



2022 MGC Fall Seminar featuring LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson

LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson, JD, LLM, CG®, FASG, earned a BA from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, and both a Law degree and a Master of Laws degree from New York University. She enjoyed a 35-year career as a tax lawyer before her 2013 retirement as a partner from the big four Accounting firm of Ernst & Young, and is now a full-time genealogist focused on teaching and writing. She lectures frequently on standards and the proper documentation of genealogical work and proof arguments. She was elected as a Trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists® in 2016, and will end her third term as BCG President in October 2022. LaBrenda also serves as the Registrar General of the Sons and Daughters of the United States Middle Passage, a national Lineage society that honors ancestors who were enslaved in the United States.



In 2021, LaBrenda was elected as the 170th Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists (ASG), the field's honorary scholarly society. The ASG was founded in 1940 and is limited to fifty life-time members; election is based on the quality of a genealogist's published work. As explained in an ASG press release, LaBrenda "has a twenty-year record of writing family history, first as a dedicated amateur while practicing law, and then, since her retirement from that profession, as an authoritative writer and genealogical educator. Her compiled genealogical scholarship in journals such as National Genealogical Society Quarterly focuses on African-American families during and after enslavement, including combining DNA match evidence with traditional documentary evidence in a notoriously difficult field. Her educational publications include a guide to researching African-American family history in Laurens County, South Carolina, where she has roots—a primer with important methodological lessons applicable nationally—and an authoritative guide to genealogical research in the state of Alabama. For more information see her website <https://www.LabGarrettGenealogy.com>.

Michigan Genealogical Council 2022 Fall Family History Virtual Seminar co-sponsored by the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Schedule

8:45 – 9:00 am:	Zoom sign in and Help for Attendees
9:00-9:15 am:	Welcome and remarks - Rozlyn Kelly, MGC President, Mark Harvey, Archives of Michigan State Archivist, and Library of Michigan

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President's Message

Greetings,

Happy Autumn. The leaves are beginning to turn colors, and will soon begin to fall. A new season has begun, and with it comes new beginnings. The summer brought sunshine, warm breezes, some sad endings, and some happy reunions. Now we can begin again, hopefully refreshed and renewed.

I remember growing up how the fall brought the start of a new school year and the excitement that accompanied it. Shopping for new school supplies was always fun, and it still is today as I now shop for notebooks, folders, pens, and other supplies for my genealogical research. And the excitement of the new school year carries over into the new genealogical season. Many of our member societies take a break from meeting during the summer months and resume again in the fall. We can look forward to rejoining our genealogy friends, catching up on each other's research challenges, break throughs, and family connections since we were last together. And we can look ahead to genealogical activities planned for the new season, to learn and grow together.

Speaking of the new season, we are again pleased to bring you the MGC Fall Family History Seminar. The seminar, co-sponsored by our friends the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan, will be held virtually on November 12. This year we are very excited to have LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson as our key note speaker. LaBrenda is a knowledgeable genealogist with the outstanding ability to communicate and share with others the standards and methodology for excellent genealogical research. Everyone can expect to learn and grow from her presentations. As one of MGC's past president's shared with me upon learning that LaBrenda will be our keynote speaker "I can't wait to hear LaBrenda, she's so excellent!".

In addition to LaBrenda we will also have presentations by Kris Rzepczynski with the Archives of Michigan and Mindy Babarskis with the Library of Michigan to share with us their valuable resources available to aid in our research. Registration is now available on our website. Plan to join us and please help us promote the event by sharing with your society members.

Check on page 8 for more information on the recently handed out 2022 President's award.

Rozlyn Kelly
President
Michigan Genealogical Council

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:

ACPL (Allen County Public Library):

Date: October 11, 2022
 Time: 2:30 – 3:30 pm
 Location: Virtual
 Program: Vivid-Pix and Photo
 Reminiscence Therapy
 Presenter: Rick Voight

Register in advance for this program! After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the program

To register and for more information:

<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/7249337>

From Waterford Genealogical Society:

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

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

Our meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the community room as mentioned above.

Date: October 5, 2022
 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm
 Presenter: Dave Decker
 Topic: Oakland County History Center

Date: December 7, 2022
 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm
 Topic: Family Search Wiki

Tuesday Night Meetings with Julia at 7:00 pm are back:

Date: October 11, 2022
 Topic: Why a personal genealogy computer program?
 Time: 7:00 pm

Date: November 8, 2022
 Topic: Plagues, Epidemics, Pandemics and other illnesses--how it affected our ancestors
 Time: 7:00 pm

First 30 minutes is for any Germanic questions Please register at the Waterford 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.

Currently:

Our website is on a temporary hiatus but our Facebook presence is still active at:

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

From Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society:

Date: Monday, November 14, 2022
 Topic: Exploring the Recruitment of Germans to Michigan
 Time: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Speaker: Brenda Leyndyke

Did you know that Michigan was the first state to employ Immigration agents? Once Michigan became a state it was growing as a state, but it wasn't growing with foreigners. Join MIGGS to explore the conditions which enticed Germans to migrate to Michigan; learn how the recruitment process worked, the laws that encouraged

immigration, and resources available for genealogists.

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 info@miggs.org

From Western Michigan Genealogical Society:

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Topics: Research Writing Tips & Tracking Your Correspondence

Institutions such as county courthouses, libraries, and government agencies have all kinds of records and information that should be helpful in your genealogical research. They are usually quite happy to help you; however, remember that the people in these offices are probably very busy. It's best to keep your letter concise and business-like. Also, keeping track of who you write to and what you ask for is a good idea. This way you won't repeat your efforts unnecessarily. We'll go over some helpful tips.

Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Topic: Using Historical and Genealogical Societies for Genealogy

Historical and genealogical societies come in all shapes and sizes. You'll find them at the local, county, state, and national levels. All of them offer a variety of activities and resources. A genealogical society represents years of genealogical research experience. If you're having trouble with a specific problem, the staff or members may be able to offer hints to help

you out. It's likely that someone else in the group has already been through the same problem. Many historical and genealogical societies work to preserve records and other materials of historical or genealogical interest in their location. Some maintain libraries of their own where you may do research, and others donate their work to local universities and libraries. Societies with their own libraries often have a good collection of local history and local family histories. Contacting a society in the area where your ancestors lived may lead you to a book about your family, and can be a good way to learn where important information may be stored. This topic tells you how historical and genealogical societies may help you in your research.

Instructor for all October 18 and November 25 classes: Linda Wells (nee Guth)

Location for each class: VanderVeen Room, 4th Floor, Grand Rapids Public Library

Date: November 5, 2022

Time: Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Topic: Location, Location, Location

Presenter: Michele Hoogewind

Location: VanderVeen Room, 4th Floor GRPL

From the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan

Visit our Society website:

<https://habitantheritage.org>

FCHSM Meetings Page:

<https://fchsmi.ens-10.com/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 a.m. EST). 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

You can also go to our FCHSM Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/109717099063919/> for changes and further updates.

Date: Saturday, October 8, 2022
Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Speaker: Derek J. Blount,
Topic: "Bring Out Your Dead, Plagues, Epidemics, and Pandemics."

The program discusses epidemics from the 1200s to present and where to find unusual data records about the epidemics and records of people that succumbed to them. (Zoom Meeting)

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST

Speaker: Guillaume Teasdale, Ph.D.

Topic: "Mobility and Sedentary Life in the Cross-Border Community of the Detroit River Region, 1791-1812." (Zoom Meeting)

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m. EST –

Speaker: Catherine Cangany Ph.D.,

Topic: "Unfree Labor in Early Detroit." (Zoom Meeting)

From Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County

Our meetings are conducted online with Zoom. For more information and registration see: <https://washtenawgenealogy.org> under Meetings and Events.

Date: October 23, 2022

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Program: Organize Like an Archivist

Presenter : Nancy Loe

Time: 3:15 pm

Class: "Michigan: An Upper Midwest Researchers Dream

Teacher: Pamela Stuart-Warren

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- 9:15-10:15 am: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson – Planning Research will discuss the development of a sound research plan, the first step in the thorough research required by the Genealogy Proof Standard.
- 10:30-11:30 am: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson - Strengthen Your Analysis: Transcribing and Abstracting will discuss the ability to craft transcriptions and abstracts, an essential skill that is needed to accurately interpret handwritten records.
- 11:45 am-12:45 pm: Kris Rzepczynski, Senior Archivist, Archives of Michigan – Wills, Thrills and Chills: Digging into Probate Records will provide an overview of probate records, the different types of records created, including wills, inventories, and calendars, the family history content to be discovered, and where to find them online and onsite. An update on the Archives of Michigan’s digitization efforts will also be given.
- 12:45 am – 1:15: pm: Lunch Break
- 1:15 -2:15 pm: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson – Meeting Standards for Narrative and Pedigrees
An understanding of generally accepted formatting options is helpful in presenting information about family relationship and successive generations.
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm: LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson – An NGSQ Case Study: DNA corroborates Oral Tradition
The case study that won the NGSQ 2020 Award for Excellence illustrated the information needed to make sound decisions on when DNA tests can or should be used in genealogical research, and how to meet DNA-specific Genealogy Standards.
- 3:45-4:45 pm: Mindy Babarskis, Michigan Collection Reference Librarian, Library of Michigan – African American Newspaper Resources at the Library of Michigan
Discover the range of digital and physical African American newspaper resources available at the Library of Michigan. Research tips and tricks for utilizing these resources will be presented along with interesting examples of what can be discovered.
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm: Closing Remarks - Rozlyn Kelly

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-virtual-fall-family-history-seminar-with-labrenda-garrett-nelson-tickets-420486054107>

or visit <https://mimgc.org> and click on the Get your ticket button!

Upcoming Conferences and Seminars

Michigan OHA Conference

October 22, 2022 - Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing

- Oral History in the World of Librarians
- Creating, Promoting, and Growing a University Archives
- Oral Histories for Genealogists
- Enhance Your Museum exhibits with Oral History
- Incorporating Oral Histories in the Classroom
- Interviewing Politicians, Do's and Don'ts
- Taking Oral History One Step Further
- Oral History and Detroit Autoworkers 1950s
- Michigan State Police OHP: "No pain, no gain"

For registration or more information go to:

<https://michiganoha.org/conference/>

Got Ancestors! 2022 (Not a virtual event this year)

Our speaker this year is the well known David E. Rencher, AG[®], CG[®], FUGA, FIGRS – Chief Genealogist with FamilySearch and former Director of the amazing Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

David E. Rencher is employed as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he is one of the rare few who have earned both credentials: Accredited Genealogist[®] with ICAPGen in Ireland research (1981) and Certified Genealogist[®] with the

Board for Certification of Genealogists (2006). He is the Irish course coordinator and instructor for the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research in Athens, Georgia, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1980 with a BA in Family and Local History. He is a past-president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) 1997-2000, he is a past-president of the Utah Genealogical Association (UGA) 1993-1995 and a Fellow of that organization. He is a fellow of the Irish Genealogical Research Society, London. He is the past Chair of the joint National Genealogical Society and International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies committee for Record Preservation and Access; he serves as Director on the board of the National Genealogical Society and as a Counselor for the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

The sessions to be presented throughout the day are:

- Out of the Ashes – Irish Genealogical Collections
- Colonial Research Strategies: Overseas Records
- Methodology for Source and Archives Research
- Proven Research Strategies that Transcend GeoPolitical Boundaries

For registration and more information:

[Got Ancestors! 2022 Registration](#)

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Michigan Genealogical Council 2022 President's Award



In consideration of MGC's 50th Anniversary I determined this to be the ideal time to grant a President's Award to a current Board member who has displayed outstanding leadership and dedication to MGC.

At our September Delegate's meeting it was my honor to present the 2022 President's Award to Mr. Thomas Koselka in recognition of his exemplary service and dedication to MGC. Over many years Tom has held several positions with the Board including Past President, and he is currently Corresponding Secretary, NGS Delegate, and Webmaster. As you can imagine the Webmaster position has been particularly challenging over the past couple of years with the continuing effects of Covid-19 necessitating virtual meetings.

Tom has been a tremendous leader by his mastering of the technology necessary to host virtual meetings. This enabled our meetings and seminars with speakers to continue on schedule and to flow smoothly without a hitch. Tom has also been a master at managing our website, particularly with the selection and transition to a new platform which he continues to adjust and fine tune. Tom is always available to provide advice, gentle reminders, and nudges. He has helped make smooth transitions to new officers and Board members, is knowledgeable on the operations of the Board, and readily shares information on how

particular matters were decided or managed in prior years as a guide to addressing similar matters as they arise. Tom also has a quick wit and sense of humor that keeps us smiling.

Please join me in thanking Tom Koselka for his outstanding leadership and dedication to MGC. Tom your knowledge and helpfulness in all MGC matters are unmatched.

Congratulations and thank you!

Rozlyn Kelly
President
Michigan Genealogical Council

Pioneer Certificate Program – October 2022

Our Pioneer Certificate Program was recently promoted at the annual Ice Cream Social held at the Oakland History Center also known as the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Brochures were available alongside a display of the pins and a sample certificate.

This committee encourages societies and individuals to let others know about the program. We are encouraged by the news that workshops and special interest groups are being held by our council member societies. This is great promotion- thank you!

Approximately 117 First Families certificates and 74 Pre-Statehood certificates have been approved and processed.

Kim Smith, Pioneer Certificate Chair



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.

WorldCat

Website: www.worldcat.org

Description:

WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat.org lets you search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world.

You can search for popular books, music, CDs and videos - all of the physical items you're used to getting from libraries. You can also discover many new kinds of digital content, such as downloadable audiobooks. You may also find article citations with links to their full text; authoritative research materials, such as documents and photos of local or historic significance; and digital versions of rare items that aren't available to the public.

Because WorldCat libraries serve diverse communities in dozens of countries, resources are available in many languages. They also offer an **Ask a Librarian** service for assistance with your genealogical research projects.

To use this service at your public library, a valid library card may be necessary to access this site, inquire about this service at your local information desk.

Article provided by:

Megan Heyl, owner of Hunting Down History at: HuntingDownHistory.wordpress.com

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! We bid farewell to Summer and begin our Fall journey. Football games. Tailgating. Pumpkin spice, and much more. At the library, the migration to the new catalog is mostly complete. When you visit www.answercat.org, you will go to our new library catalog site. It is a continual work in progress as errors are fixed. Also, you can begin to send in your application for a digital e-library card using the Get a Library Card Form on our website. The address is: <https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/get-a-library-card>

A new display was recently put up by the Capitol Historian, Valarie Marvin. The display is called: The Transformative Harriet Tenney: Pioneering Librarian as well as Michigan's first female state officer and state department head. Aspects of the display can be found in different areas of the library. A digital kiosk on the second floor points out the display locations.

Below are a few interesting 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.

- Annual Reports of the Village of Kalamazoo, 1882. The researcher can locate information on the officers and committee assignments. There is a lot of detailed financial data from different sections of the village such as Streets and Bridges, Fire and Water, and Public Grounds.
- Wartime Memories that Last Forever by Howard Umbarger. This is a personal account of the author's life in World War II. He discusses basic training, deployment, and his time as a POW.
- 100th Anniversary, St. Matthew United Church of Christ, Adair, Michigan: 1899-1999 by congregation, 1999. Several different records have been transcribed in this book. There is every 2name index to the translated records of the first evangelical church, Adair, Michigan. Baptismal records from 1902-1924. Confirmation records from 1903 – 1921. And both marriage and funeral/death records. A trove of family history information.

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:

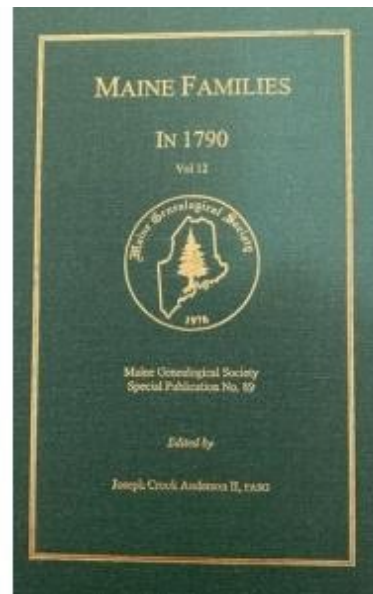
www.answercat.org

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. 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



Maine Families in 1790 / Maine Genealogical Society / 12 vols. to date

by Kris Rzepczynski

Volume 12 of Maine Families in 1790, edited by Joseph Crook Anderson II and published by the Maine Genealogical Society in 2021, is an essential reference source (12 volumes to date) for early Maine families at the time of the first U.S. Census. The complete set is available to researchers as part of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection at the Archives of Michigan (Call number: F 18 .G7 1988).

The ambitious goal of the series is to document all of the families living in Maine at the time

of the 1790 census, and with the completion of the twelfth volume, more than 3,000 families and nearly eighteen percent of the total number of Maine households have now been published. Researchers should note that during this time period, Maine was still part of Massachusetts, not attaining statehood until 1820.

Each family entry contains the name and 1790 census citation of the head of household, together with genealogical information and supporting documentation for the members of those families. Researchers are referred to other sources, including earlier volumes of the Maine Families series, vital records, probate files, local histories, and much more. Many family entries also include additional background information and context to the genealogical data provided by the contributor.

If you have Maine/Massachusetts families at the time of the 1790 U.S. Census, this ongoing series 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.

Free Genealogy Websites

There are 65 in this collection provided by Barbara Curtindale – first published in “News and Notes Of Gladwin County Genealogical Society, Inc. & Family Search Center Affiliate Library” in the May 2021 issue. We will be listing items 50-65 in this issue. In the next issue we will be reviewing those entries

that are no longer valid and try to find a replacement website.

Most people should know some of the listed websites but others are true gems.

50. Free Genealogy Search Engine:

Website:

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-search-engine/>

This tool currently refers people to Google.

51. The Tombstone Transcription Project

Website:

<http://www.usgwtombstones.org/index.html>

The purpose of this project is to organize volunteers who will work together to create a lasting tribute to our ancestors. They transcribe tombstone inscriptions and have that work archived for the future and made easily accessible to all.

52. African American Cemeteries

Website:

<http://africanamericancemeteries.com/>

This site is currently unavailable – we will do more research and provide in next issue.

53. Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

Website:

<https://cgsi.org/>

CGSI focuses on the areas of present-day Czech Republic and Slovakia. This includes Czech (Bohemian), German-Bohemian (Böhmisch), Hungarian, Jewish, Moravian, Rusyn (Ruthenian), Silesian, and Slovak ancestry.

54. 20 Free Family History Sites You Don't want to miss:

Website:

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/20-free-family-history-sites/>

55. Genealogical Society of Finland :

Website:

<https://hiski.genealogia.fi/historia/indexe.htm>

HisKi project includes lists of christenings, marriages, burials and moves

56. Finland's Family History Association

Website:

http://www.digiarkisto.org/sshy/index_eng.htm

Finland's Family History Association (FFHA) was founded in 2004. The goal of our association is to provide an online source of archived materials such as communion books, census records etc. for everyone interested in genealogy.

57. Genealogy Trails

Website:

<http://genealogytrails.com/>

Our Goal is to help you track your ancestors through time by transcribing genealogical and historical data for the free use of all researchers.

58. CemeterySurveysInc.com

Website:

cemeterysurveysinc.com

This website is currently unavaialble - will attempt to provide more info in next issue.

59. Interment.net

Website: www.interment.net

This website contains 25+ million cemetery records, transcripts, and burial registers, from tens of thousands of cemeteries across the world, all contributed by genealogists, cemeteries, government agencies, and private organizations.

60. Billion Graves

Website:

<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/ngl/index.jsp>

Search for burial locations or urn/plaque benefits

61. genealogienetz.de (now part compgen.de)

Website: genealogienetz.de

Genealogy Information, will translate by computer. Church records etc.

62. Gen_Pluswin

Website:

<http://www.genpluswin-database.de/>

Lists of families names appearing in locality (enter name of town.) gives full name & a date of death sometimes.

63. Search the Meyers GAZETEER

Website: <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

Or Meyersgazeteer.org- enter name of town/village, get old maps of it and area. Beautiful site! Mostly Germany...

64. www.google.com

Website: Google.com

Trees, books about surname etc. lots of stuff

65. Steve Morse

Website: stevemorse.org

This site contains tools for finding immigration records, census records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of these tools fetch data from other websites but do so in more versatile ways than the search tools provided on those websites.

This is not meant to be a comprehensive list by any means – if you have websites that you find useful please feel free to send them to us at newsletter@mimgc.org and put “FAVWebsites” on the subject line.

Salute to a Centenarian from Jackson County Genealogical Society

One of our members is celebrating her 100th Birthday on September 24, 2022. Marcelleine Sautter is a Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Great Great Grandma and friend to our entire Hanover-Horton Community as well as a long time member of the Jackson County Genealogical Society. She retired from the H-H School District where she taught English and then became their longtime librarian. She continues to be very active and interested in life and enjoys the many genealogy projects she is still working on.

Send a card or note to Marcelleine at Horton Michigan 49246. If preferred, send it to our

JCGS Library
P O Box 188
Jackson MI 49204

We will deliver it to her.

Sandra Marsh
Jackson County Genealogical Society

50th Anniversary of MGC, My memories of the past, 4th article

Barbara Curtindale, Historian

The MGC was organized in 1972. I have served as a delegate from 4 societies. Originally from North Oakland Gen. Society starting in 1977-1983, then from Gratiot Co. 1983- 200? replaced, but was a delegate locally and presently since 2008 from Harrison Area Gen. Society and Gladwin Co. Genealogical Society. There was never a time I was not a delegate from a given society since my first meeting in 1977. That's 45 years of continual service. The memories I have of positions held in the Council (many) and the events are pleasant and mindful of the changes that have occurred, both in the Library/Archives facilities and in the Council itself.

The Council began Seminars, and 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 and 1997 ?, Grand Traverse (at Acme) 1999, Southgate (Down River Society) 1990, Novi 1989 (hosted by Huron Valley (Milford) and Lyon Twp.), among other locations. Lansing held more than one and of course the many held at the Historical Center Library/Archives/ Museum building. The Gaylord one was of instant memory as it was held at the Tree Tops Resort in Nov 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 Co., Georgianna Peet Miller whom 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 scrap books 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 Ft. Wayne, Indiana in August of 1994. Many thanks to past President of MGC, Kim Harrison 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. John Heisey; Paul Milner; Ernest Thode; Paula Stuart Warren; Gerda Bals (LDS Fam Hist. Ctr Salt Lake); Paul F. Smart (LDS Utah); Harold Frederic Powell, PhD.; Peter W. Bunce, Dir. of National Archives-Great Lakes Region; Dr. George Schweitzer; Curt B. Witcher, ACPL-Ft. Wayne, IN; 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; Rene' Jette; many local speakers 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 as virtual/zoom, you really need to try it. I find that no matter how many of our local, state, national etc. 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 like the fact- there is no such thing as a dumb question, The

dumb thing is never asking it. Sometimes if YOU ask the question, it gets the answer for someone who is afraid to ask it. I will enjoy getting to do 'in person meetings' again but don't miss the long drive to Lansing. It's 102 miles each way for me. I just miss the camaraderie of fellow genealogists and friends I have made over the years. Happy searching and hope you hit the jackpot in your finds.



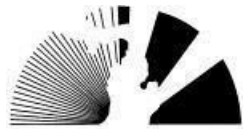
From the Newsletter Editor: I appreciate everything you have with these 4 articles telling us what you have seen over these past 50 years of the MGC. And based on the feedback I have received from delegates new and old, many many people have appreciated it as well.

IF you would like more articles like this one about the history of the MGC!

Send an email to newsletter@mimgc.org asking for information on the history of the MGC.

Or if you have a memory of early MGC – please feel free to send us your memories whether they be a paragraph or an entire page. We will look for pictures or just run it past our MGC Historian or thru our MGC Archivist for more details.

MGC builds on its past, thrives on it's present and looks forward to it's future!



**Library of
Michigan**

October 2022

Library of Michigan Updates

Matt Pacer

Reference Librarian

Library of Michigan

Library of Michigan Update September 2022

Hello Everyone!

There are just a few updates to mention. The migration to the new catalog is complete. There are bugs to correct, and that process continues. As you use the catalog and notice errors, please report them to us through the librarian@michigan.gov email address.

We continue to receive donations and process them. The most notable recent one is another large high school yearbook donation from Sue Irvine. There are several hundred from the west side of the state.

Staff have been out making presentations recently. Last Saturday, Adam Oster, spoke at the HSM Conference. Next week on October 6th is the Library of Michigan's virtual program on My Heritage Library Edition. Please periodically check the website:

WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS for more information on future programming.

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

Stay safe and healthy!



**Archives of Michigan
and
Abrams Foundation
Historical Collection**

Kris W. Rzepczynski
Senior Archivist

Archives of Michigan

Welcome to fall! A few quick notes about the Archives of Michigan:

The 2022 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar was held earlier this summer on July 8-9, 2022. This year's event featured Dr. David McDonald, whose Zoom sessions included:

- Polly's Family: From New England to the Plains and Beyond
- Lutherpalians and Presbygationalists: Where Did Grandma's Church Go?
- Research in the Old Northwest Territory

This year's seminar was offered as a hybrid event where participants could attend either online or onsite. A big thank you to the Michigan Genealogical Council for their assistance with the event and to the speakers that offered their expertise. The Archives is already looking at next year's event, stay tuned for details as they emerge!

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

- Jackson County Naturalizations, 1840-1969 / RG 2022-54

- Oakland County Probate Records, 1820-1971 / RG 2022-64
- Alpena County Probate Records, 1858-1972 / RG 2022-53
- Mecosta County Probate Records, 1862-2010 / RG 2022-52
- Osceola County Probate Records, 1870-1983 / RG 2022-49

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

- Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania [3 vols.]/ John Pitts Launey / 2007 / Call number: F 157 .D3 L28 2007

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. Reference staff will be happy to assist you, we look forward to seeing you again soon!



Both Delegate/Board Meetings are being held virtually until further notice.

Delegate Meetings (Currently Virtual)

Delegate Meetings are held 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

We are back open!

Monday thru Friday from 1 to 5 pm
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Reference Desk Hours By Email or Phone
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Phone: (517) 335-2576
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Visit our web site at:

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

Delegate meeting on November 10, 2022
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Zoom Webinar – registration required

Websites & Social Media for Societies with Laura Hedgecock



Learn simple strategies and best practices that your society can use to communicate more effectively with members, would-be members, and the community at large.

Library of Michigan

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

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Michigan History Museum

Museum will be open
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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Michigan Genealogical Council

Founded in 1972, the Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC) is an organization composed of delegates from each member society. It's 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, P.O. Box 80953, Lansing, MI, 48908-0953, Website: <https://www.mimgc.org>

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44th Annual Genealogy Seminar

- Hosted by the Polish Genealogy Society of Michigan (pgsm.org)
- Saturday, October 15, 2022, 9:00 am to 4:15 pm
- \$25 members
- \$40 non-members (includes membership)

Topics:

- "Love, Loss, and Exile: The Moments that Define Us" presented by Anna Kucewicz, Sheffield, England
- "Searching for Your Elusive Prussian Ancestors: A Case Study" presented by Stephen Wendt, Ohio, USA
- "Genealogy in Ukraine: Discover Online Resources" and "Eastern European Ancestry in Bukowina and Galicia" presented by Michelle Chubenko, New Jersey, USA

To register by October 5, 2022 go to pgsm.org!

Liverpool Shipping Telegraph by Derek Blount

I have often wondered how I could find the outgoing ship manifest from England when the manifest incoming to America has no embarkation date. The outgoing manifest sometimes has more information than the incoming manifest. If you have a ship that goes back and forth across the ocean frequently with the same master, it can be hard to find the manifest you want. It is especially true if you cannot determine what kind of ship it was, sail or steam. Determining intermediate ports along the way is almost impossible.

I recently found in the British Newspaper Archive a newspaper that provides much needed information.

The Liverpool Shipping Telegraph featured a fascinating 'Dock Directory,' which gave details of docks across Liverpool, such as Queen's Dock and Toxteth Dock, listing the width and depth of the docks' entrances, their tide timetables, and the names of the ships and their masters currently docked. The newspaper also contained a segment entitled 'Vessels Spoken,' which featured details of correspondence with ships that were sailing.

With 'a circulation greater than the daily and weekly Shipping Papers of the district added together,' the Liverpool Shipping Telegraph was eventually merged with the Liverpool Journal of Commerce.

They have over 10 million pages from the 1700's to the 21st century. The Liverpool Journal of Commerce has over 495,000 pages. They also have several other newspapers that report similar information. Lloyd's list, Shipping and Mercantile Gazette, Liverpool Daily Post and the Liverpool Shipping Telegraph and Daily Commercial Advertiser are several others in the Archive.

Now if you had a ship named Snortblatt with a master of Henry Quickship you can find out a lot more about the pending voyage. You can search the ship's name or master's name and where they were docked and find the date of departure. The type of ship is usually noted and can give you an idea of the length of travel expected, whether by sail or steam. They also usually note the intermediate ports which give you an idea of where passengers might have stopped. Outgoing manifests usually indicate the port to which the passenger has paid to disembark. It could be Barbados, Jamaica, or any eastern American seaport.

It may take a little time but the wealth of information in newspapers cannot be underestimated. Outgoing ship manifests can be found in Ancestry, Family Search and Find My Past.

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 more publications that we can list for you in our Society Publications section. It is our intention to show everyone the work that each and every one of you puts into creating publications that showcase your society's works.

Still looking for more articles – feel free to send your articles detailing what you do every month to provide services for your members.

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.

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Events Calendar



Sunday, 09 October - Friday, 14 October 2022
 Sunday, 16 October - Friday, 21 October 2022
 All Classes run from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
 For more info, see their website at:
<https://www.isbgfh.com/BRITISH-INSTITUTE>

Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan's
 44th Annual Genealogy Seminar
 Saturday, October 15, 2022
 9:00 am to 4:15 pm
 For more information see page 19 or
[44th Annual PGSM Genealogy Seminar](#)

Got Ancestors! 2022
 In person – not virtual!
 Saturday, October 15, 2022
 Park Congregational Church, Grand Rapids, MI
 With featured speaker:
 David E. Rencher, AG[®], CG[®], FUGA, FIGRS
 For more information: see page 9 or to register
[Got Ancestors! 2022 Registration](#)

Michigan Oral History Association
 Oral History Conference
 October 22, 2022
 For more information see page 5
 or see
<https://michiganoha.org/conference/>

Michigan Genealogical Council
 Fall Family History Seminar
 November 12, 2022
 8:45 am to 5:00 pm
 For more information, see front page or to
 register:
[MGC Fall Family Seminar Registration](#)