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MGC Names 2025 Lucy Mary Kellogg Honoree



Donnie Boursaw, left, accepts this year's Lucy Mary Kellogg Award from the MGC's Jessica Trotter.

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Curt B. Witcher at Fall Family History Seminar

Keynote Speaker Curt Witcher of Allen County Public Library speaks at the MGC's Fall Family History Seminar at the Michigan Library and Historical Center last month. The library's Director of Special Collections spoke to the crowd of society members and genealogy enthusiasts about the role of libraries and other repositories, and how librarians, genealogists and others passionate about history can share that passion beyond the bounds of the library walls or society members. **Read more, p. 6**



Curt Witcher speaks at the 2025 Fall Family History Seminar.

President's Message

I am *loving* the snowfall that blanketed our beautiful state in white over the Thanksgiving holiday! Yes, it's not easy for those of you hit hard by lake-effect snow, and yes, the shoveling is not particularly fun. But I'm a skier, so I'm hoping we'll have a great season for skiing and other outdoor activities like snowmobiling. Think of all the great outdoor industries — and even snowplow companies — in our beautiful state. I encourage you to get out, support them, and above all, enjoy our Michigan winters.

In this issue, we highlight our recent Fall Seminar and the excellent presentations of Curt Witcher of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, and from Matt, Adam and Kris representing the the Library and Archives. We thank them all for giving us great learning opportunities and resources. If you haven't responded to the follow-up survey asking for your feedback and ideas for next year's speaker, please do. Check your email and take just 5 minutes to send us a response.

For me, a highlight of the MGC's recent delegate meeting was the announcement of the Lucy Mary Kellogg recipient. Congratulations to Donnie Boursaw. (We've included some pictures in this issue.) Also, this month we look at the wonderful fundraising efforts of our societies statewide as we seek donations toward the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) nationwide fundraising efforts for the Veteran Bounty Land Records. Look at that total so far! And, please, keep this going! We've sent this summary to the national coordinating group to let them know how Michigan is doing. We know some societies are just getting their efforts started, but it's not too late!

Hopefully, the holiday season will allow you some dedicated time to research your family, ask questions around the holiday tables and enrich the stories of your ancestors' lives! Record conversations with the elder generations and take pictures of your families — if you don't do it, who will!

Have a warm, relaxing, and wonderful holiday season, Judy Nimer Muhn, President judynmuhn@gmail.com

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Member Society Contact Changes

The Michigan Genealogical Council updates our email list using the information provided on your society's membership or renewal form. As this information can change between dues payments, please use the provided link to update your details as needed: mimgc.org/society-contact-change-form.



Library of Michigan Updates

Matt Pacer, Reference Librarian

On the Shelf December 2025

Hello from the Library of Michigan! Winter is right outside the door. With kids deep in the school year, we're busy with school tour groups converging on the MLHC (and much more!). Please be aware that restoration/renovation has started on the MLHC building. Construction scaffolding and fencing stretches around the east side of the building for the exterior roof work near the atrium. This work will continue for several weeks and then move to the west side of the building. More exterior restoration/construction work is expected next spring.

Our virtual program list is out can be found at www.michigan.gov/lmpublicprograms. Each event lists the date, time, description and how to register. We have many interesting virtual programs to attend, several providing information on how family history researchers can benefit from our databases and collections. Later this year, we will post the 2026 program schedule. As always, if you have suggestions of other programs, please contact us.

A good reason to visit your state library is the current display in the Lake Erie Room on the second floor called Innocents In Peril. It features photography by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Taro Yamasaki and poetry by award-winning author and poet Anne-Marie Oomen.

Our yearbook donation campaign continues. We want to express our gratitude for helping us through donations or spreading the word. Recent additions include: Detroit Bible College, Edsel Ford High School and Manistee High School (the Manichigan). To learn more about our other collection campaigns, please visit the <u>Make A Gift website</u>.

To see what we have in our collections, please navigate directly to our catalog 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 at librarian@michigan.gov or phone at 517-335-1477.

All the best,

Library of Michigan staff



Archives of Michigan Updates

Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist

From the Archives December 2025

As another year comes to a close, the Archives has a lot to reflect on for 2025 and to look forward to in 2026.

The Archives of Michigan is thrilled to announce the release of the Michigan naturalization records project. As many of you know, the Archives has worked on this project for a number of years, it is especially gratifying to finally make these outstanding records freely available at Michiganology for the research community. The release of Alcona County is just the first – of many! – with additional counties to be added in the coming weeks and months.

The Michigan probate records digitization project continues to steadily move forward. Arenac, Crawford, Houghton, Jackson, Midland, Shiawassee, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties have now all been completed up through 1940, with Muskegon County currently being imaged. These estate files are now appearing online at FamilySearch, more records are added every day!

The 2026 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar will be held here in Lansing – and virtually – on 15-16 May 2026. The Archives of Michigan and Michigan Genealogical Council are thrilled to welcome Alec Ferretti, known for his work with the Reclaim the Records initiative, will be the featured speaker. The Seminar program schedule and registration information will be available in early 2026, so mark those calendars and stay tuned!

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

- Arenac County Tax Rolls, 1881-1990 / RG 2025-87
- Arenac County Tax Rolls, 1991-2005 / RG 2025-94
- Luce County Probate Records, 1888-1986 / **RG 2025-92**

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.





Attendees enjoy lunch on Saturday.



Attendees dive into research at the 2025 fall seminar lock-in.

Curt Witcher, left and Judy Nimer Muhn.

2025 Fall Seminar Success!

This year's Fall Seminar included much content for our learning and growing in our family history research. Curt Witcher of Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center. He gave us a thoughtful presentation at the Friday MGC delegate meeting about how our societies might think about what the future holds. He also gave us ideas based on what he hears from other library professionals around the country. He provided three presentations on Saturday:

- Doing Effective Genealogical Research in Libraries,
- Mining the Mother Lode: Periodical Research,
- High Tech and High Touch of 21st Century Genealogy

All of them had us thinking and making notes, and Curt's handouts were great resources. While Curt's presentations were not recorded, he presented to Friday's MGC delegate meeting, and a recording of that meeting will be made available on the MGC website under the "Continuing Education" tab.

In between the delegate meeting and the Fall Seminar's Friday lock-in, we hosted eight genealogy "consultation" tables for attendees. We're proud to report that nearly 30 people stayed for the lock-in, more than we've had in some time. Attendance on Saturday was also higher in-person than it had been for the last two years, which meant that some great networking and fun happened.

At least two people found new cousins and the initial feedback on the survey sent out reflects positive outcomes and suggestions for future speakers. Please fill out the survey that was sent to participants from MGC. Check your inbox and take just 5 minutes to offer us your ideas.

Thank you to the MGC board members who staffed the consultation tables and shared their expertise: Jessica Trotter, Kim Smith, Barb Curtaindale, Roger Moffet, Derek Blount, Tom Koselka, Judy Nimer Muhn and Chelsea Johnson.

And the Winner is ... 2025 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award

By Jessica Trotter, Chairwoman, LMK

The Lucy Mary Kellogg award was established in 1992 to honor Lucy Mary Kellogg as a founding member and an eminent Michigan genealogist. Her accomplishments on the state and national levels were recognized in 1991 as the first woman and the first from the Midwest area to be named into the National Genealogy Hall of Fame.

To be nominated for this award, a candidate must be a member in good standing of a member society of the Michigan Genealogical Council, resided in the state of Michigan for a minimum of five years, and must have met four or more of the following criteria:

- Furthered the aims and the accomplishments of the Michigan Genealogical Council.
- Served in a position of leadership in a Michigan genealogical or historical organization.
- Been involved in a major research project.
- Authored or contributed to a notable publication.
- Made a significant contribution to the genealogical or historical benefit of his/her community.
- Made a significant contribution to the Michigan community.
- Furthered the knowledge of genealogy through educational practices.

Each year we ask you our member societies to submit the names of your most active and influential members, who have dedicated their lives to genealogical research and contributed to their communities through their leadership and service in the field. We honor one of these nominees each year with a ceremony, award certificate, and \$100 in their name to the Archives of Michigan, the Library of Michigan, and the genealogical or historical organization (or library) of their choice.

We were proud of our small but mighty pool of candidates in 2025 all wonderfully deserving.

We were honored to have three wonderful judges:

- Melissa McPherson, Media and Reference Librarian, Willard Library
- Glenn Fischer, Library Director, Dewitt District Library
- Mary Beauchamp, Reference/Collection Development Librarian, Petoskey District Library

We thank them for their time and service!

While the judges were very impressed by the candidates remarkable qualifications and tremendous contributions to our genealogical community, this year's Lucy Mary Kellogg honoree's passion for genealogy and her society got the nod. As a founding member of that society, she helped them find their current home, furnishings, wrote grants, and helped the group fill out state paperwork, and built the website. She has been an educator, a promoter, and a fundraiser. One nominator summed up, "she is a do-er and is always volunteering her time, money, and knowledge to keep the society strong and viable." While another noted that she "is a planner, a productive member, a presenter, and more.... And always with a positive attitude...." and "a role model for passion and commitment to our society...."

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1999. She has also worked with Rose City and Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Societies, and previously ran the West Branch LDS Library.

Congratulations to Donnie Boursaw, our 2025 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award Honoree!

Nominate your Members for the 2026 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. In addition to our 2025 winner Donnie Boursaw, recent awardees include:

- Roger Moffat of WMGS (2024)
- The late Suzanne Boivin Sommerville of the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan (2023)
- Marcia McCrary of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County
- Melvin Holley of Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society (2021)
- Leslie C. Strong Williams of Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society (2020)
- Judy Sheldon of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society (2019)

The nomination form and list of requirements for qualification can be found at <u>mimgc.org/lucy-mary-kellogg-award</u>. Forms and supporting materials – or updates for those previously nominated – can be submitted to <u>info@mimgc.org</u>. Submissions due May 31, 2026.

I know you all have exceptional and involved members. Please consider nominating one of them for this award.

Jessica Trotter, Chairperson

Lucy Mary Kellogg Award

Update on Veteran Bounty Land Records — Fundraising Campaign!

By Judy Nimer Muhn, President, MGC

The Michigan Genealogical Council's delegate meeting in November gave everyone a sense of how we are doing with the fundraising campaign in support of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) digitization work on the Veteran Bounty Land Records.

In the meeting, societies reported on their fundraising efforts, and the wonderful tally from that date is ... ta-da!!!

\$6,288

This is a historical opportunity for you to be a part of this effort to make more records accessible to everyone, so join the effort now. With the MGC Board approving a match of \$10,000, we certainly have the opportunity to meet a Michigan statewide goal of \$20,000. One of our wonderful societies – Western Michigan Genealogical Society — is also pledging to match to \$2,500, so we are getting oh so close!

If your society is not a designated 501(c)(3) and you are unable to process donations for this, please utilize the MGC website at mimgc.org/veteran-bounty-land-records. When you donate there, remember to designate which society the donation is from so you can be recognized. It's as easy as a few clicks.

I just made my donations, and I hope you'll join!

Speaker Alert: National Genealogical Society Al Expert Steve Little

The MGC is excited to announce that Steve Little, the National Genealogical Society's AI expert, will be the speaker at our January delegate meeting, 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026. This talk will focus on the use of artificial intelligence and LLMs by genealogical societies. How can these powerful tools help your society? Join the MGC on Zoom for this important discussion. The link will be sent to delegates and presidents, but you can register to attend!

Also, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, the Oakland County Genealogical Society will host Steve Little on for a presentation about how to use AI for your family research! Event is available via Zoom or in-person at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Township Michigan, 48302, at Telegraph and Lone Pine. Register via the OCGS website at www.ocgsmi.org/events or see the society's Facebook link for registration. Join us?

Genealogical Societies: Making Those Family Connections



James Verney, right, worked with the BCGS to find family connections in Bay County.

By Barbara Connor, Vice-President, Bay County Genealogical Society

James Verney contacted the Bay County Genealogical Society in October of 2019 while researching his great grandfather, Charles F. Verney. Charles' mother, stepfather, and sisters had also lived in Bay City. With wonderful help from society volunteers Mary McManman and Kathleen Doerr and utilizing records in our genealogy library (like census, newspaper, and church records), they connected Charles F. Verney to his wife, Elizabeth Mansfield, in 1883 as well as her family. Discovering that the Verney/Vernier name came from the Detroit area, we also helped him make a connection to the Vernier and St. Aubin families there.

James' research led to him presenting a program on the Vernier family held at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society on September 27, 2023. He also sponsored a blessing and memorial ceremony at St Paul on the Lake Cemetery in Grosse Pointe Farms for two new gravestones he had made for John Baptiste Vernier (1763-1834) and Catherine Billiau Lesperance Vernier (1770-1831) – his oldest ancestors in Michigan.

(Side note: The original gravestones have been "put back together" and are prominently displayed in the garden of the Provencal-Weir house, part of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society. They are perhaps the oldest known gravestones in the Grosse Pointes.)

In 2023, during a visit to Bay City, James discovered that his great-great Grandmother, Delia (St. Aubin) Vernier Barlow Hovey (1835-1922), widowed three times, was not buried at St Patrick's Cemetery as indicated on her death record. After careful research, it was discovered she was buried at Calvary Cemetery in Kawkawlin, Michigan along with

her grandson Johnny Vernier (1886-1891). A misspelling of her surname (due to handwriting) and lack of a headstone had kept her hidden all these years.

A headstone was placed for Delia along with her grandson Johnny compliments of James and Karen Verney. On May 8, 2025 Delia was presented (and Johnny), and their headstones were blessed by Father Jose Maria Cabrera, Pastor of St. James/All Saints Parish.

James continues researching his family and will be presenting his journey and findings at the Bay County Genealogical Society meeting on May 13, 2026. His topic is titled, "How a Great Genealogical Society Can Change Your Life." This presentation will be in person and via Zoom. All are invited to join us. For more information, visit baymigensoc.com.

He was also be presenting his Vernier family genealogy line on Saturday, July 25, 2026 in Detroit at the Pontchartrain Hotel as part of the celebration of Detroit's 325th anniversary. The Pontchartrain Hotel is said to be the site of Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac's original fort in 1701. All are invited.

My Memories of the Past, Article 4

Barbara Curtindale, MGC Historian, Celebrating 50 Years of the MGC

The MGC was organized in 1972. I have served as a delegate from four societies:

- Originally from North Oakland Genealogical Society, 1977-1983;
- From Gratiot County, from 1983-200? (I was replaced, but was a delegate locally);
- And, since 2008 from Harrison Area Genealogical Society and Gladwin County Genealogical Society.

Since my first meeting in 1977, there has never been a time I was not a delegate from a given society. That's 45 years of continual service. The memories I have of positions held in the council (which are many) and the events are pleasant, yet I'm mindful of the changes that have occurred, both in the library/archives facilities and in the council itself.

When the council began seminars the agreement was, if a host society was found, they were to be held in different parts of the state each time to accommodate travel and a change of venue for more people to attend from different areas.

Seminars were held in

- Colombiere Conference & Retreat Center near Pontiac/Clarkston. It was once a Jesuit Priest facility.
- Troy, Gaylord 1995
- Livonia, Lansing, Flint 1991,
- Grand Rapids 1992 & 1997 (?)
- Grand Traverse (at Acme) 1999
- Southgate (Down River Society) 1990
- Novi 1989 (hosted by Huron Valley (Milford) and Lyon Twp.)

That's just a few of the many locations. Lansing held more than one and, of course, we have held many at the Historical Center Library/Archives/ Museum building.

The Gaylord one was of instant memory as it was held at the Treetops Resort in November 1995, and we all woke up to a big snowstorm! At that one we had celebrated a 90th birthday of our dear delegate from Gratiot County, Georgianna Peet Miller, who we took up with us for the event. It was a white-knuckle drive home for sure. Ruth Farr was at that time Historian of Council, and she did a nice posting of it in the history scrapbooks with pictures of the snow. (Those are presently housed in the Archives of Michigan so I can't access them to do other checking. I must rely on my aged memory.)

We were also a participating organization in the Great Lakes Conference held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in August 1994. Many thanks to Kim Harrison, past president of MGC, for her hard work in the planning committee of this great event with reps of each of the surrounding states. I hope this can be done again.

We have had a great variety of speakers for our seminars over the years. The younger people may not recognize some of the names, but they were popular at the time and most ended up not only as speakers nationally but authors of genealogy help books. Our speakers have included:

• John Heisey

- Paul Milner
- Ernest Thode
- Paula Stuart Warren
- Gerda Bals (LDS Family History Center, Salt Lake)
- Paul F. Smart (LDS Utah)
- Harold Frederic Powell, Ph.D.
- Peter W. Bunce, Director of the National Archives-Great Lakes Region
- Dr. George Schweitzer
- Curt B. Witcher, ACPL-Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Henry Z. "Hank" Jones Jr.
- Maralyn Ann Wellauer
- Gary Boyd Roberts
- Leland Meitzler
- Cyndi Howells
- Roger Joslyn
- Diane Gagel
- Arlene Eakle
- Brenda Merriman
- Ryan Taylor
- René Jetté

Many local speakers have also participated in giving sessions, and they knew their stuff. This would be a long article if I named them all, so will not.

If you have never attended a seminar, whether in person or now virtually over Zoom, you really need to try it. I find that no matter how many of our local, state and national seminars I have attended, I still learn things. I don't care if a lecture is marked a beginner, general or advanced ability session, I will choose it for the topic and reboot my memory of something learned long ago and haven't used as I should. There is always something to be learned no matter how smart you think you are. Just remember: There is no such thing as a dumb question. The dumb thing is never asking. Sometimes if *you* ask the question, it also gets the answer for someone afraid to ask it.

I enjoy getting to do "in person" meetings again, but didn't miss the long drive to Lansing. It's 102 miles each way for me. I had missed the camaraderie of fellow genealogists and friends I have made over the years.

Happy searching and hope you hit the jackpot in your finds.

Society News & Events

All programs listed should be verified to ensure they are still scheduled to occur. All societies having these programs have given their permission to list them here.

From Bay County Genealogical Society

May 13, 2026 — "How a Great Genealogical Society Can Change Your Life," presented by James Varney. In-person and via Zoom. Visit baymigensoc.com for more details.

From Detroit Society for Genealogical Research

Jan. 10, 2026 — "Breaking Through Brick Walls and Reawakening Dead Ends," presented Jeff Mason, 12:30 p.m., Detroit Public Library main branch and virtually via Zoom.

From Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society:

Jan. 7, 2026 — Family Tree Maker User's Group, 10 a.m. Group typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

Jan. 19, 2026 — "Putting It All Together," presented by Jim Jackson, 7 p.m., Portage District Library and virtually via Zoom.

Feb. 16, 2026 — "Probate Records: Wills and a Whole Lot More" featuring Annette Burke Lyttle, 7 p.m., Portage District Library and virtually via Zoom.

From Northville Genealogical Society:

Jan. 11, 2026 — "Researching Your Soldiers: Michigan's Involvement in the War of 1812," with Rusty Davis, 2:30 p.m., Northville District Library.

From Western Michigan Genealogical Society:

Dec. 8 — Find-a-Grave presented by Linda Wells, 6:30 p.m., Grand Rapids Public Library - VanderVeen Room (4th floor).

Dec. 18 — DNA Interest Group (known as "DIG") meets, two sessions, 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Grand Rapids Public Library - VanderVeen Room (4th floor). Group typically meets on the third Thursday of each month.

Dec. 27 — African American Genealogy Club meets, 1 p.m., Grand Rapids Public Library - VanderVeen Room (4th floor). Group typically meets on the last Saturday of each month.

Save the Date: Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar

May 15-16, 2026 — Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar, featuring Alec Ferretti of Reclaim the Records, Archives of Michigan, Lansing. Co-sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council.

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About the Michigan Genealogical Council

Founded in 1972, the Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC) is an organization comprising delegates from each of its member societies. Its objectives are to locate, preserve, publish, and deposit in suitable repositories records of value to genealogists and to initiate activities that encourage and assist those 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 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 the MGC, P.O. Box 80953, Lansing, MI, 48908-0953.

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