently considering modifying their 1992 model act which may include relaxed embargo periods to access records.**

**If enacted this legislation would "radically scale back access to records that could help identify health trends, boost genealogical research, and allow reporters to fact-check basic details."**



The Boston Globe article, <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/01/30/metro/dramatic-change-baker-wants-birth-death-records-secret-most-cases/>

stated the Supreme Judicial Court instructed state agencies to broaden their understanding of the “public interest” when deciding requests under the state’s public record law. The decision was in response to a Globe lawsuit seeking millions of copies birth and marriage certificates — the very type of records to which Baker now wants to narrow access.

To read the governor’s proposal see: <https://budget.digital.mass.gov/govbudget/fy21/outside-section/section-42-security-of-identity-documents-and-confidential-information-9>

*Obtained from Jan Meisels Allen, Chairperson, IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee and written up by Derek Blount, Chairperson, Public Records Access & Records Preservation*

### Lucy Mary Kellogg Award



The Michigan Genealogical Council is once again seeking nominations for the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award, given annually to a member of an MGC member society. The award’s namesake was the founding member of the council and the first woman and first Midwesterner to be inducted into the National Genealogical Society’s Hall of Fame. First awarded in 1992, the award is given annually to an individual whose hard work and dedication has greatly benefited our genealogical community.

The nomination form and list of requirements for qualification can be found at [mimgc.org](http://mimgc.org). Forms and supporting materials – or updates for those previously nominated – can be submitted to: [info@mimgc.org](mailto:info@mimgc.org).

Submissions are due May 31, 2020.

*Jessica Trotter  
Chairperson, Lucy Mary Kellogg Award*

### Genealogy Made Easy: 16 Ideas under 20 Minutes by Jessica Grimaud

**Want to do genealogy but don’t have a lot of time? No problem!** Genealogy is made easy with these quick activities. Learn more about yourself and your family history in just a few minutes.

#### 2 Minutes

\*Discover the meaning of your last name, including how many people have the same last name and where the last name comes from.

\*Which ancestor do you look most like? Compare faces and find out! Note: You will want to add photos of your ancestors in FamilySearch Memories for the best results.

\*Put yourself in the shoes of your ancestors, and use FamilySearch’s **Picture My Heritage** tool.

\*See if you are related to your friends! Download the FamilySearch app to try Relatives around Me.

#### 5 Minutes

\*Upload a family photo, and record your memory about it.

\*Learn fun facts about yourself, such as the meaning of your first name, how many people were on earth when you were born, and top news stories from the year you were born.

**\*Visit your ancestors’ gravestones virtually.**

\*Want to know where you came from? Use the fan chart feature on FamilySearch Family Tree to view the birth countries of your ancestors.

#### 10 Minutes

**\*Discover more about your heritage with FamilySearch’s country pages.**

\*Take time to record some of your own personal history.

\*Try FamilySearch Record Hints, a quick tool that can help you add more information to your family tree.

\*Connect with your ancestors by reading their stories.

#### 20 Minutes

\*Play a family trivia game, and see how well you know your parents and siblings.

\*As a family, talk about some of your favorite traditions. Be sure to record these traditions in your memories app.

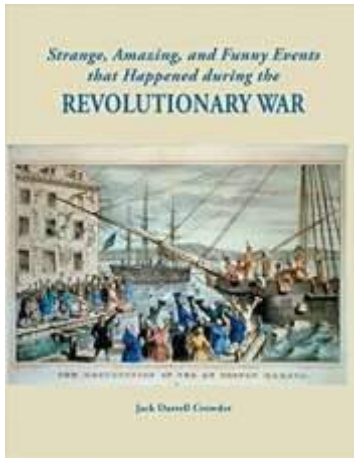
\*Enter information about your parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents into your family tree.

**\*Want to know more about your ancestors? It’s easier than you think!**

Learn how to search records on FamilySearch.org, and try finding your ancestors in its vast collection

*Roscommon County Genealogical Society newsletter*

## Items of Interest

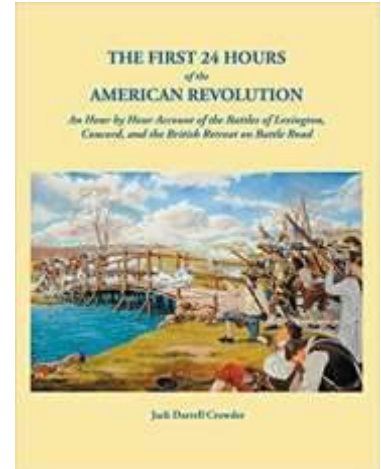


Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events that Happened  
During the Revolutionary War

and

The First 24 Hours of the American Revolution  
An Hour by Hour Account of the Battles of Lexington,  
Concord, and the British Retreat on Battle Road

By Jack Darrell Crowder



Jack Darrell Crowder taught school. And I'm guessing he taught history. And I'm guessing he jump-started a love of history for a lot of students who discovered a new excitement for history, because if he enriched his classes with such stories as he's written into his books, then his teaching has left a personal legacy.

These books are not written in standard textbook style. They're narrative, short-story style. Full of anecdotes, full of stories, some less than half a page long, some slightly more than a page, but most so short they're quickly read and then on to the next one. So it's good leisure reading, bedside reading, travel reading, as there is no thread of a story to lose. You can pick it up, read for awhile about American history, and then put it down and get dinner started.

The stories are human-based instead of the straight recitation of the facts; dates and places are just the circumstances surrounding the events that happened to real people. One story:

At the Battle of Red Bank on October 22, 1777 over 600 Americans repelled 900 Hessian troops who were trying to take Fort Mercer. During the battle Mrs. Whitall was in a room in her home inside the fort. She was on the second floor spinning on her wheel trying to pass time during the battle. A British cannon ball entered the attic just above her. The cannon ball rolled across the floor, down the stairs and landed at the foot of the stairs no more than ten feet from where she was sitting. She got up and took her spinning wheel to the basement and continued her spinning.

*Strange, Amazing, and Funny Events that Happened during the Revolutionary War, p. 52.*

There are drawings and maps to supplement the stories. The books are nicely formatted for easy reading. At the end of each story the author cites his source. There is a bibliography and index in the back of each book. These are interesting books to have, even for adults. I say, even for adults, as these books are ideal for a young person interested in reading about this particular time in a form that is far more interesting than the textbooks they have at school.

I suspect this teacher thumbed through the textbooks the school administration assigned to his classes, and decided that he needed to rewrite history.

But in a *far* more interesting way.

Both are available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Review by Bobbi King hosted on Dick Eastman, January 28, 2020

Genealogical Research Journey & Tour on Your Own  
Washington D.C. Trip  
October 25-31, 2020

Kalamazoo Genealogical Society is partnering with the Portage Senior Center to offer a genealogical research and tour trip.

Five full days of research at three different facilities; National Archives and Records Administration; Library of Congress; and Daughters of the American Revolution.

A shuttle will be provided between the hotel and the research sites each morning and afternoon. For those who wish to sight see the subway stations are nearby.

Trip includes:

>Motor coach transportation  
>6 nights accommodations at Arlington Court Suites Hotel in Arlington, VA.

>6 breakfasts and 2 abbreviated buffet dinners

Options:

>Old Town Trolley Tour—optional group: extra charge  
>Mount Vernon Tour— optional group: extra charge

*NOTE:* Trip is marked Strenuous

Price before May 1, 2020

\$1795 per person, \$1180 per person double, \$965 triple,  
\$860 quadruple

\$200 deposit due with registration form—spots fill quickly

Final Payment due Friday, August 28, 2020

Pick up October 25, Sunday in Portage and Marshall, MI

Itinerary details to be provided at a Pre-Trip meeting at the Portage Senior Center on Monday October 12 from 1:30-2:30.

Questions can be directed to: 269-324-9239

<https://www.portagemi.gov/266/Senior-Center>



Free U.S. Genealogy Directory

LDSGenealogy.com has been working for 13 years to develop an extensive U.S. genealogy directory to help people to easily locate the available genealogy records for a specific town, county, or state. While we are linking to 944,000 records from 587 sources so far, we know that we could be linking to many more valuable online records, particularly smaller websites with local genealogy records. We are inviting members of the genealogy community to review the list of sites and archives we are currently including in our U.S. genealogy records directory and contact us with suggestions on what else could be added.

You can access the free web site at:

<https://ldsgenealogy.com/>

*Dick Eastman, 3 Dec 2019*

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.**



**Keepers con't:**

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.**

*Huron Shores Genealogical Society newsletter*

Wreaths across America  
By Sue Cromwell

I am sure most, if not all, of you have heard about the process of putting wreaths on military stones at the various military cemeteries across the U.S. On Saturday, December 14, 2019, myself, my brother and his wife volunteered to place wreaths at the Veteran Cemetery in Holly, MI. At noon, there was a short ceremony. Then, the various trucks entered the cemetery and parked all over the area. People lined up at each truck to receive 2 wreaths apiece. We were asked to place the top of the wreath just below the veteran's name, step back, say "Thank you for your service, and the soldier's name", and then either salute or put your right hand over your heart. It was a very humbling experience.



We made sure we put a wreath on my parents' stone – my father was in the Army Air Corps during World War II – and my mother was a USO Hostess and that is how they came to meet each other.



We also made sure my youngest brother's stone received a wreath. He was in the Air Force in California. Not every stone in every veteran cemetery gets a wreath, unfortunately. We found out that the number of wreaths ordered for one cemetery, for example the Holly Cemetery, are based on the amount of donations received by that cemetery. The Holly Cemetery received enough money to purchase 12,400 wreaths for a cemetery that has about 40,000 veterans buried there now. Each wreath is about a \$15.00 donation, from what we were told.



*Farmington Genealogical Society Newsletter*



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

Would you like to learn about reusable coffins, which pranks were played at an Irish wake, or how more than a million starving Irish people could afford passage on ships bound for other nations?

Then click [HERE](#) to read BillionGraves' latest blog post, Remembering the Irish Famine.

Here's an Irish proverb from us to you:

**"May your house always be too small to hold all your friends!"**

*The BillionGraves Team*



## LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

Matt Pacer, Reference Librarian, Library of Michigan

### Library of Michigan Update!

There have been many great things going on at the Library of Michigan. Work will be starting soon on a new display in our Lake Erie Room. The display will focus on the construction of I-496 and the effects on local neighborhoods. The display is being created by the Greater Lansing Historical Society. Please check our website event calendar later in March for more details. The Michigan Notable Books for 2020 list was released in January. To view the list, please visit our website: [WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS). Additionally, planning is underway for the Michigan Notable Books author tour. Please check the above website in late March for more details.

Staff have been out presenting at different genealogical societies and libraries such as: Salem South Lyon Library, Pontiac Public Library, and Rochester Hills Public Library to name a few. Please do not hesitate to contact us at [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov) if you have any questions concerning presentation opportunities.

The Library of Michigan recently added 2 databases to our resources. Within the library, researchers have access to both [Fold3](#) and [Newspapers.com](#). Please stop by and use these tools for your family history research projects.

If you have questions, please call us at 517-335-1477.

Matt



## ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN & ABRAMS FOUNDATION HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Kris W. Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist, Archives of Michigan

### Archives of Michigan News & Notes

Spring is here! With the ever-expanding Michigan probate records project, new onsite collections and print resources and the upcoming Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar, there is much this season to be excited about and participate in here at the Archives of Michigan.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2020 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar to be held July 10-11, 2020. We are thrilled to have "The Legal Genealogist" Judy G. Russell as the featured speaker; she will give 3 programs during the event: "No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses in the Streets" – Using Court Records to Tell the Story of Our Ancestors' Lives, Just Three Generations, and That Scoundrel George. Hosted by the Archives of Michigan and Michigan Genealogical Council, the Seminar is generously supported by the Abrams Foundation. Registration information and the full program schedule will soon be posted online, we look forward to seeing everyone here in July.

The Archives of Michigan continues to add new source material to our holdings, particularly local government records. Many of these original records are not available online, so all the more reason to visit us here onsite! New archival collections include:

- *Cheboygan County Probate Court Records, 1922-1939* / RG 2019-158

Archives staff continues to work with local probate officials throughout the staff to transfer their historic records to the Archives of Michigan. The list above will continue to grow in the coming days and months.

In addition to the original source material above, the Archives continues to add new published material to the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection. New additions to the Collection include:

- *St. Joseph Marriage Repertoire, St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington, Vermont, 1834-1930* [2 vols.] / Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society / 2019
- *Our Lady of Angels Albany, New York: Baptisms July 1867 to March 2005* [2 vols.] / AmericanCanadian Genealogical Society / 2008
- *Churches of Hancock County, Ohio, Past and Present* / Hancock County Chapter, OGS / 2003
- *Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864. Maryland: Baltimore* / Alycon Trubey Pierce / 1997

The Archives thanks our generous donors, supporters and friends, including, of course, the Abrams Foundation and the Michigan Genealogical Council.

As always, please contact us at [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov) with any questions about the Archives and our collections, services, or digitization projects.

We look forward to working with everyone in 2020 and beyond!



### Upcoming Delegate Meetings and Events

Board Meeting April 9, 2020 10am  
(April is National Volunteer Recognition month)

May 14, 2020

Board Meeting 9am—Delegate Meeting 11am

A Genealogical Treasure: The WWI Registration Cards of American Women  
Speaker: Jo Ellyn Clarey, co-president of the Greater Grand Rapids  
Women's History Council.

She will discuss the 4,000,000 registration cards nationwide containing significant personal information, and the fully searchable database of nearly 23,000 cards collected in Kent County which was unveiled in 2018

#### MGC Donates Historic Photographs to Archives of Michigan

MGC was given historic photographs of people throughout the state of Michigan that were taken by a variety of photographers. Some of the photographs were from Escanaba, Ste St. Marie, Kalamazoo, Owosso, and other areas in Michigan.

MGC donated these photographs to the Archives of Michigan. The Archives of Michigan has other historical photographs, and these will be added to their collection.

*Brenda, President*

#### MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING May 14, 2020

Candidate for only Office to be Elected

DIRECTOR: Larry Noyes

One DIRECTOR position is scheduled for election during the Annual Meeting. MGC has three DIRECTOR positions with one DIRECTOR elected every year for a three year term. Due to the cancellation of the March 12 Delegate Meeting, the above slate was unable to be presented.

An opportunity will be provided at the Annual Meeting on May 14, for nominations for the position of DIRECTOR to be made.

Hopefully, by mid-May, concerns about convening large public meetings will have abated and the MGC Annual Meeting will proceed as scheduled.

*Faye Ebach, Director*

The Editor welcomes submissions from **ALL** societies. If you wish to see **YOUR** news in the newsletter please submit information to me at: [hainesc@msu.edu](mailto:hainesc@msu.edu)

Upcoming events should be sent to me far enough in advance to allow for the newsletter deadlines.

Newsletters can be sent to me by attaching the newsletter file to an email. This gets it to me in a timely manner and streamlines processing the newsletter.

Comments, constructive criticism or questions can be addressed to me at [hainesc@msu.edu](mailto:hainesc@msu.edu) Carolyn

### DELEGATE / BOARD MEETINGS:

Delegate Meetings are held in the *Forum* of the Michigan Historical Center 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48915 on the second Thursday in September, November, January, March, May, and July at 11 am.

Board meetings meet in the Commission Room on the Michigan Historical Center 5th Floor, Archives on the second Thursday of every month, at 9 am. on delegate meeting months and 10 am. non-delegate meeting months.

Any change in date and time will be posted at [www.mimgc.org](http://www.mimgc.org).



### Michigan Historical Center

#### Days Closed in 2020

May 25—Memorial Day  
 July 3—Independence Day  
 September 7—Labor Day  
 November 3—Election Day  
 November 11—Veterans Day  
 November 26, 27—Thanksgiving  
 December 24, 25—Christmas  
 Dec 31, Jan 1—New Year's

#### Archives of Michigan

Reference Desk Hours:  
 1 p.m.- 5 p.m., Monday - Friday  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday  
 Visit our Web site at  
<http://seekingmichigan.org>  
 For information call: (517) 373-1481  
 or email: [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov)

#### Library of Michigan

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday  
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday  
 Visit our Web site at  
[www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan](http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan)  
 For information call: (517) 373-1580  
 or email [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov)

#### Michigan Historical Museum

9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday  
 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday  
 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday  
 Visit our Web site at  
<http://michigan.gov/michiganhistory>  
 For more information  
 call: (517) 373-3559



*Michigan Genealogical Council*

Founded in 1972, the Michigan Genealogical Council is an organization composed of two delegates from each member society. Its objectives are to locate, preserve, publish and deposit in suitable repositories records of value to genealogists and to initiate activities which encourage and assist those who are involved in genealogical research. Meetings are held in the Forum of the the Library of Michigan and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909 on the second Thursday in September, November, January, March, May, and July. Board meetings are held at the Archives of Michigan on the second Thursday of each month. Membership is open to any Michigan genealogical or family history society, amateur or professional, with a primary interest in genealogy. Dues are no longer calculated on a "per person" basis, but rather a flat rate based on general society membership at the close of their fiscal year. Checks should be made payable to the Michigan Genealogical Council and mailed to MGC P.O., Box 80953, Lansing, MI 48908-0953. Website: [www.mimgc.org](http://www.mimgc.org).

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## Committee Chairpersons and Appointments

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| Archivist                                           | Connie Olson<br>3327 Yellowstone<br>Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1522       | Library of Michigan<br>Liaison                    | Tim Gleisner<br>702 W. Kalamazoo St.<br>Lansing, MI 48915     | Public Records<br>Access & Records<br>Preservation | Derek Blount<br>905 N. Alexander Ave.<br>Royal Oak, MI 48067     |
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| Central Mail                                        | Sam Pardee<br>2518 Gary Ave<br>Lansing, MI 48906                   | Membership                                        | John Pierce<br>2215 Marquette Rd<br>Ionia, MI 48846           | Nominating                                         | Elected Directors                                                |
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## 2020 Lansing Family History Seminar Saturday, April 25

The spring Family History Seminar is one of the most anticipated events in Mid-Michigan and it is FREE!



Lansing Family History Center  
431 E. Saginaw St.  
East Lansing  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

*From Michigan Genealogical Council website*

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## Events

*(Please check with events in advance in case there is a change in plans and is cancelled due to the coronavirus)*

20-23 May 2020

NGS Annual Family History Conference  
Salt Lake City, UT

<https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/program/>

5-7 June 2020

Ontario Ancestors  
Hamilton, Ontario

[conference2020.ogs.on.ca](http://conference2020.ogs.on.ca)

10-11 Jul 2020

Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar

Judy G. Russell

Lansing, MI

[Mimgc.org](http://Mimgc.org)

2-5 Sep 2020

FGS Annual Conference  
Kansas City, MO

<https://fgs.org/conferences/>

25-26 Oct 2020

MyHeritage LIVE  
Tel Aviv, Israel

[MyHeritage](http://MyHeritage)

14 Nov 2020

MGC Fall Family History Event

Sunny Morton

Lansing, MI

[Mimgc.org](http://Mimgc.org)

The Michigan Naturalizations Indexing Project is back online at Family Search. Transcribers are needed. This is a huge project and the more people who transcribe the sooner the records will be available.