



It's time – registration is open! November 4, 2023

Registration is now open for the 2023 MGC Fall Family History Seminar, Saturday, November 4, 2023 – featuring Michael Strauss in-person! Attendees may choose to attend virtually or in-person!

Location:

Michigan Library and Historical Center
702 West Kalamazoo Street Lansing, MI 48912

The **Michigan Genealogical Council** is proud to announce the 2023 Fall Family History Seminar with Michael L. Strauss with our partners, the **Archives of Michigan**, and the **Library of Michigan**. Presentations will be in-person or virtual.



Schedule

Join us for these exciting topics. Registration details at end of article:

9:15 am - 9:30 am

Introductory remarks

Judy Nimer Muhn, President, Michigan Genealogical Council; Archives of Michigan; Library of Michigan.

9:30 am - 10:45 am

Introduction to Military Genealogy Research (A1) Michael L. Strauss

This session will focus on a large number of records, strategies, and techniques to find your military ancestors from the colonial era through the Vietnam War.

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

A House Divided: Research in the Civil War (B1) Michael L Strauss

This session will examine records most used by genealogists and historians, including service records, draft records, pensions, and records to trace the movement of your ancestors' military unit for both sides.

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Over the Top: Researching Your Michigan World War I Ancestor (B2) Kris Rzepczynski

This program will explore the fabulously rich record collections and resources, many of them state-specific, available for Michigan World War I servicemen.

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Roosevelt's Tree Army: Researching in the Civilian Conservation Corps (C1) Michael L. Strauss

This session will explore CCC genealogical resources between 1933-1942, including Office Personnel Files, discharge certificates, accident reports, camp and district reports, photographs, and motion.

Military Resources at the Library of Michigan (C2) Matt Pacer

Many Michigan residents have served our country at times of war and peace. Come explore the variety of print resources at the Library of Michigan that bring to life Michigan's participation in the Revolutionary War through to World War II.

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm

All in a Day's Work: Occupational Genealogical Research (D1) Michael L. Strauss

This session will focus on the methodology to research your ancestor's work history, tapping into records of employment and discussing old occupations no longer in use.

3:45 pm Closing remarks

Speaker Bios

Michael L. Strauss, AG

Michael is employed as a Research Manager and Senior Genealogist for Ancestry ProGenealogists. He is a native of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. He is a published author and national genealogical lecturer, instructor, and faculty member at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR), where he coordinates the military history courses. Michael has been involved in Civil War and Mexican-American War reenacting for over twenty-five years.

Matt Pacer

A reference librarian at the Library of Michigan, you will find Matt on the reference desk when he is not working in the Martha W. Griffiths Michigan Rare Book Room, or assisting the coordination of the Library's digitization program, processing donations, or helping to curate the Michigan Collection. Matt has worked at the Library of Michigan since summer 2013.

Kris Rzepczynski

A Senior Archivist at the Archives of Michigan, where he specializes in family history and Michigan research, Kris has worked in the genealogical community for more than 20 years. He is a former Vice

President of Membership for the Federation of Genealogical Societies and a Past President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society.

To register:

- Seminar Registration (Early Bird: Due October 26) \$50.00
- Seminar Registration (After October 26) \$60.00
- Printed Syllabus (optional onsite only)
\$ 7.50

If you would like to order lunch:

Grand Traverse Pie Company
(order due October 26) Sandwich \$15.00

Enclosed: If ordering lunch from Grand Traverse Pie Company, please circle one. **All lunches include sandwich or salad, chips, and a cookie.** Lunch cost is \$15 and must be ordered when you register. All lunch orders must be received by October 26.

Either a Sandwich:

- Grand Traverse Club Sandwich
- Ham & Swiss Sandwich
- Grand Traverse Veggie Sandwich

Or a Salad:

- Cherry Chicken Salad
- House Salad

Optional Friday Lock-in

If you would like to attend the Fri, Nov 3th, 5pm-10pm Lock-In at the Archives and Library, you will receive a link to register in the confirmation email that is sent following receipt of this registration form.

Either on-line or mail-in registration

Online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-fall-family-history-event-with-michael-l-strauss-tickets-694036781697?aff=oddtcreator>

To mail in:

Print this form:

https://mimgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023_MGC_FallFamilyHistoryEventFlyer.pdf

and mail completed form with your check made payable to: Michigan Genealogical Council at

Michigan Genealogical Council
21290 Laser Lane
South Lyon, MI 48178-9259

Refund Policy

Refunds up to 7 days before seminar Eventbrite's fee is nonrefundable.

President's Message:

Coming VERY soon is our Fall Seminar, with our Keynote Speaker, Michael Strauss! I'm starting this Quarterly's letter with this because we want to encourage you and members of our societies and anyone around the state to attend. Yes, we are offering it in a hybrid format (in-person and virtual) – and the advantage of coming on Friday is for our “Lock in” at the Library and Archives, thanks to our partners in both facilities, keeping them open after the general public is gone. We will have pizza and beverages and then get ON our research that evening. On Saturday, Michael Stauss is offering FOUR sessions – he's an excellent and entertaining speaker and knowledgeable about so much! More about the Seminar appears in this issue, so please register now (and don't forget to order your lunch on Saturday – we are again getting our lunches (sandwiches, salads and vegetarian options) from Grand Traverse Pie Company.

Also in this issue, look at some of the new columns initiated by our Editor! Megan Heyl is offering content in the Bookmark Me Now!, giving ideas and resources that you can use at home in your fluffy slippers. The Pioneer Certificate Program encourages you to look at your Michigan families to see if there might be a way for you to apply for this special recognition. And, as always, check out what programs and offerings of societies around our state are sharing in the County Corner! And our colleagues at the Library and Archives of Michigan have offered information and how to reach them with questions – new resources and tools always being included.

As I mentioned in the last Quarterly, it is a goal of my time as your President to find ways to include many more of our society members and delegates in roles on committees. While board members must be delegates of a member organization, volunteers can serve on our committees without being delegates. Wanting to raise more voices, get more volunteers involved in guiding the board and our programming, projects and outreach, please reach out to me (judynmuhn@gmail.com) if there is something that you are interested in assisting with! It's my personal opinion that there should always be a “deep bench” of those that know about the work of MGC and getting information throughout the state. You and your ideas matter – please reach out to me to have a discussion about what you are interested in.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you,
Judy Nimer Muhn, MGC President
October 2023

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Society News/Events

All programs listed should be verified to make sure they are still happening – all societies having these programs have given their permission to list them here. All programs here are Zoom meetings, unless otherwise indicated:

From Waterford Genealogical Society:

Currently, Waterford Genealogical Society (WGS) meetings are in person and are held at:

Waterford Township Public Library (Community Room), 5168 Civic Center Dr, Waterford Twp, MI 48329

Date: November 1, 2023

Time: 1 to 3 pm

Join us for our Annual Luncheon at:

Heroes Bar-BQ & Brew
998 W Huron St.
Waterford, MI 48328
A restaurant that offers American cuisine.

If you are planning to attend, please drop a line to kbsfam248@yahoo.com. Come meet us and have luncheon with other genealogists/family historians.

Food is at your own expense off of their regular menu. See their menu at their website: <https://heroesbarbeque.com>

Tuesday Night Meetings with Julia

Held at 7:00 pm thru 8:30 pm and dates/topics are as follows:

- Oct 10 Scots-Irish overview
- Nov. 14 1st German in the family
- Dec. 12 Christmas Customs We Have

- Jan. 9, 2024 Coming to America: decisions about coming or staying

First 30 minutes is for any Germanic questions.

Please register at the Waterford Township Public Library website. Look for Adult programs, then click on the calendar, and click on the WGS Tuesday night Meeting. This will bring up the free registration form that is easy to fill out.

Our website is:

<https://waterfordmigenoc.thatfamiliesdo.com>

From Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society:

Date: Monday, November 6, 2023

Time: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Topic: "Tips and Tricks of Deciphering German Handwriting"

Speaker: Katherine Schober

Description: Learn the top tips and tricks for deciphering the old German script! With tips on how to easily recognize certain letters, how to tell tricky letters apart, abbreviations, spelling variations, names, and more, you'll be amazed at what you can do after only an hour of learning!

For more information see:

<https://miggs.org>

All presentations at this time will be Zoom presentations. All members will be sent an invitation by email. Non-members may attend by emailing miggsinfo@gmail.com within 7 days of the program

From Allen County Public Library:

The Allen County Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Allen County Library groups are excited to announce the launch of a new website, SupportACPL.org. The website comes at a time when both groups are seeking to increase membership and donations to support the critical

work of the Library within Allen County. This new platform makes it easier than ever for the community to support the work of the ACPL through donations of time, talent, and treasure.

Visitors are invited to easily toggle between the two groups to read through descriptions of both the Friends' and the Foundation's current projects, goals, and donation/membership. The ACPL Foundation, Friends of the ACPL and the Library itself invite our community to explore this new website and become a donor or a Friend today. Genealogy Center is still at:
<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

Virtual Programs:

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Topic: **Using DNA Testing to Locate Ancestors Back in the Old Country**
Presenter: Sara Allen

Learn steps to take to utilize your DNA matches (autosomal, Y-DNA) to move your genealogical research back to the old country, where the family immigrated from. Presented by Sara Allen.

For more information and to register:
<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/9187683>

Date: October 10, 2023
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Topic: **Exploring American History in British Newspapers**
Presenter: Jen Baldwin

Newspapers provide a window from which to view our ancestor's world, but have you considered how the rest of the world saw our ancestors? Explore the British Newspaper Archive for American and Canadian gems.

Jen Baldwin is a professional genealogist and Data Acquisition Manager, North America at Findmypast. Her focus areas include the Western United States, gold rush history, fraternal societies, and using technology and social media in family history. She has

authored eight Legacy QuickGuides, articles for the National Genealogical Society Magazine, IrishCentral, IrishLives Remembered, and the In-Depth Genealogist, among others, and is a course author for the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. A regular contributor of the online family history community and host of #genchat on Twitter, she is a proud volunteer for the War of 1812 Preserve the Pensions fundraising effort, and the Larimer County Genealogical Society (CO).

For more information and to register:
<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/9187711>

Date: October 17, 2023
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Topic: **Tips on Deciphering Records in Foreign Languages**
Presenter: Cynthia Theusch

Breaking the language barrier is a crucial step in genealogy research, but it can be intimidating. In this presentation, we will explore different techniques and tools that can help you overcome language barriers and make the most of genealogy records in other languages. By learning about the challenges and applying the techniques discussed in this presentation, you can unlock valuable information about your ancestors and build a deeper understanding of your family history.

Cynthia Theusch is a native of Michigan and a member of several genealogical societies. Cynthia worked as a reference librarian in The Genealogy Center for 15 years and has spent more than twenty-five years researching her family. Besides presenting programs at The Genealogy Center, she has spoken at the Michigan Genealogical Council's annual workshop, as well as for several societies in Michigan and Indiana. Her expertise includes research in Michigan and Luxembourg, French Canadian ancestry, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), and using WeRelate.org.

For more information and to register:
<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/9189110>

Date: October 24, 2023
 Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
 Topic: Black and White and Read All Over: Delving into African American Newspapers
 Presenter: Allison DePrey Singleton

When researching African American family history, an often-overlooked resource are the African American newspapers. Accessible Archives African American Newspapers and ProQuest African American Historical Newspapers are two online databases that provide access to a wide range of historical newspapers that focus on African American history and culture. These databases are valuable resources for scholars, researchers, and anyone interested in exploring the history of African Americans in the United States.

For more information and to register:
<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/9191811>

For these programs and more see their website at:
<https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>

From the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan

Visit our Society website:
<https://habitantheritage.org>

FCHSM Meetings Page:
<https://habitantheritage.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/109717099063919/>

E-mail address:
information@habitantheritage.org

French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan meetings are open to the public. For additional information, post a question on our Facebook Page or visit our website.

NOTE: At this time, we still do not have access to the meeting space at the Mt. Clemens Library while it is under renovation, and it is undetermined how long that status will remain. Instead, we will be offering digital presentations through Zoom, which

will occur on our normal meeting days and times (the second Saturday of the month, at 11:00 am. EDT). To attend the Zoom Presentations, check your email for registration links sent from the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan. If you do not have an email associated with your account, but you would like to participate in the Zoom meetings, make sure you include an email address either on your renewal membership form (in the October journal), or on your online membership form, if you renew on our website. To update your account with an email address, you can also send a message to our email address listed above.

Shown below are the presenters and their topic of discussion for each month. We hope to be able to have more in-person meetings again soon. For additional information our upcoming presentations and meetings please check our website:

www.habitantheritage.org

Date: Saturday, 11 November 2023

Time: 11:00 EST

Speaker: Terry Weller

Author of "The Founding Mothers of Mackinac Island, The Agatha Biddle Band of 1870." The Michigan Historic Society awarded Terry with the Follo Award for 2022 for her book. (Zoom Meeting)

For more information:

<https://habitantheritage.org/cpage.php?pt=42>

From Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County

Our 2023-2024 program and class schedule is posted on our website: migswc.org.

We are heading into our 50th year with some special celebration events planned for April and May 2024.

Date: October 22, 2023

Time: 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Presenter: Judy Nimer Muhn

Topic: "Using Ancestry.com – Tips & Tricks"

You've seen the ads, you've thought about how to find your family, but did you know that you can access this resource FREE? Learn how to effectively use both the free and paid versions of Ancestry.com. Mostly for Beginners, we can also cover more detailed content in our Q & A time!

Our Speaker: Judy Nimer Muhn has been researching her family tree from the age of 12. Owner of Lineage Journeys, she conducts research for clients and offers presentations across the US, Canada and internationally. Judy is president of the Oakland County Genealogical Society and serves in many other roles in several of the genealogical societies to which she belongs.

Date: October 22, 2023

Time: 3:15 pm

Speaker: Ellen Hoffman

Topic: "Meet the Dixboro Ghost: Historical Legend and Genealogical Evidence"

Learn how family legends and good genealogical research intersect. Just in time for Halloween, a time-tested ghost story from Washtenaw County in the 1840s, Memorialized in a plaque at the Dixboro Oak Grove cemetery, the tale is of a haunting by a local female spirit, Martha Mulholland, who accused her brother-in-law of poisoning her. The supposed ghost presence led to a judicial hearing and resulted in running the accused out of town. This talk reviews the story, then examines how it links to local history and family connections. In looking at the legend, this talk will review the kinds of evidence available to explore genealogical connections at an early period of state and county records, beyond mandatory birth and death certificates. It is also a look at how to connect compelling stories to genealogical facts.

Our Speaker: Ellen Hoffman is a descendent of the Mulholland family made infamous by the ghost story. Ellen's ancestors settled in Washtenaw County starting in the early 1800s. Ellen lived in Ann Arbor much of her adult life and has been doing genealogical research for about 25 years.

Date: December 3, 2024

Time: 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Presenter: Tom Koselka

Topic: "Regional Archives of Michigan"

Date: December 3, 2023

Presenter: Barbara Cooley

"Lasting Legacy: Five Fast Ways to Preserve Family History."

Our Fall meetings (October thru December) will be offered in hybrid format – you can attend via Zoom or in-person at Trinity Health System in Ann Arbor. Winter meetings (January – March 2024) will be on Zoom only.

Details about speakers and registration can be found on our website: migsWC.org

From Library of Michigan

All 2023 Programs for the Public will take place over **Zoom**. All programs **require registration** to attend.

Date: October 5, 2023

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Topic: MyHeritage Library Edition

Description:

MyHeritage Library Edition is a family history database available through the Michigan eLibrary with access to a wide range of historical documents, images, and public records. Discover the fundamentals for navigating MyHeritage and learn key strategies for finding specific records within its collections.

To Register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUkd-joint2ppjgsHdHZchoQd1v1D9-QvI7obQcV>

Date: November 2, 2023

Time: 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Topic: Fold3 Library Edition

Fold3 provides online access to military records, including the stories, photos, and relevant personal documents. Discover key strategies for using Fold3 as you uncover the accounts of men and women who served in the armed forces.

To Register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEKfumgqDloHdOxFHJ_PWB8sbWUFckrV0mc

Date: December 7, 2023
 Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm
 Topic: Digitizing My Family Tree: Formats, Software, and Techniques (ZOOM)

To Register:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvf-itrT8sG9LQBPOq9GrwnjpZjKnilbLG>

Explore the digital options for saving your family history research. Explore the variety of desktop and web-based applications researchers can use for organizing their data. Review best practices for both using these applications and uploading digital scans of records to the software.

For more information and registration:
<https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/programs-for-the-public>

From Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan

Website: <https://miigsm.org>

The IGSM is a non-denominational organization focusing on genealogical research in all thirty-two counties of the Emerald Isle and is open to everyone! Meetings are normally held at the Gaelic League in Detroit on the third or fourth Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm, from September through June, except December. Beginning at 12:00 pm and continuing until 1:15 pm, interested members may gather to use the resources in the Shirley Phillips Memorial Library.

Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023
 Time: 1:30 pm
 Speaker: Brian Gurrin, Census Specialist with Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland Project
 Topic: Census records in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023
 Time: 1:30 pm
 Speaker: Derek Blount, Professional Genealogist
 Topic: Scotch-Irish Research

Who are they, where did they come from and where the records can be found after the 1922 PRO fire erased 700 years of records.

From Western Michigan Genealogical Society

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023
 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Presenter: Karen Krugman
 Topic: Researching There When You Are Here

Researching can be difficult enough as it is but even more so if you don't live anywhere near where your ancestors lived. My talk, Researching There When You Are Here, will offer suggestions & solutions to help you as you attempt to navigate the challenges of long-distance genealogy research.

Karen been researching the family history of her families for over 25 years. She has written five books on the different line-ages in her family tree and that of her husband, Mark, She has been speaking on genealogy with a unique style for over 10 years.

45 years ago she married her college sweetie, Mark. They have two married children and 5 grandsons. When Karen isn't researching her family history she sews for her Etsy shop, Karmelle-Home, which she started in 2017. Currently Karen & Mark reside in Bloomfield Hills.

Date: Saturday, November 4,
 Time: 1:30 p.m.
 Presenter: Cynthia Bailey
 Topic: Secrets of St. Andrew's Cemetery

Cemeteries have a lot of secrets waiting to be discovered. I live next to St. Andrews Catholic Cemetery which is Grand Rapids first Catholic cemetery. I became interested in the cemetery after I went on a tour of St. Andrews Cemetery with Fr. Dennis Morrow and on other cemetery tours with Mr. Dilley and joining West Michigan Genealogical Society.

There are a lot of “secrets” buried in cemeteries because the dead don’t lie. Headstones have information carved into them, where the body is buried, who is buried nearby. There are many clues in the cemetery that might be answered when visiting a cemetery with watchful eyes, some might be obvious others not so much. The cemetery might point you in the right direction to uncovering a genealogical answer to a question. I discovered many things in preparing for my presentation for the Grand Rapids Historical Society on my topic: St. Andrews Cemetery “Nice Quiet Neighbors.” Cynthia Bailey is a member of the West Michigan Genealogical Society and has written a couple of articles for the Societies Magazine, Michigana.

Cynthia is active in many things; she volunteers at the Grand Rapids Public Museum as a Discovery Cart volunteer and Educator for the Newcomers Exhibit. She is a member of West Michigan Advanced Toastmasters, a member of the Grand Rapids Climate Coalition, member of Grand Rapids Dominican focus study Laudato Si; Response to the cry of the earth.

Currently a C4 Ambassador (Community Collaborator on Climate Change)

Cynthia has presented at Gilda’s Club, The Early Risers Breakfast Club, Grand Rapids Serra International, Grand Rapids Round Table International, the Grand Rapids Public Library, and recently for Grand Rapids Historical Society.

Polish 45th Annual Genealogy Seminar

Presented by the Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan Includes live presentations with Q&A, a syllabus, and door prizes

Attend either day or both days:

Open to the public Saturday, October 14, 2023, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (U.S. Eastern Time)
Webinar Only

- “Polish DNA: Stories It Reveals and the Ways to Use It for Genealogical Purposes” by Eryk Jan Grzeszkowiak

- “Changing Places, Changing Borders: Overcoming Geographic Challenges” by David Obee

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (U.S. Eastern Time) Webinar or In-Person (In-person session is at the American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road, Troy, MI and includes continental breakfast and lunch with Polish food; in-person seating is limited.)

- “Inaccuracies, Errors, and Conflicts of Information in Polish Vital Records and How to Resolve These Problems”
- “The Genealogical Value of Royal and Government Estate Inventories” by Daniel Bućko
- “The Chene Street History Project” and “Hamtramck’s Polonia” by Dr. Karen Majewska

Visit pgsm.org to register and pay by credit or debit card. Online registration closes October 10.

To register and pay by check, fill out the form below at:

https://pgsm.org/upload/Presentation_Flyers/PGSM_Seminar_2023_Registration_Flyer_1690052186.pdf

Registrations paid by check must be postmarked by October 5. For more information about PGSM or the seminar, visit pgsm.org

Save The Date



Focus
May 16, 2024

Expanding Possibilities in Family
History
May 17-18, 2024

This year’s theme, **Expanding Possibilities**, is focused on innovation and finding new ways to solve problems.

From the past – Article published in Volume 25, Issue 3, Summer 1997 Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter

The “dit” name – Author unknown

This sort explanation is not intended to answer the specific reason for your ancestor’s name change, but rather to explain what a “dit” or “second name” is.

“Dit” is translated into English as “say” or “also known as”. There is no negative connotation implied, which sometimes is the case with English “alias”, Since surnames came into being for the purpose of identification, we can say that the “dit” name came into being for the sole purpose of further identification of a person or family.

The choices of the new names were as infinite as there were names. Here are general sources of these changes:

- a – occupation/guild/
- b -- place of origin
- C – physical description
- d – character description
- e – Maternal identification
- f – Heroic Deed/accomplishment
- g -- Description of some object
- h – Easily pronounced names
- l – Seigneurial identification
- j – Military

The new surnames can be interchanged at any time. Louis CLEMENT dit LABONTE, may appear as LABONTE dit CLEMENT. Therefore Louis could be baptized CLEMENT, married as LABONTE dit CLEMENT, found in census as LABONTE and buried as CLEMENT dit LABONTE.

Whenever you run into any difficulty in tracing from one marriage to the next generation, be sure to check for any “dit” names for this family. The best place to check is at the end of Volume 7 in *Tanguay’s Dictionaire*. The end of the second volume of *Jette’s Dictionaire* also has a listing of “dit” names. You will also find the “dit” names for each family at the start of that family’s file in

Loiselle’s microfiche. Drouin shows “dit” in the left margin throughout his listings.

It’s a good idea to record all the ‘dit’ names on your 5-generation sheets just as you find them, even with misspellings. Your research should reflect your findings, and not what you think it should be.

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You Know You’re a Genealogist if...

- You know you’re a genealogist if you’ve ever tried to inspire the next generation by whispering in a newborn’s ear, “Genealogy is fun.”
- You know you’re a genealogist when you realize your collection of DNA results is more important than your nick knacks.
- Answer the first associated words that come to mind: Ellis, family and vital. If you answered Island, history and record, you know you’ve become a genealogist.
- You know you’re a genealogist if you’ve ever had your photo taken in front of a tombstone and you were actually smiling!
- You know you’re a genealogist if you can name the county for most major cities in the United States! Admit it—many of you can assign these cities to their correct county: Atlanta, Cleveland, Newark, Houston, San Francisco...

Other Genealogy Humor:

- Murphy’s Law of Genealogy: Your ancestor’s maiden name will be recorded on the one record page that is missing.
- Genealogical paydirt is discovering the ancestor who was the family packrat

Funny Cemetery Quotes:

- A genealogist is a person who leaves no stone unearthed.
- A cemetery is a marble garden not to be taken for granite.

GotAncestors?! 2023

October 21, 2023

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Park Congregational Church

Our speaker this year is **Katherine R. Willson**

Katherine R. Willson (Dexter, Michigan) is an engaging & dynamic genealogy lecturer at local, regional, and national events; a full-time researcher for private clients; and a genealogy educator for 20+ years. She is the founder and Past President of the Virtual Genealogical Association, past President of the Michigan Genealogical Council, past board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a course coordinator and instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Katherine authored *The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan* as well as the Genealogy on Facebook list, a catalog of 17,000+ genealogy/history links on Facebook, found at SocialMediaGenealogy.com.

The sessions to be presented throughout the day are:

Our European Ancestors' Voyage to America

Learn about your immigrant ancestors' voyage from Europe to the United States, and how those journeys changed from the 18th century through the 20th century. How did our ancestors prepare for the journey? What immigration restrictions &

quota laws did they face? How were ports of departure and arrival chosen? What was the ticket cost? How long would the journey take, and what were the expected ship.

Resources for Genealogical Research in Foreign Countries

Once you've discovered your immigrant ancestor's home country, how will you go about finding documents generated while s/he was still there, and how will you research his/her parents? We'll discuss available resources for beginning your research in foreign countries, including how to locate foreign language genealogy terms and online maps providing contextual information on shifting country borders.

40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names

40+ possible sources to consult when searching for a female ancestor's maiden name. Discussion will include search tips for locating these sources.

Adding a Genealogical Codicil to Your Will

When you die, what will happen to the genealogical materials you've accumulated throughout your research? Do your loved ones know what to do with your collection after your death, or are you at risk of losing it all to the trash bin when your estate is cleared out? A genealogical codicil to your will can clearly state your wishes, and this presentation will discuss the many options available to you. Sample copies of codicils will be distributed.

The seminar is being held at Park Congregational Church – the church over the road from the Grand Rapids Public Library. Parking is free in the church's parking lot. Entrance to the parking lot is on Ransom Ave NE, just north of Fulton Street.

For more information – go to GotAncestors.org

The Seminar is priced at \$45 if you bring your own lunch and \$60 including a sandwich and cookie from the Schnitz Deli on Fulton Street.

The County Corner

This column provides content specifically from County Level Societies distributed by the county societies.

This month we have three articles in this column:

- Hebner Family Memorial Genealogy Seminar
- Joint meeting of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and the Oakland County Genealogical Society
- Featured Society in County Corner (MCGS)

St. Clair County Genealogy & History Society

will be holding their annual

Hebner Family Memorial Genealogy Seminar

Saturday October 21

9:00am - 3:30pm

Donald E. Dodge Auditorium

200 Grand River, Port Huron, MI

Schedule:

9:00 Registration

9:30 – 10:45 "Traditions: Passing Them On"

Presenter: Lori Fox

11:00 – 11:15: Presentation: St. Clair County Library – Michigan Room

11:15–12:30: "Becoming American: Research with Naturalization Records"

Presenter: Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist and Head of Reference Archives of Michigan

12:30 – 1:45 Box lunch can be ordered during morning registration

1:45-- 2:00 Presentation: Daughters of the American Revolution

2:00 – 3:30 "Archiving Your Past"

Presenter: Nicole Aszalos, Lambton County Archivist, Ontario, Canada

Questions – Contact@sccghs.org

Joint Meeting of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and the Oakland County Genealogical Society

The Fox Wars: Conflict in the Middle Ground
November 11 @ 11:00 am-2:00 pm

During the heyday of the French at Fort Detroit, a devastating war was sparked there against the nearby Fox (Meskwaki) Tribe. This horrifying conflict would spread throughout the Midwest with catastrophic consequences for everyone in the Old Northwest.

The speaker will be Logan Knight of the Allen county Public Library. Logan Knight hails from Henderson, Kentucky. He graduated from Hanover College in

2010 before going on to pursue his Master's Degree in History at Indiana State University. This was followed by an internship at the Kentucky Historical Society as well as working at the National Museum of Transportation and the Pulitzer Arts Foundation as a tour guide. Logan went on to serve as a Special Collections Librarian for more than six years at the Vigo County Public Library and received his MLS from IUPUI in the summer of 2021. While earning these degrees and working with people from all over the state, Logan discovered a real excitement for the fascinating complexities of Indiana history, particularly the early history of the state. Due to his background in history and genealogy, his interests and specialties lie in American, Indiana and Midwestern History. Logan has a passion for entwining history and genealogy to provide context to both individual and family stories. Genealogy is far more than just lines on a sheet. By using his knowledge of history, Logan hopes to make family stories come alive with historical context.

The in-person meeting will take place at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (5500 N Adams Rd, Troy) at 11:00 AM.

There will be 30 minutes of check-in and social time before the program begins. The program will be presented via Zoom from ACPL and broadcast to all online and in-person.

This is our joint program with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR).

A registration link will be send to members who cannot attend in person in advance. In-person attendance is encouraged. Public registration will be allowed prior to the event if space is available.

Featured Society in County Corner**Organization:**

Muskegon County Genealogical Society (MCGS)

MCGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and was founded in 1972.

Contact Information:

MCGS Address (for mailings only-no phone calls):

MCGS

c/o Hackley Public Library-Torrent House

Local History & Genealogy Department

315 W. Western Ave.

Muskegon, MI 49441

MCGS Website:

<https://www.genealogymuskegon.org>

MCGS general email contact:

1972mcgs@gmail.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MuskgonGenealogicalSociety>

Research Requests:

Researchmcgs72@gmail.com

Membership

MCGS yearly dues are \$25 per person. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. Contact membership Chair, Dawn Kelley, at

Membershipmcgs1972@gmail.com

for information.

Meetings

MCGS offers a regular monthly meeting – for members and open to the public, free of charge. These are held onsite (currently no Zoom available) the 3rd Saturday of each month (except July and December).

Location is Hackley Public Library, Lower Level (handicapped accessible), 316 W. Western Ave., Muskegon, MI. Doors open at 10:00am and the presentation begins at 10:30am.

See MCGS website for the topic/speaker for each month www.genealogymuskegon.org.

Newsletter

MCGS publishes a member monthly newsletter, Twig Talk. Past issues are accessible on the MCGS website. For the submission of articles, information, or questions, please email TwigTalk1972@gmail.com

Family Trails Extract

This is a new column which will appear in future issues, it is excerpts that come from the Family Trails series re-published by Michigan Genealogical Council in 1983, which is reprinted from the original Family Trails that were published in the 1967. Obviously, a lot has changed since the days that these were written but much of the content is still applicable today – even if no one wants to get themselves off their computer and back into books.

This is our second article in this series is the story of (remember this article was originally published in the spring of 1967)

**The Extract (Original 1967) (Volume 1 - 1983):
“Local History ... Grass Roots Research”**

How often historians discover too late that the records they need for research have thoughtlessly been destroyed!

The current interest in local history, especially in connection with genealogy, among both amateur and professional historians, has alerted librarians, archivists, and municipal officials to the desirability of a program for the collection and preservation of the sources of local history. The story of a locality has a significant place in the study of general history, but too commonly the sources of the local story are neglected because overlook their value. While many communities are, celebrating centennials this year (1967) (Galesburg, Plainwell, Corunna, to name just a few), others are contemplating the prospect of compiling community histories. Unfortunately many cities and villages, in our state will find that there is now collection of local records on which to base an historical narrative.

If no other agency is officially designated the public library has a natural advantage and a responsibility in the field of preserving local history. Endowed with at least minimum staff, facilities and training, the public library can turn an assemblage of local lore in a treasury of local useful information and a cause for pride. An effort

on the part of the public librarian or interested - citizens could result not only in the formation of a local history collection in the public library but also in the activation of a community historical society, or a study group in community heritage. The ultimate result may only be the compilation of a volume of local history, or it could be the start of something bigger – a continuing interest in the care and preservation of the communities record for posterity.

A local history collection could be composed of any printed or published works, such as histories and atlases of the county, church centennial pamphlets, land-use studies, plat books or maps, and back-runs of local newspapers. Primary sources such as the minutes of clubs, and civic meetings, personal diaries, broadsides, handbills, photographs, programs of various events, cemetery inscriptions, and any other reading matter can be solicited. If there are depositories elsewhere for documents, manuscripts, and archives, the librarian or historian should be aware of their existence and location.

It is, however, important that the library museum, or other institution which begins a local history collection have adequate space, materials, storage, conditions or trained staff. If your community officials are desirous of maintaining a community archive or local history collection in the library, guidance and assistance may be obtained from the Michigan Department of Education, Bureau of Library Services, Lansing.

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Today's Commentary: 2023 – 56 years later

If we look at the original message it still holds true today – even as it did in 1967 and then for the reprint in 1983: the place for this information is in the local library in a local history section. Many people are questioning what do we need libraries for (not me) we have the internet: after all everything is on the internet and of course it's all true!

We need to read between the lines in today's instant feedback world where the news of today is all that matters. I think what this piece says to me is that whether we be genealogists, family historians, or just plain citizens – we need to remember the past and how it affects today. We work to hard today to forget the hard work our ancestors went thru to carve out this state we know as Michigan to leave it to someone else to remember or protect. If the last 3 or 4 years have proved anything is – if we don't protect the history past can it survive till tomorrow. How many of us has lost a relative with irreplaceable knowledge – someone you wish you could have sat down with and gotten the family history who are now lost for some reason. How many have lost a library or a historical location – places that by themselves were just a piece of the puzzle from where we came from.

Have you ever sat down with a stack of books, periodicals, or even family stories long ago recorded/written that we watched someone pitch out because it was taking up space. Do you still have the 8mm film projector or the Beta-Max or the VHS Player to show the moving pictures that represented what it use to be like. If you don't are your family memories sitting in a white plastic shopping bag in the back of the closet waiting for you to have them digitized so you could show the grand kids the roads that were traveled in the past that left them at the doorstep they now call home. Take that loss and multiply it by every resident in the small town to the big city and realize how much we have lost.

It's time to store that picture of the ice cream store on the corner that is now just another drug store or a McDonald's because it was easier to tear down than build up the old. Many libraries and societies are trying to save a bit of the past for tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. Let's not forget the repositories of information that don't fit into the fold-able cell phone we carry in our pocket.

Read the history, remember the past/present, save it for the future.

Bookmark Me Now!

by Megan Heyl

We would like to introduce you to a variety of sources that are available on the internet for genealogical research. While it is widely known that genealogy research by using the internet is only the tip of the iceberg, that most research is done in libraries, archives and courthouses, we will try to share some sources that you may have never heard about or used. Be sure to visit each suggested link – you never know what you may discover.

Allen County Public Library

Website: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us> or <http://www.genealogycenter.org/Databases.aspx>

Address:

900 Library Plaza Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Phone: 260.421.1200

Genealogy: 260.421.1225

Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am - 9pm

Friday - Saturday 9am - 6pm

Sunday Noon – 5pm

Our databases are part of the unique collection of print materials, microtext, online resources, and staff expertise that comprise the great research experience in The Genealogy Center. The Databases and Files have been compiled by the library and its various volunteer corps or have been given to The Center to post on the web for free use by all. Each database can be searched separately. Please be certain to read the details about each database, including search tips, for the best searches possible. On The Genealogy Center main page, in the Discovery box, there is a place for you to search all of our databases at once. The On-Site Databases are data files the library licenses from outside vendors. These databases are free to use when in The Genealogy Center but are not accessible remotely.

The Genealogy Center has several catalogs, videos, and brochures that you can download or print for reference. This library is the second largest

genealogical research facility besides the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, with holdings nationally and world wide.

Before you plan your trip, confirm hours of operation, parking costs, local hotels and restaurants. You may purchase a subscription card that is valid for 1 year for non-Indiana residents with proof of identification and residence. The cost for 2023 is \$87.00, which allows most circulating materials to be borrowed, and free parking.

For additional help, contact them by email at: ASK@acpl.info or call 260.421.1240.

On the Shelf

This is the next in a series of featured columns where we are discussing genealogical books available at state and local libraries. We currently have columns provided by the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan.

Library of Michigan

Hello from the Library of Michigan! Please visit our 2023 programming calendar here: . Each event lists the date, time, description, and how to register. There are many interesting virtual programs to attend. There are only a few months left in the year, but library staff started to finalize next year's schedule. The new schedule will be posted in January.

The 2023 Michigan Author Award nomination form is live. To learn more about the Michigan Author Award, past awardees, and access the nomination form please visit the following website: [Michigan Author Award](#). Library staff have recorded several more Author Conversation videos with Michigan Notable Books authors and placed them on the library's YouTube channel. The previous recordings can be found here: [Michigan Notable Books – You Tube](#)

Below are a few interesting new and new to us books that are in the Michigan Collection at the Library of Michigan. There are many more wonderful books available at the Library of

Michigan covering Michigan History, People, and Places. If these books are not available at your local library, try using the interlibrary loan service called MeLCat. Your local public library will be able to help you request one of the books.

When Eero met His Match, 2022. By Eva Hagberg. A biography and a love story about Eero Saarinen and Aline Louchheim Saarinen. Much of the story is told through their correspondence during courtship. Also fascinating is the story about Aline's work as a publicist contributed to Eero's rise in popularity.

Best Dearborn Stories, Voices from Henry Ford's Hometown, 2011. By Museum Guild of Dearborn. A history of Dearborn told through short stories from Dearborn residents. The book provides a great view of Dearborn through the viewpoint of everyday life.

Copper Divide, A Novel, 2021. By Beth Kirschner. A fiction story crafted around the Calumet strike and the Italian Hall Disaster. Two friends, one on each side of the strike tests the bonds of friendship.

Invaded on All Sides, The War of 1812 and Michigan's Greatest Battlefield Engagements at Frenchtown and the River Raisin, 2022. By Ralph James Naveaux. An updated, annotated, and revised edition that thoroughly recounts 2 battles during the War of 1812. The appendices provide much information on the American and British units involved in the battles, American and British casualties, the order of battle, and much more.

Through our website you can search our library catalog (www.answercat.org) and locate the books mentioned above. If you don't want to access the catalog through the Library of Michigan website, you can navigate there directly by typing the following address in a browser:

www.answercat.org

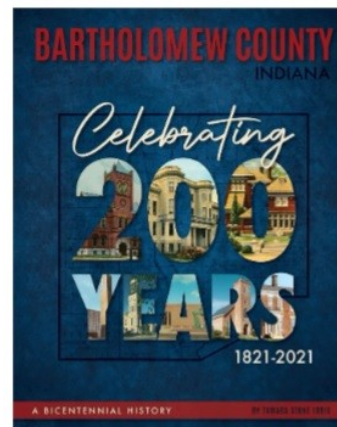
It is important to make the catalog your friend as you start your research journey. The catalog will tell you what we have on our shelves and where it is located. Lastly, please sign up for our Special

Collections Update eBulletin to learn more about library events and programs. You can sign up for the eBulletin here: [Library of Michigan - Sign-up for the Special Collections Update \(govdelivery.com\)](#) Please do not hesitate to contact us through email or phone: librarian@michigan.gov or 517-335-1477.

All the best,
Library of Michigan staff

Archives of Michigan

Bartholomew County Indiana Celebrating 200 Years 1821-2021 / Tamara S. Iorio / 2021
by Kris Rzepczynski, Archives of Michigan



Bartholomew County Indiana Celebrating 200 Years 1821-2021, by Tamara Stone Iorio and published in 2021, details the rich history of this southern Indiana county. This impressive volume is available to researchers as part of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection at the Archives of Michigan (Call number: F 532 .B2 I67 2021). Richly illustrated and with chapters emphasizing the county's early growth and development, an extensive historical timeline, local churches, African-American history, architecture, businesses, parks, and even lost history and notable locals, there is truly something for everyone looking to learn more about the county's history. If you have Bartholomew County, Indiana ancestors, this local history is certainly worth a closer look!

The Abrams Foundation Historical Collection, one of the larger genealogical collections in the United States, contains published family histories, immigration resources, cemetery transcriptions, directories, county and local histories, military records and getting-started handbooks. The resources emphasize states with strong historic and migratory ties to Michigan, including the New England region, New York, Pennsylvania, the Midwest states of Ohio and Indiana, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

How can Genealogists Leverage AI

Genealogists can leverage artificial intelligence (AI) in several ways to enhance their research, streamline processes, and uncover hidden connections within family trees.

Here are some key ways in which genealogists can use AI:

Record Digitization and Transcription: AI-Powered optical character recognition (OCR) technology can help genealogists convert handwritten or printed historical text into digital text. This makes it easier to search and analyze records such as census records, birth certificates and immigration documents.

Automated Indexing and Search: AI algorithms can index and catalog large databases of genealogical records, making it faster and more efficient for genealogists to search for specific individuals or family members with those records. This helps researchers save time and find relevant information more easily.

Predictive Search and Recommendations: AI can provide predictive search suggestions and recommendations based on the data genealogists have already gathered. It can suggest potential ancestors, missing links, or previously unexplored branches of the family tree by analyzing patterns and connections within the available data.

Facial Recognition: AI-driven facial recognition technology can be used to identify and match individuals in old photographs. This can help genealogists confirm the identities of relatives and

establish connections between family members across generations.

DNA Analysis and Matching: AI plays a crucial role in DNA analysis for genealogy. DNA testing companies use AI algorithms to identify genetic matches among individuals in their databases, helping genealogists discover relatives they may not have known existed and build more accurate family trees.

Natural Language Processing (NLP): NLP algorithms can assist genealogists in extracting valuable information from unstructured text, such as old letters, diaries, or newspaper clippings. These algorithms can help transcribe and analyze historical documents, uncovering details about ancestors and their lives.

Data Visualization: AI-powered data visualization tools can help genealogists create interactive family trees, charts, and timelines that make it easier to understand complex genealogical relationships and narratives.

Automated Research Assistance: AI chatbots or virtual research assistants can answer genealogy-related questions, provide guidance on research methodologies, and suggest potential sources of information based on user queries.

Collaborative Genealogy: AI can facilitate collaboration among genealogists by recommending potential research partners or connecting individuals with shared ancestry. This can help researchers pool their knowledge and resources for more comprehensive family tree building.

In summary, artificial intelligence can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of genealogical research by automating tasks, offering predictive insights, and providing tools for data analysis and visualization. Genealogists can leverage AI to uncover new information, connect with relatives, and create more detailed and comprehensive family histories. Just remember like any other tool – you must verify and check the sources of all delivered information.

Pioneer Certificate Program October 2023

This committee continues receiving applications for the Michigan Pioneer certificates and pins. Many of the submissions have been multi-generational. What better way to get your children and grandchildren involved in learning more about their Michigan roots.

Currently the committee has 94 Pre-statehood and 143 First Families applications approved. The record for applications submitted by one person is 20!

The program has generated interest in 12 different states. Michigan has the highest submission rate by far. Others states include Texas, Virginia, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, Florida, New Hampshire, Georgia, Washington, Oregon and Arkansas.

This committee looks forward to all of our society members sharing the program among its members and others interested in honoring their pioneer ancestors.

The brochure is available and may be printed from our website at (Note: select double sided, flip short side!):

https://mimgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/certificates-brochure_final.pdf

For application instructions with sample:

https://mimgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Pioneer-Certificate-Appl-Instructions-with-sample_Apr-2022.pdf

For application:

https://mimgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/MGCPioneerCertificateApplication_2022_03.pdf

For Frequently Asked Questions:

<https://mimgc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/MGC-Pioneer-Certificate-Program-FAQs.pdf>

Kim Smith
Chairperson,
Pre-Statehood and First Family Certificates

**Suggested Resource Links from Our Societies****“Gen Team“****Website:**

<https://genteam.at/>

A series of databases covering a wide area of interest. It has many records from Vienna and other places in Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. It has a wonderful gazetteer that can help you find what archive your town records are located in.

Provided by Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society

“Burgenland Bunch“**Website:**

www.the-burgenland-bunch.org

An amazing group for anyone who can show that they have ancestors from Burgenland, Austria. They publish newsletters, provide research help, show recipes, and town records.

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Porta Fontium**Website:**

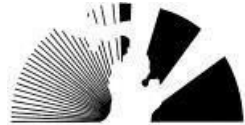
<https://portafontium.eu/>

With the implementation of the “Bavarian-Czech Network of Digital History Sources” project, archival materials that belong together 65 years after the end of the Second World War will be brought together into a virtual whole. Digital reproductions will be created, which will then be presented to the general public as well as to scientists and local researchers via a web server.

Through the joint collaboration of archivists, historians and other specialists, work on unpublished “unknown” archival materials, so-called Bohemika and Sudetika, in archives on both sides will be carried out much more intensively than before.

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Library of Michigan Updates

Matt Pacer
Reference Librarian
Library of Michigan

Library of Michigan Update September 2023

Hello Everyone!

Library of Michigan staff encourage researchers to subscribe to our Special Collections Update eBulletin to learn more about events and other news at the Library of Michigan. Please visit the following website to subscribe: Library of Michigan

- Sign-up for the Special Collections Update (govdelivery.com)

The Library of Michigan will be posting next year's virtual programming in early December. Please view the following website for more information.

<https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public>

Have questions for us? Please email or call. librarian@michigan.gov or 517-335-1477.

Thank you

Library of Michigan Staff



Archives of Michigan and
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Kris Rzepczynski,
Senior Archivist

Archives of Michigan Update October 2023

As we approach the end of 2023 (?!), the Archives of Michigan has much to celebrate this year and look forward to in 2024.

The 2023 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar was held on Friday, June 23 – Saturday, June 24, 2023 as a hybrid event. The Archives of Michigan was thrilled to host Drew Smith of “The Genealogy Guys” podcast onsite here in Lansing. Thank you to all of the attendees (virtual and onsite), speakers, and the Michigan Genealogical Council for helping to make the event the success that it was.

The Michigan probate records digitization project with FamilySearch continues to move forward. When we cross the 1940 threshold in the Wayne County records (currently imaging records from 1937), the project will expand out into other counties; Washtenaw County is the next county up in the queue.

The Archives of Michigan is excited to be working with the Daughters of the American Revolution of Michigan on an exciting digitization project of Michigan veteran World War I bonus payments. Utilizing the crowdsourcing indexing platform FromThePage, Michigan DAR members continue to transcribe selected data fields from the bonus cards. The project is expected to be completed and made freely available at Michiganology in 2024.

The Archives is looking forward to the MGC Fall Family History Seminar on Saturday, November 4. The night before – Friday, November 3 – the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan will be hosting a research Lock-in from 6-10p, with pizza and refreshments from 5-6p. Registration information is available at the MGC web site, we hope to see many of you for a fun late night of research!

The Archives of Michigan continues to add new source material to our holdings, particularly local government records. New archival collections this year include:

- *Emmet County Probate Records, 1857-1972 / RG 2023-59*
- *Oceana County Circuit Court Records, 1859-1992 / RG 2023-50*

The Archives of Michigan continues to add new published material to the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection. New additions include:

- *Bartholomew County Indiana Celebrating 200 Years 1821-2021/ Tamara S. Iorio / 2021 / Call number: F 532 .B2 I67 2021*
- *175 Years of Brown County: The People, the Life, the History / Sherri Cullison / 2011 / Call number: F 532 .B76 C84 2011*

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 with any questions about the Archives and our collections, services or digitization projects. archives@michigan.gov

Delegate/Board Meetings**Delegate Meetings**

Delegate Meetings are being held in person and virtually (hybrid) on the second Thursday in September, November, January, March, May and July at 11 am in the Forum of the Michigan Historical Center at:
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, MI 48915

Boards Meetings (Currently Virtual)

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

Any change in date and time will be posted at mimgc.org.

Michigan Library and Historical Center**Archives of Michigan**

Monday thru Friday from 1 to 5 pm
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Visit our web site at:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/archives>
<https://michiganology.org/>



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“Digital Archives of the Regional Archives in Opava”**Website:**

<https://digi.archives.cz/>

Their aim is to publish information about archival finds and collections of the Regional Archives in Opava and its units - State District Archives - to all users.

All here presented data are taken from archival finding aids - inventory books and catalogs, which were gradually worked out from the 60's of the 20th century to the present. This suggests that the quality and value is not always equal. From the large number of volumes and series of finding aids, we have chosen to publish only the most important ones.

Provided by Waterford Genealogical Society

Library of Michigan

10 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday
10 am to 4 pm Saturday

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Email librarian@michigan.gov

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Visit our website at:

www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan

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Mon-Thu for school field trips and tours
of 10 or more

Fri/Sat from 10 am to 4 pm

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Visit our Web site at:

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For more information call:
(517) 335-2573



Michigan Genealogical Council

Founded in 1972, the Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC) is an organization composed of 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 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, PO. Box 80953, Lansing, MI, 48908-0953, Website: <https://www.mimgc.org>

The Newsletter is published quarterly by the Michigan Genealogical Council. Member society delegates and presidents are notified by e-mail when a new issue is available online. Content for Winter issue due December 15, Spring March 15, Summer June 15, Fall September 15. Email newsletter items to MGC Editor: newsletter@mimgc.org. Or send to PO. Box 80953, Lansing, MI, 48908-0953. Permission to reprint a signed article should be obtained directly from the author. Unsigned material may be reprinted without permission provided the newsletter is given credit. See website for additional details at <https://mimgc.org/newsletter/>.

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		Pre-Statehood and First Family Certificates	Kim Smith Waterford Genealogical Society

Thanks from the Editor!

Thank you for providing articles to the MGC newsletter. Every quarter I get excellent articles for all of our member societies to see. In addition to regular contributors we get information about your programs/events. We also thank you for the support you give our new columns. We are looking forward to provide more publications that we can list for you in our Society Publications section. It is our intention to showcase your society's works.

Thanks to all the delegates that show up at every delegate meeting allowing us to provide the best programs for you at every delegate meeting.

Next Delegate Meeting - 11/03/2023

Speaker: Paula Williams

Topic: SIG - Special Interest Groups for Societies

Paula is a professional genealogist who has been researching for more than two decades in primarily southern US states and has been using DNA to solve problems for more than a decade. She has studied at IGHR, SLIG, GRIP, and the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records (Gen-Fed). In addition, she's a board member of the Virginia Genealogical Society and of the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA) and is the facilitator for the latter's DNA Special Interest Group. She has taught at the IGHR and GRIP institutes and has lectured for the Southern California Genealogical Society's Genealogy Jamboree and for the National Genealogical Society conference, among others.

**Events****45th Annual Genealogy Seminar**

Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan

Saturday, October 14, 2023 (Webinar)

Eryk Jan Grzeszkowiak and David Obee presenting

Saturday, October 21, 2023 (Webinar or In Person)

Daniel Bućko and Dr. Karen Majewska presenting

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GotAncestors?! 2023 Conference

Western Michigan Genealogical Society

21 October 2023

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Hebner Family Memorial Genealogy Seminar

St. Clair County Genealogy & History Society

October 21, 2023

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MGC Fall Family History Seminar

with Michael Strauss

November 4, 2023

<https://mimgc.org/event/mgc-fall-family-history-seminar-with-michael-strauss/>

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