



And the winner is... 2022 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award

Each year the Michigan Genealogical Council asks our member societies to submit the names of their 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 2022—despite the continued pandemic. We were honored to have three judges—Arielle Hemingway (Reference and Branch Service Librarian at Chippewa River District Library System based in Mount Pleasant), Sara Horn (Adult Services/Local History Librarian at Charlotte Community Library), and Heidi Butler (Local History Specialist, Capital Area District Libraries)—to help us with this process.

While they were wowed by all the candidates, this year's Lucy Mary Kellogg honoree impressed the judges with the well-rounded genealogical expertise that they have shared with their community. One of her supporters stated, "We find people in our community who know a great deal of information about local history – but it is rarer when we find someone who also knows how to impart that information in engaging and meaningful ways." Others noted that they are "the embodiment of the spirit of volunteering."

The Michigan Genealogical Council is honored to present the 2022 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award to Marcia McCrary of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. McCrary served as President of that society for twenty-six years—also chairing multiple committees and projects. And is still the head of the society's Research Committee and the committee producing GSWC's quarterly, Family History Capers. But that's just a part of her deep involvement in the Washtenaw historical and genealogical community. She has also worked with the Firehouse Museum, the Ypsilanti Historical Society Archives, and served on the committee to create the Washtenaw County Historical Consortium. She's partnered on projects with Ypsilanti District Library, is an active presenter, and a gracious mentor to researchers, volunteers, and leaders in the local genealogical and historical community.

One of her supporters elegantly stated, "With warmth and expertise, she has advanced public interest in genealogy and been a resource for people who want information on Washtenaw County ancestors."

Congratulations to Marcia McCrary our 2022 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award Honoree.

For more information on how to nominate someone for the 2023 Award see page 8.

President's Message

Happy New Year!

It's always great to be able to start anew. We had a good year, and some time to rest and reflect. Now on with the new!

This past year we continued to meet for Board and Delegate meetings virtually via Zoom. This technology has worked well, and will continue to be useful for us. We will begin exploring utilizing the hybrid technology (in-person and Zoom) available at the Archives for Delegate meetings after the first of the year. Stay tuned for updates on these developments.

MGC again partnered with the Archives of Michigan as it held its Barbara J. Brown Seminar in July with speaker David McDonald. The Archives held a hybrid seminar, and all went well. In November MGC held our Fall Family History Virtual Seminar with speaker LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson. Again we were very fortunate to host these seminars with outstanding national speakers. News on the Archives 2023 seminar will be forthcoming soon.

We had lots to celebrate last year. In April the 1950 US Census release brought lots of excitement for us all. In June our Continuing Education Committee hosted a panel discussion on holding hybrid meetings. Thank you to the committee for this important discussion. Plans are in the works for another continuing education event this year, and details will soon follow.

In 2022 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Michigan Genealogical Council! This milestone was acknowledged with articles prepared by board member Barb Curtindale in each of our newsletters throughout the year. Thank you Barb for capturing and recording our history. At our September Delegate meeting it was my honor to present the MGC President's Award to board member Tom Koselka. At our November Delegate meeting the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award was presented to Marcia McCrary of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. It is wonderful to acknowledge these individuals for their dedication to our genealogy community.

Our board members are exemplary and I thank each of them for their dedication to providing you, our member societies, with information and resources to continue to grow. We will hold the election of board officers this year. We are in need of volunteers for a few positions. If you are interested in learning more and volunteering please contact me.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2023, and seeing you at our Delegate meetings, virtually and in person. We have the opportunity enjoy and learn together from some great speakers in the coming year. As always if you have questions or suggestions, please let us know.

All the best to you in the New Year!

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:

From Oakland County Genealogy Society

Date: January 3, 2023
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 Location: Virtual
 Program: Researching in German Civil and Parish Records
 Presenter: Alexander Tolksdorf

Alexander Tolksdorf will make this presentation which is designed to help those new to researching German records. It will focus specifically on how/where to locate the records and how to interpret the records. This ranges from using FamilySearch's catalog to using German repositories like Archion.de to contacting local archives.

Date: February 7, 2023
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 Location: Virtual
 Program: Seeking a Higher Source: The Records of Faith Communities
 Presenter: Judy Nimer Muhn

Key events in our ancestors' lives were often documented in the faith communities in which they worshiped. Exploring the records and their importance across faith communities. OCGS President Judy Nimer Muhn will provide information about the types of records, locations of archives and access to records, and the key ways that these records can enrich your family's history.

To register and for more information:

<https://ocgsmi.org/events/>

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: January 4, 2023
 Topic: The FamilySearch Catalog
 Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
 Presenter: Sandy Kinter

The Waterford Township Public Library is affiliated with the LDS Family History Library of Salt Lake City, Utah. This affiliation allows access to digitized records found at the Family History Library's website, FamilySearch.org, that are not normally available for viewing at home. The digitized records can be located by using the FamilySearch catalog. Sandy will demonstrate using the FamilySearch catalog for genealogy research and downloading the images for your own family files.

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

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023
 Topic: Using newspapers
 Time: 7:00 pm

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
 Topic: Military 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, March 13, 2023
 Topic: Frankenmuth's First 15: The Origin Story of Frankenmuth
 Time: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
 Speaker: Dr. Nathan Seeley, Director of Education, Events, & Exhibits

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 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>

From Genealogical Society of Monroe County:

43rd ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR by the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Monroe, MI — On Saturday, April 22, 2023, The Monroe County Community College - Administration and Student Services Building 1555 South Raisinville Road, Monroe, MI 48161 will be the venue for the 43rd Annual Spring Seminar by the Genealogical Society of Monroe County from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The seminar will feature keynote speaker Kristine Smets.

Kristine Smets, founder and sole researcher at Chainlines LLC, holds a history degree from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, a Masters of Arts in History degree from Kent State University and a Masters in Library Science degree, also from Kent State University. A native of Antwerp, Belgium, Kristine is fluent in English, Dutch and French and makes frequent research trips abroad.

The seminar is open to attendees of all experience levels and backgrounds. A complete schedule and registration information will be available on the Genealogical Society of Monroe County, MI website: <https://gsmcmi.org>

The program includes four, one hour, sessions:

- **Immigrants from Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg**
 Who were they? Why did they leave? When did they arrive? How did they get here? Where did they settle? This lecture hopes to answer all your questions about immigration from the Low Countries to North America in the 19th and 20th century.

- **U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Records**

Learn how to find your ancestors from Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg in passenger arrival records and naturalization records.

- **Researching Your Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Ancestors. Part I: Introduction**

This lecture will introduce you to civil registration records, show how you can find them online, and help you interpret the documents even if you don't know Dutch, French, or German.

- **Researching Your Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Ancestors. Part II: Going Beyond**

Learn about records that can help you fill in the details of your ancestors life such as obituaries and population records.

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 am. 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 for changes and further updates.

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2021
 Time: 11:00 am EST
 Speaker: Loraine DiCerbo
 Topic: "How to Establish a Trade Network in the 18th Century: Lessons Learned from the Chevalier Family" (Zoom)

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2023
 Time: 11:00 am EST
 Speaker: Barb Barton
 Topic: "Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan" (Zoom Meeting)

From Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County

Our non-circulating library had to relocate from the Family History Center in Saline and is now in a temporary location shared by the Ann Arbor District Library's Archives. Our Research Committee has access, but it is not open to the public. Anyone interested in consulting materials that we have can view our online library catalog and contact our Research Committee – research@washtenawgenealogy.org.

We are looking forward to returning to St. Joseph's auditorium in Ypsilanti to offer hybrid meetings, starting in February. We have been meeting on Zoom since May 2020. Anyone can attend, but to participate in the Zoom meeting non-members must request an invitation to register no less than 3 days before the meeting. To request an invitation, message info@washtenawgenealogy.org.

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

Date: January 22, 2023
 Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
 Program: "What can a Land Abstract Tell You?"
 Presenter : Lori Piercefield Fox

Before title insurance, land abstracts were used to prove ownership of land. It is a list of all owners, encumbrances, mortgages leases, etc. from the first purchase from the government. Learn how this document can help you with your genealogical research

Date: January 22, 2023
 Time: 3:15 pm
 Class: "Navigating Naturalization Records"
 Teacher: Lisa Alzo

Due to changing laws and an evolving process over time, locating the appropriate official paperwork related to our ancestor's naturalization can often be a challenging task for family historians. Learn how to navigate naturalization records and what information they contain about your ancestors.

Date : Sunday, February 26, 2023
 Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm
 Program: Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Genealogy (Zoom Meeting)
 Speaker: Ari Wilkins

Date : Sunday, February 26, 2023
 Time: 3:15 pm
 Program: "Copyright and the Law for Genealogists" (Zoom Meeting)
 Speaker: Kris Rzepczynski

*Information submitted by Nancy Howard,
 President, GSWC*

From Library of Michigan

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

Date: Thursday, January 5, 2023
 Time: 6:30PM – 7:30PM
 Topic: Ancestry.com Library Edition (Zoom)

Ancestry.com Library Edition is a comprehensive family history database with access to a wide range of historical documents, images, and public records. Learn the process of navigating Ancestry.com's vast collection of records and other strategies as you enhance your family history research skills.

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2023
 Time: 6:30PM – 7:30PM
 Topic: African American Digital Resources (Zoom)

Discover the digital resources available from the Library of Michigan for African American history in Michigan and the United States. Whether you're researching your own family history or just wanting to engage with Black History Month, learn about the great tools that help uncover the stories of African Americans.

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



What anniversary did MGC just celebrate?

- In 2022 – celebrated 50 years!

Continuing Education Committee

We are currently evaluating topics based on feedback we received from all of you. Those two topics are:

- Special collections/Resources around the state
- Digitization projects

These are the two topics that received the most requests in our recent poll. We are currently investigating and creating curriculum that will hopefully answer your questions on these topics.

As part of that investigation we are asking for your help:

- On the Special collections topic – we are looking for assistance with content and panelists. Send us an email to the email address below:
 - If you are interested in being part of a panel discussion on the topic
 - If you want to make us aware of the location of a special collection (your library/university/genealogy center)
 - What form are they in?
 - Books
 - Digital Media

- On the digitization topic we could also use your assistance in the same ways
 - If you are interested in being part of a panel discussion on the topic
 - Do you have a digitization project under way
 - What are you digitizing?
 - Are you doing it internally?
 - If not internally – who did you get to do the work?
- On either of the topics – what do you want to know?
 - What kind of questions do you want us to answer?
 - Cost
 - Storage
 - Media of choice

Please email your information to:
judynmuhn@gmail.com

In your email include the following:

- Your Name
- Which topic?
- Do you want to be a panelist?
- If special collections?
 - What is the collection?
 - How large is collection?
 - Where is the collection?
 - Is it free or is there a charge?
 - Media Type
 - Is it available online?
- If digitization project
 - What are you digitizing
 - How large is it before/after?
 - Is it on media, in cloud?
 - Why did you digitize?
 - Is it available online?

If you have other ideas for Continuing Education Committee topics – please let us know at judynmuhn@gmail.com.

“Only a genealogist views a step backwards as progress.”

2023 Lucy Mary Kellogg Nominations Sought



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 2022 winner Marcia McCrary, recent awardees include: Melvin Holley of Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society (2021), Leslie C. Strong Williams of Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society (2020), and Judy Sheldon of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society (2019).

The nomination form and list of requirements for qualification can be found at mimgc.org. Forms and supporting materials – or updates for those previously nominated – can be submitted to info@mimgc.org. Submissions due May 31, 2023.

Jessica Trotter, Chairperson
Lucy Mary Kellogg Award

Links from Past Issues

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Upper Peninsula Regional Digitization Center
Website: <http://updigit.uproc.lib.mi.us/cdm/>

The Upper Peninsula Regional Digitization Center aims at empowering libraries and historical organizations, throughout the Upper Peninsula, to contribute to a digital collection about the State's history. The digital collections will benefit scholars, students learning about Michigan history, and free-choice learners of all ages. Digital collections from the Upper Peninsula and other regions of the State will be accessible through the Michigan eLibrary statewide catalog, Melcat, at www.mel.org.

The Regional Digitization Center assists participating libraries and organizations by providing training in digitization equipment and technical assistance. The Regional Digitization Center was established by a federal Institute of Museum and a Library Services grant to Michigan State University, the Making of Modern Michigan project. Regional digital collections were enhanced by a State of Michigan Digitization, Preservation, and Access grant through the Library of Michigan.

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University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center
Website:

<https://uwdc.library.wisc.edu/collections/>

Since its founding in early 2000, the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections Center has worked collaboratively with UW System faculty, staff, and librarians to create and provide access to digital resources that support the teaching and research needs of the UW community, uniquely document the university and State of Wisconsin, and provide access to rare or fragile items of broad research value. The UWDC has also partnered with cultural heritage institutions and public libraries throughout Wisconsin to create digital resources.

*Genealogy: Where the answer to one problem
leads to two more!*

Pioneer Certificate Program

Roger Moffat, Program Chair, has uploaded 3923 entries with 177 documents to the Pioneer Certificate Index and Database. This new database may be found on the Michigan Genealogical Council web page under Pioneer Certificate. <https://mimgc.org/pioneer-certificates/>
A link is also available under Projects.

Next select the Pioneer Certificate Index and Database Tab. You will find a description and explanation about this database.

Search for::	
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Surname:	<input type="text"/> begins with <input type="text"/>
First Name:	<input type="text"/> begins with <input type="text"/>
Return:	<input type="text" value="20"/> records at a time.
<input type="button" value="Start Search"/> <input type="button" value="Reset this form"/>	

Search may be conducted by Soundex; or by Surname, first name.

The fields available are:

- Surname
- First name
- Other info
- Born
- Died
- 1st family certificate number FXXX (F=First Families)
- Pre-Statehood certificate number PXXX (P=PreStatehood)
- Certificate listing of all names associated with search
- View Documents as a PDF

Once you find the associated file number you are searching for, FXX or PXX, you would only need to download this PDF once. The file number will be repeated in multiple places but it is only one file for that number.

The Centennial Family Certificate Index is also found there. The format is pretty much the same between the two completely different projects.

Thank you to Roger Moffat for creating this database, Sue Irvine for indexing the names committee member Chelsea Heisler prepared for them.

Thank you to other members, Barb Curtindale for designing and mailing the certificates, Jessica Trotter for handling the mail and scanning, and our application reviewers for helping process the applications.

This committee looks forward to all of our society members sharing the program among its members and in their community. Please consider placing copies of the brochure in your local libraries, historical societies or history centers. Contact this chair if you are willing to help spread the word.

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

Kim Smith



Famous quote that applies (all too often) to questionable genealogy: *“Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please.”* — Mark Twain

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.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

Website:

<https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/library/about/home.html>

Contact:

Gwendolyn Brooks Building
300 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62701-1796
217-785-5600
800-665-5576 (Illinois Residents)
888-261-2709 (TTY/Hearing Impaired)

Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm
The Illinois State Library is the principal information resource for state government. The library has a collection of more than 5 million items and subscribes to numerous electronic databases and services that allow patrons access to thousands of additional resources. The State Library serves as regional federal documents depository, maintains an authoritative collection of historic and contemporary Illinois documents, and houses more than 185,000 maps.

The State Library provides support, through grant programs, to over 3,370 public, academic, school, and special libraries throughout Illinois that

together comprise the Illinois Library and Information Network (ILLINET). These grant programs are used to expand library services, enhance technology, build and renovate libraries, as well as provide support for the statewide delivery service for library materials. Basic adult literacy instruction is provided through grant programs administered through the State Library's Literacy Office. Additionally, the Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) serves the needs of the visually impaired through support of the activities of the Illinois Network of Libraries Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Genealogical Resources

The Illinois State Library has many resources of interest to genealogists, including county histories and historical county atlases. Below is a selected list of significant resources available at the State Library for genealogical research.

Although the library staff cannot respond to research requests from individuals for genealogical assistance and research, most materials in the circulating collection are available for inter-library loan to local libraries nationwide. Genealogists are also welcome to visit the library to conduct research in these materials independently during normal library hours:

- Mon.-Fri., 8 am to 4:30 pm (except state holidays)

Census Records

- Illinois Territory and Early Statehood Census Schedules - 1810, 1818, 1820
- Federal Census Schedules for Illinois - 1830 through 1880; 1900 through 1930
- Federal Soundex and Miracode Index Films - 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920
- Name Index To Early Illinois Records (Includes Census Indexing 1810-1850)
- Illinois State Census Schedules – 1855, 1865

- Military Records
- Report of the Adjutant General of Illinois (Black Hawk, Mexican, Civil Wars)
- Index to Reports of the Illinois Adjutant General (arranged by surname)
- Illinois Civil War Muster Rolls
- Illinois Veterans Commission Honor Roll (arranged by county)
- Soldiers Burial Places in the State of Illinois 1774-1898
- Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files
- Civil War Unit Histories, Part 4, The Union-Midwestern and Western States
- County Histories and Atlases

The State Library has well over 500 different Illinois counties histories and over 300 historical county atlases, with an additional 800 plat books representative of the 102 counties. Due to condition and scarcity, some of these titles are not available for loan. County and Regional Histories and Atlases of the Old Northwest are also available.

Geography and History

- Historic Topographic Map Series of Germany and Austria-Hungary (Circa 1860)
- U.S. Board of Geographic Names Gazetteers, Europe and Other Nations
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Illinois
- Federal Township Plats of Illinois, 1804-1891 and Field Notes
- Draper Manuscripts

Additional Genealogy Resources in Springfield

- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
- Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Vital Records
- Illinois State Archives
- Illinois State Genealogical Society
- Sangamon County Clerk

- Sangamon Valley Collection (SVC) Lincoln Library, the Public Library of Springfield, Illinois
- University of Illinois at Springfield (UIS) Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) System

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! Winter and the New Year is upon us, and this is perfect time to learn what is available to you from the Library of Michigan. Our 2023 programming calendar can be viewed here:

WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS.

Each event lists the date, time, description, and how to register. In early January, the new list of Michigan Notable Books will be posted on our website:

WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS.

Later in January, a new display will go up in our Lake Erie Room on the second floor. This display will feature over 40 panoramas of Michigan. More details will be posted on the library website in the New Year.

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 inter library loan service called MeLCat. Your local public library will be able

to help you request one of the books.

- *The Story of Ypsilanti by Harvey Colburn, 1923.*

This book was written for the centennial celebration of the city founding.

- *Lake Huron by Fred Landon (part of the American Lake Series), 1944.*

Take an adventure on Lake Huron! But there is also much to learn in this book about the people and places and ships on Lake Huron.

- *Polk's Cadillac City Directory, 1930.*

City directories provide valuable information for many family history researchers and cultural resource specialists.

- *Coached Red-Handed, 2022.*

Cat and Gilley are back to solve another mystery before they can take their well-deserved vacation on the Riviera.

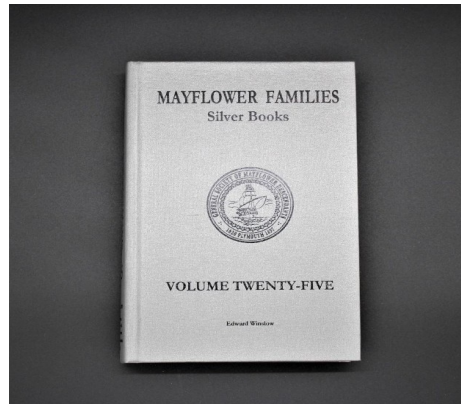
Through our website you can search our library catalog (www.answercat.org) and locate the books mentioned above. If you don't want to access the catalog through the Library of Michigan website, you can navigate there directly by typing the following address in a browser: www.answercat.org. It is important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



Who is the immediate Past President of the MGC?
Brenda Leyndyke

Archives of Michigan



The Descendants of Governor Edward Winslow, Generations 1-8 / by Marston Watson / Mayflower Families through Five Generations: Descendants of the Pilgrims who Landed at Plymouth, Mass., December 1620 series [v.25] / 2019

by Kris Rzepczynski

The Descendants of Governor Edward Winslow, Generations 1-8, published in 2019 by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as volume 25 in the *Mayflower Families through Five Generations* "Silver Book" series, details the lineage of Plymouth Colony Governor Edward Winslow (1595-1655). The complete Silver Book set, including Volume 25, is available to researchers as part of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection at the Archives of Michigan (Call number: **F 63 .M39**).

Utilizing primary and secondary sources, each volume in the Silver Book series documents the first five (or more) generations of specific *Mayflower* passengers. Extensively footnoted and sourced, researchers can trace and follow the lineage of Governor Winslow through the generations. Each individual family entry also includes additional background information and context to the genealogical data provided by the author, particularly with inconsistent dates and spellings. If you have *Mayflower* ancestors and/or colonial New England roots, the ongoing Silver Book 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.

2022 MGC Fall Family History Virtual Seminar Highlights by Rozlyn Kelly

I am pleased to share highlights from this year's seminar. We had an excellent day of presentations, and enjoyed having attendees from around the state and a few out of state. We also enjoyed lots of chatting in the 'chat room' catching up with friends near and far. Virtual gatherings do have their benefits.

Our keynote speaker LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson was excellent. What an experience to have this national speaker who just completed her third term as president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. She shared with us the keys of sound genealogical research methodology, including developing a research plan, transcribing documents, standards for presenting family narratives, and a case study on meeting DNA genealogy standards. The standards are a must in conducting relevant and effective research, and we can never learn enough about the steps to take to improve our research and share our findings.

Our local speakers Kris Rzepczynski and Mindy Barbarskis provided excellent presentations on resources available at the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan. They specifically focused on probate records and African American newspapers, respectively. While many

records are available on-line, many records are not. A visit on site to the Archives and the Library to explore all they have to offer is always a rewarding experience.

During the breaks throughout the day we were able to give away door prizes. They included 5 "Genealogy at a Glance" laminated research aides courtesy of Genealogical Publishing Company, 1 year membership at Legacy Family Tree Webinars and 1 Legacy Family Tree Deluxe Software program courtesy of Legacy Family Tree, and 1 year MyHeritage Complete Plan courtesy of MyHeritage. Door prizes are always fun.

We are thankful to all who attended. Thank you to our co-sponsors the Archives and the Library of Michigan, to our fantastic speakers, and to our member societies for your continued support.

We also thank Tom Koselka for his technical expertise in the smooth operations of our virtual event.

Upcoming Seminars / Conferences

History Detectives: Grand Rapids January 21, 2023

Website: <https://historydetectivesgr.org/>

Presentations include:

- 50 Years Later: A Look Back at the Fight Over the ERA in Grand Rapids
- Vanished Market Avenue NW: From Fulton to Monroe
- Emmett Bolden v Grand Rapids Operating Company (Keith Theatre)
- 1913: Automobiles and Their Owners in Grand Rapids
- The Beginnings of Sewage Treatment in Grand Rapids
- What Sanborn Maps Reveal about Grand Rapids

Lunch will be served at 12:15 for \$15 from Shnitz Deli – reserve your lunch by January 12, 2023 at historydetectivesgr.org/lunch.

ROOTSTECH 2023 – March 2-4, 2023

Website: rootstech.org

RootsTech welcomes millions of people worldwide to celebrate family at the world's largest family history conference and year-long learning platform. With thousands of classes, inspiring speakers, meaningful activities and joyful connections, RootsTech brings the human family together like no other event.

They are to be back in person for RootsTech 2023! If you're not able to join us in Salt Lake City, don't worry. We're still going to offer a full virtual conference experience.

Cost: In Person - \$98, Virtual – Free

In Person:

Same as virtual option, plus:

- 180+ in-person class sessions with Q&As
- In-person research help at the FamilySearch Library
- Connect with friends and cousins in person
- Hands-on sponsor demonstrations in the expo hall
- Experience the beauty of Salt Lake City

Virtual:

- 200+ NEW on-demand class sessions and classes
- Main stage presentations and keynote speakers
- Chat support and online research consultations
- Connect with cousins using Relatives at RootsTech and messaging
- Virtual expo hall

National Genealogy Society Family History Conference: Deep Roots of a Nation

May 31, 2023 – June 3, 2023

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

The National Genealogical Society 2023 Family History Conference gives genealogists and family historians of all levels the insights necessary to take

their research and writing to new heights and make exciting new discoveries.

Join us at the Greater Richmond Convention Center or Online at Home!

Learn the latest from the best speakers in the genealogy community. Discover what genealogy companies are bringing to market. Gain insights from genealogy societies and organizations throughout the United States. Attend your choice of more than 110 lectures and special luncheons. Have fun at the SLAM! Idea Showcase reception and Expo Hall opening. Celebrate Virginia's deep roots with a special Friday evening event sponsored by the Virginia Genealogical Society.

More information as it becomes available:

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

IGHR 2023 July 23-28, 2023

IGHR will be held virtually in our proven online interactive learning Zoom classrooms. We have an outstanding selection of courses and instructors for your genealogical education experience.

Registration opens for 2023 courses on Saturday, 4 March 2023.

The Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) is an annual week-long educational institute for genealogists. It differs from a genealogy conference in that attendees register for one course for the entire week, thus allowing them to delve into a specific topic or methodology more deeply than what a typical conference might allow

Hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society, IGHR attendees travel from across the country and around the globe to attend the popular institute. IGHR is not just for individuals whose research involves Georgia or southern ancestry. The institute is for genealogists of all backgrounds and skill levels from beginning to advanced. It educates hobbyists and professionals alike. Traditionally IGHR enrolls about 300 attendees each summer. For more info:

<https://ighr.gagensociety.org/>

Editor's notes

In this section the Newsletter editor will introduce new features or articles and solicit article ideas. It will appear when needed to promote or explain topics.

Easter Egg Contest

I know it is not Easter but the concept is an attempt to create metrics that will allow us to better fine tune what goes in the newsletter. As of this time we need to validate that the newsletter content is being read. What follows is a definition of an Easter Egg:

"A hidden surprise or extra feature that is included in something such as a computer game, a piece of software, or a film, or a document for the person using or watching it to find and enjoy"

This newsletter contains 3 Easter Eggs for you to locate – they will be identified as Easter Eggs by the following graphic for this issue (this one does not count):



When you find all of them send and include all the Easter Eggs and email them to newsletter@mimgc.org and say:

In the January 2023 issue I read the MGC newsletter and found these 3 Easter eggs. My name is (*your name*) and my society is (*your society name*).

For the societies that email the most correct and complete list of Easter Eggs entries – the winners from each issue – will get the opportunity to add an Easter Egg about their society. So don't forget to identify the society you want to get credit for your entry in your email. Every month there will be bonus points awarded in special categories that will be identified in that issue. There are no bonuses for this issue.

Obviously since this is the first issue that we are doing this - everybody is zero. Start collecting the

eggs now. Remember there are 3 in this issue.

The email to send it to is newsletter@mimgc.org. Please put #EE at beginning of subject line for easy identification.

Article Submission

If you have an article that you want published in the MGC Newsletter:

- Include your name to be used in the byline
- Include your society name
- Include the article as either an attachment or in the body of the email itself
- Include this statement (nothing will be published without permission):
 - I give you permission to publish this in the next edition of the MGC Newsletter
- #MGCArticle in subject line

Event/News Listing

If you want to publicize an event, conference or a program in the MGC newsletter include the following in your email:

- Include your name to be used in the byline
- Include your society name
- For the event, conference, program/class include:
 - Name of item
 - Name of contact email
 - Website (if any)
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Deadlines for MGC Newsletter submission are:

- March 15, 2023 (April 1, 2023 Issue)
- June 15, 2023 (July 1, 2023 Issue)
- September 15, 2023 (October 1, 2023 Issue)
- December 15, 2023 (January 1, 2024 Issue)

**Library of Michigan Updates****Matt Pacer**

Reference Librarian

Library of Michigan

Library of Michigan Update January 2023

Hello Everyone!

The library has a few updates to provide. The new 2023 events calendar is on the website. The calendar lists the dates, times, and the registration information. Please visit following link to view the events calendar. WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS.

Soon the library will release the 2023 Michigan Notable Books honorees. Each year the Library of Michigan honors 20 titles that are about Michigan or written by Michigan authors. You can see past honorees at the following site: WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS. This site will be updated with the 2023 titles once the list is released.

Staff are currently scheduling presentations at libraries and genealogy societies. A few examples are Ingham County Genealogy Society in April, the DSGR in February, Northville Genealogy Society, and History Detectives in Grand Rapids in January. Please contact each society for event details.

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



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

**Kris W. Rzepczynski
Senior Archivist
Archives of Michigan**

Happy Holidays!

As we turn the calendar over to a new year, the Archives of Michigan continues to move forward with our digitization initiatives. Through our partnership with FamilySearch, probate records continue to be imaged and posted online shortly thereafter. Of note, Wayne County estate files up into 1930 are now freely available at FamilySearch.

With the recent exciting addition of Jackson and Houghton County naturalizations to our holdings here at the Archives, those records will be placed into the FamilySearch imaging queue. After being imaged and indexed, they will ultimately be available online for free at Michiganology.

Stay tuned for an announcement early next year on the 2023 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar. We look forward to offering this event again in a hybrid format as well as hosting our featured speaker onsite!

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

- Houghton County Naturalizations, 1844-1971 / RG 2022-60
- Detroit Recorder's Court Records, 1945-c1980 / RG 2022-78
- Wayne County Probate Records, 1972 / RG 2022-86
- Wayne County Circuit Court Records, 1907-1974 / RG 2022-94

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:

- Finding Early Connecticut Vital Records: The Barbour Index and Beyond/ Linda MacLachlan / 2019 / Call number: F 93 .M33 2019
- Precious Blood, Holyoke, Massachusetts: Baptisms, April 1869 to June 1986 [2 vols.] / American-Canadian Genealogical Society / 2017 / Call number: F 74 .H73 P73 2017

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!



What does MGC stand for?
Michigan Genealogical Council

You know you're a genealogist if your vacation bucket list includes Fort Wayne, Salt Lake City, and Washington, D.C. (hopefully all in the same year).

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.

Delegate meeting on January 12, 2023

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Zoom Webinar – registration required

Importance of Communications in Societies with Cynthia Grostick

Are you a member of your society's board? Do you hold a committee position? If so, one of the most important tools you have is communication. Unfortunately, not every society and/or member communicates. People tend not to join societies that rarely or don't communicate. Lack of communication can be at best frustrating and at worst ... Join us in January to learn about the importance of communication and learn some effective ways to communicate with your membership.

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Visit our website at:

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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:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/museums>

For more information call:
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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, PO. Box 80953, Lansing, MI, 48908-0953, Website: <https://www.mimgc.org>

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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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 Saturday, January 21, 2023
 Main Branch of the Grand Rapids Public Library
 Annual History Detectives
 Day-long conference
<https://historydetectivesgr.org/>

RootsTech 2023
 March 2-4 2023
 Salt Lake City, Utah
 Hybrid (In Person \$98/Virtual Free)
www.familysearch.org/root_stech/event/rt2023

National Genealogy Society
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43rd Annual Spring Seminar
Genealogy Society of Monroe County
 Saturday, April 22, 2023
 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
For more info see article on page 3

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research
 IGHR 2023 Virtual Institute
 July 23 – 28, 2023
<https://ighr.gagensociety.org/>