



**It's time for the *Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar!***

Dates: Friday, June 23 – Saturday, June 24, 2023  
Featuring Drew Smith

Each summer, the Archives of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council host a seminar to promote family history awareness and teach genealogy research skills. The event is generously supported by the Abrams Foundation in loving memory of Barbara J. Brown.

For this year's event, we are pleased to offer this flagship annual gathering as a hybrid event. Participants can attend sessions either online or onsite. We are delighted to be hosting Drew Smith, who will be joining us onsite here in Lansing and through Zoom to our virtual attendees. Attendees can register at the Archives of Michigan's home page: <https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/archives>.

**Registration Details**

Registration Fee: \$45

On Saturday, onsite attendees can preorder a lunch option from Grand Traverse Pie for an additional \$13.

**Program Schedule**

Friday, June 23, 2023

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Remarks**

*Mark Harvey, State Archivist and Rozlyn Kelly, Michigan Genealogical Council*

1:40 - 2:40 p.m.

**2A. Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Researching Corrections Records at the Archives of Michigan**

*Annakathryn Welch, Archives of Michigan*

This program will help researchers navigate prison records held by the Archives of Michigan to uncover information about your ancestors' past misdeeds, including how to get started, and using prison records to find even more genealogy resources.

**2B. A Million Ways to Die in the Colonies: Death and Burial in Colonial America**

*Daniel Earl, Professional Researcher*

Death was a part of life for our ancestors. This lecture will teach the different attitudes our colonial ancestors, from Newfoundland to Jamaica, had toward death, different funeral and burial practices and what records you would expect to find from this period.

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**President's Message**

Greetings,

Happy Spring. I think it's spring. My calendar says so, but the snow outside my window that keeps coming and going makes me wonder. One day I'm walking in sunshine and 40+ degrees, and the next day I'm watching the snow fall. Well, as we all know in Michigan, we just wait and it will change. I hope you're doing well and enjoying the changing of the seasons.

As the seasons change we have enjoyed much, and have much to look forward to. At the start of this month RootsTech returned in-person, and hosted a virtual program. I've enjoyed listening to some of the virtual sessions. It's not too late to register for the free virtual program. The sessions will be available for quite a while, and 2022 sessions are still available too. Be sure to check them out.

In March we were excited to host our first hybrid delegate meeting. It was so great to be back together in person again in the Forum, and to share the meeting virtually with those who could not attend. This was our 'test-run', and it went quite well, with the excellent technical assistance of Archives staff members Jill Arnold and Samantha Gross. We can do this!

We look forward to partnering with the Archives as it presents the Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar June 23-24. The seminar will be hybrid, and the keynote speaker Drew Smith will be in person. Drew will also be our delegate meeting speaker on Friday, June 23 at 10:00am. Note that our delegate meeting for July has been moved to June in consideration of the timing of the seminar and Drew's availability to speak in person. Don't miss this!

Plans are in the works for our MGC Fall Family Seminar in November. It will be a hybrid event with an in person key note speaker. Watch for more details to come. We are also working on updates to our speaker's list.

We look forward to our next hybrid delegate meeting in May. Although most attendees were virtual at our March hybrid meeting, we hope more of you plan to attend in person this time. This will be our annual meeting and election of new officers will be held. Our speaker will be our Vice President Judy Nimer Muhn and she will be in person. After the meeting we will enjoy a tour of the Archives. Please join us!

Lastly, the Finding Your Roots National Conversation Series has a final virtual event scheduled for April 12 airing on PBS stations, and Facebook Live. And Detroit Public TV and PBS Books will host a local virtual event "Finding Your Roots – Family Sagas of Pride and Perseverance". They partnered with Michigan based societies, including our members Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society and Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society, to explore techniques for researching African American genealogy. The program will air March 22 at 8pm on DPTV.org, PBSBooks.org and Facebook Live. Join in!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

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:

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### From Oakland County Genealogy Society

Date: April 4, 2023  
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 Location: Virtual  
 Program: Colonial New York Research  
 Presenter: Cynthia Grostick

Many people descend from ancestors that helped form this wonderful country. However, for a variety of reasons, we tend to stop at the War of Independence. There is a wealth of information available for those that were here prior to the Revolutionary War. Join us to learn the records that are available and where they are located.

Date: May 2, 2023  
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 Location: Virtual  
 Program: Off the Beaten Path: Small Local History Collections & Genealogy Research  
 Presenter: Jessica Trotter

Small historical and genealogical archives and collections are often hidden gems with materials unique to their community. They can provide sources to help break down brick walls or add context and history to flesh out the stories in your research. This presentation offers strategies for finding collections as well as examples of what they might include.

Date: June 6, 2023  
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm  
 Location: Virtual  
 Program: Early New England Research  
 Presenter: Laressa Northrup

An overview of immigration to New England prior to the Revolutionary war. Coverage will include general statistics, information on various jurisdictions in New England, and types of records to search for. Find out where immigrants to New England came from and unique records that were kept during this time period. will present an overview of immigration to New England prior to the Revolutionary war. Coverage will include general statistics, information on various jurisdictions in New England, and types of records to search for. Find out where immigrants to New England came from and unique records that were kept during this time period.

**Note:** We hope these all will be hybrid meetings, but they may be virtual only, depending on restrictions. Please check back a week before the meeting for information regarding location and registration for the virtual presentation.

To register and for more information:

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

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### 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

#### **WGS 17<sup>th</sup> Genealogy Lock-In**

Date: April 29, 2023  
 Time: 5:45 to 11:30 pm  
 Members: \$25 -- Non-members: \$30

Period 1: 6:30-7:50 (Classes 1 or 2)

- Class 1: Canadian Research  
 Presenter: Grace Wilfong
- Class 2: Better Writing Through Research: Enhancing Family History Narratives  
 Presenter: Laura Hedgecock

Period 2: 8:00-9:20 pm (Classes 3 or 4)

- Class 3: They Came by Sail and Stream  
 Presenter: Derek J. Blount
- Class 4: Dating Old Photographs by Their Physical Appearance  
 Presenter: Barbara L. Frye

Period 3: 9:50 – 11:10 pm (Classes 5 or 6)

- Class 5: Our People Were Farmers: Farming in Michigan  
Presenter: Dan Fantore
- Class 6: Using Land Records in Genealogy  
Presenter: Dave Decker

Also available from 6:30 to 11:00: Research on Computers - Computers with Databases – Ancestry - LE, My Heritage-LE, FamilySearch.org, American Ancestors -NEHGS

For more information and registration:

<https://waterfordmigenesoc.thatfamiliesdo.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-WGS-Lock-In-Registration.pdf>

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.

Our new website is:

<https://waterfordmigenesoc.thatfamiliesdo.com>

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#### From Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society:

Date: Monday, May 6, 2023

Topic: German Research Resources at the Library of Michigan

Time: 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Speaker: Kendel Joy Darragh, Reference Librarian

Website:

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

For more information see:

<https://miggs.org>

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

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#### 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](http://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>

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#### From the French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan

Visit our Society website:

<https://habitantheritage.org>

FCHSM Meetings Page:

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

Facebook page:

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

E-mail address:

[information@habitantheritage.org](mailto:information@habitantheritage.org)

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

**NOTE:** At this time, we still do not have access to the meeting space at the Mt. Clemens Library while it is under renovation, and it is undetermined how long that status will remain. Instead, we will be offering digital presentations through Zoom, which will occur on our normal meeting days and times (the second Saturday of the month, at 11:00 am. EDT). To attend the Zoom Presentations, check your email for registration links sent from the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan. If you do not have an email associated with your account, but you would like to participate in the Zoom meetings, make sure you include an email address either on your renewal membership form (in the October journal), or on your online membership form, if you renew on our website. To update your account with an email address, you can also send a message to our email address listed above.

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

[www.habitantheritage.org](http://www.habitantheritage.org)

You can also go to our FCHSM Facebook Page for changes and further updates.

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023  
 Time: 11:00 am  
 Speaker: Brett Walker, Cordwainer  
 Topics: Details to follow – for more information check out their website

To register in advance:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckf-GgqDwsH9z-07\\_MGhm6cW2mL-XW44wh](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckf-GgqDwsH9z-07_MGhm6cW2mL-XW44wh)

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023  
 Time: 11:00 am EDT  
 Speaker: Geoff Bodeau/Pierre Gendru-Hetu  
 Topic: "Genetic Genealogy - Using DNA Analysis to Find the DNA 'Signatures' of our French-Canadian Immigrant Ancestors." (Zoom)

For pre-registration – see their Program Meetings page:

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

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### From the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County

[washtenawgenealogy.org](http://washtenawgenealogy.org) or (our new, shorter URL) [migs wc.org](http://migs wc.org) – both work!

Location: Meetings are both online (Zoom) and in-person. Non-members should request an invitation to register at [info@washtenawgenealogy.org](mailto:info@washtenawgenealogy.org) no later than the Friday before the meeting. Details about attending in person can be found at [migs wc.org](http://migs wc.org).

Date: **April 23**  
 Time: Meeting opens at 1:30 pm.  
 Program (1:45 pm): **How the Great Lakes Shaped America**  
 Presenter: Cari Taplin

The rich history of the Great Lakes region will be examined, particularly its role in U.S. expansion, through transportation, economic growth and defense, and relatable genealogical record sets. Topics covered include Great Lakes geography, Native American influences, commerce, war and defense, ethnic groups common to the Great Lakes area and where they settled and records useful for tracing your Great Lakes area ancestor.

Class (3:00 pm): **A Methodology for Oral Interviewing**

Instructor: Jerome Drummond

Discover interviewing techniques that can evoke rich responses and provide details and context not found elsewhere.

Date: **May 21**

Time: Meeting opens at 1:30 pm.

Location: See as above.

Program: **Researching Our Pennsylvania Ancestors**

Learn how to effectively research your ancestors using various online resources, books, and records.

Presenter: Jenny Warner

Class (3:00 pm): **Breakout Groups and No Dumb Questions in Genealogy**

Moderated by GSWC Research Committee, this annual offering encourages exchange of research problems and strategies for overcoming them.

Non-members should request an invitation to register at [info@washtenawgenealogy.org](mailto:info@washtenawgenealogy.org) no later than the Friday before the meeting. Details about attending in person can be found at [migsWC.org](http://migsWC.org).

Submitted by Nancy Howard, President, GSWC

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**From Library of Michigan**

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

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Topic: Library of Congress Collections for Michigan Researchers

The Library of Congress contains a treasure trove of family history information for Michigan researchers, including a vast array of online resources. Learn how to navigate these digital collections as well as other key research strategies to effectively use our nation's library while uncovering your family's story.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Topic: Military Resources at the Library of Michigan (Zoom)

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

Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Topic: History of the Library of Michigan – Celebrating 195 years of Service (Zoom)

The Library of Michigan has been serving the people and government of Michigan since 1828. Come learn about our "origin story" that started during Michigan's territorial era. Celebrate the key figures that shaped Michigan's state library. See the evolution of the library's services as we continuing to collect and preserve the story of our state.

For more information and registration:

<https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/public/programs-for-the-public>



Three part question (counts as 1 Easter Egg):

*What major anniversary is coming up for Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County? How many members do they have? What do they condier goodies on their website?*

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*"Genealogy: An account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own." —Ambrose Bierce*

*"Genealogy is sometimes about proving that bad family traits came from the other side of the tree!"*

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3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### **3. Crowdsourcing Your Brick Walls**

*Drew Smith, Featured Speaker*

Online genealogy forums provide an opportunity to ask others questions about brick wall problems. Learn how to find and search through relevant mailing lists, message boards, and social networking groups, and how to craft the perfect online research query.

4:20 - 5:00 p.m.

### **4. Tour of the Archives of Michigan and Research Workshop**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

8:50 – 9:50 a.m.

### **5A. Empire State Roots: New York Family History Research**

*Kris Rzepczynski, Archives of Michigan*

New York was by far the most important state in the early growth and development of Michigan and the Midwest. This session will explore New York's migration patterns and provide an overview of the fantastic genealogical resources available in print and online.

### **5B. Orphan Trains 1854-1929**

*Derek Blount, Professional Researcher*

What were the social conditions that prompted the orphan trains? What records were generated on the children and how can we find them?

10:10 - 11:10 a.m.

### **6. Your Ancestor's FAN Club: Using Cluster Research to Get Past Brick Walls**

*Drew Smith, Featured Speaker*

Our ancestors were each surrounded by family, associates, and neighbors. By researching them, we discover additional records pointing to our own ancestors.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### **7A. City Directories: More than Basic Facts**

*Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski, Professional Researcher*

City directories provide more than just a name and address for a particular year. Discover the stories held within these volumes.

### **7B. Native American, First Nations, Indian: Researching Indigenous Peoples**

*Judy Nimer Muhn, Professional researcher*

Family legends often tell of an ancestor who was the daughter of a chief or some other Indian relationship. Come and find out the truth, myths, facts and information about how to determine if your family descends from Native or First Nations people. This presentation will provide information about Michigan tribal peoples as well as an overview of others.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

### **8. Introduction to GEDmatch**

*Drew Smith, Featured Speaker*

GEDmatch is a free website that allows uploading raw DNA data from DNA testing companies so that the test data can be compared with data from tests taken at different companies. It also provides tools that may not be available at the original testing company. This presentation will focus on the basics of using GEDmatch to match relatives.

2:50 - 3:50 p.m.

### **9A. Yes, They Could Own Land: The Homestead Act and African American Homesteaders**

*Jessica Trotter, Researcher & Blogger*

Learn about the Homestead Act of 1862, African American families who managed to take advantage of the legislation, and the possible gems in Homestead files.

### **9B. Digitizing My Family Tree: Formats, Software, and Techniques**

*Adam Oster, Library of Michigan*

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

### Pioneer Certificate Program

March 2023

It was a pleasure to attend the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS) Special Interest Group (SIG) meeting with Janine Cotugno, a committee reviewer, as the moderator. Also on hand to help answer questions was Barbara Hofmann another of our reviewers. The members had some great questions and we look forward to seeing the applications they are working on.

The Pioneer Certificate Program has been out in the community. Two local DAR chapters presented the program to its members, one was actually a workshop. Thank you Barbara Hofmann for sharing her knowledge and walking attendees through the process. She also attended another genealogical workshop with our brochures on hand. Thank you for promoting our program.



Barb Hofmann at 2023 Workshop

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

Kim Smith

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*Genealogy: In the end, it's all relative.*

### Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee is offering to the Delegate Council an opportunity to learn about digitization projects. Thanks to Shelby Nelson of the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society and Kris Rzepczynski of the Archives of Michigan, we are planning a presentation on the various tools and techniques of managing a digitization project on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am. The presentation will offer comments and the tools that both a smaller organization and a larger use to do their work, but also looking at what it takes to manage it with either volunteers or staff, the costs and what the goals of the work are. Those who are interested should watch the MGC Facebook page for registration information for the Zoom link for the session – this will be posted in May. Any questions can be sent to Judy Nimer Muhn at [judynmuhn@gmail.com](mailto:judynmuhn@gmail.com).

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### National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family History Conference

The National Genealogical Society's 2023 Family History Conference is May 31 – 3 June 2023 in Richmond, Virginia! Early bird registration discount ends 31 March but you can register any time <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/>. Many presentations, social events, pre-conference tours by our hosts at the Virginia Genealogical Society, and exhibit hall with vendors and educational content. It's an opportunity to network, visit with friends and enjoy the beauty of Virginia in spring. Join us!



*What event happens on July 23 – 28, 2023? Give the name and the website!*

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**Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society**

from Pam Cassino (269) 330-5664 or  
[pcassino@chartermi.net](mailto:pcassino@chartermi.net)

**Organization**

The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was founded in June 1958 and joined the Michigan Genealogical Council as a member in 1975.

Mailing address: PO Box 3236, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-8335

Website: <https://mikvgs.org>

Email contact: [info@mikvgs.org](mailto:info@mikvgs.org)

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/mikvgs.org/>

**Membership**

KVGS currently enjoys the company of 133 members, from 109 households. Annual membership dues are \$14 per household, which includes up to 4 people living at the same residence. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30. Contact membership Chair, Carol Baker at [membership@mikvgs.org](mailto:membership@mikvgs.org) for information.

**Meetings**

KVGS offers two regular monthly meetings – a General Membership Meeting/Program and a Skills Session – nine months each year. Members and visitors are welcome to attend, free of charge.

General Membership meetings begin at 7 p.m., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, at the Portage District Library (300 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002) – and by Zoom. Meetings typically include a brief business meeting, followed by a special guest presentation. In-person participants are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. to share cookies and a friendly face.

Skills Session meetings begin at 7 p.m., by Zoom, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, and last about 30-45 minutes. Each session takes a brief look at a different

genealogically related topic. For example, in this year's Back to Basics Series, participants have visited lessons on "Getting Started," Familysearch.org, genealogical proof standards and citations, vital records, census records, and more. Lessons in prior years have touched on everything from "Using Spreadsheets in Your Genealogy Research" to "Planning a Successful Cemetery Visit."



Carol Baker and Jan Wright  
At KARSP Non-Profit Fair

Marilyn Eckles & Mary Hodges  
at Registration Table

Since September 2020, programs for both monthly meetings have been recorded for later viewing and are available to members through the KVGS website.

For specific program information and to register for Zoom programs, visit the <https://mikvgs.org> events page.

**Board Officers**

Pam Cassino, President  
 Dick Nuss, VP/Program Chair  
 Rob Servis, Treasurer  
 Secretary, Open position  
 Janet Wright, Past President  
 Beverly Grambau, Trustee  
 Claire Johnson, Trustee

**Newsletter**

KVGS's newsletter, "The Kalamazoo Valley Heritage," has been published for more than 46 years and is the fourth KVGS series in publication since our founding in 1958. It is issued nine months each year and delivered to members by email. The publication is also made available to a variety of national, state and local libraries; local historical and genealogical collections; archives; and genealogical societies. Back issues, from September 2015 to present, are available to members on the KVGS website. Earlier issues can be requested from

[info@mikvgs.org](mailto:info@mikvgs.org). Contact Newsletter Editor, Margaret Russell at [newsletter@mikvgs.org](mailto:newsletter@mikvgs.org) for questions about the newsletter.

### *Communities served*

KVGS serves historians and genealogists who are interested in the Kalamazoo River Valley region – and across the country, too. It draws members from as close as the Michigan counties in the region – Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St Joseph and Van Buren – to as far as the Michigan counties of Hillsdale, Lapeer, and Washtenaw and communities located in Florida, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and Texas.

### **65 Years, Can you believe it!**

On Monday evening, June 12, 2023, the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society will celebrate its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, at the Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002. Please visit the <https://mikvgs.org> events page for developing plans on this enjoyable event.

From our beginning...with excerpts from *Our First Year*, By Mrs. William H. Jackson, *Michigan Heritage, autumn, 1959, published by The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogy Society, Kalamazoo Michigan, Volume 1, and Number 1.*

On Thursday, May 15, 1958 a public meeting and presentation was held in the Kalamazoo Public Library and Museum to explore the community's desire to organize a genealogy society. "The response at this meeting was most gratifying. There were seventy-two in attendance." Subsequently, a small group met, "a temporary chairman was elected, with the authority to proceed with plans for an organizational meeting" and "a nominating committee was appointed to prepare a slate of officers to present at the public meeting to be held in June."

"At this meeting held on June 12, 1958, there were eighty-six present and our group formally became a Society. At this time the Constitution and By-laws were presented, discussed and adopted." The name "The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical

Society," was chosen. And "a slate of officers was placed in nomination and unanimously elected." Meetings would be held the third Monday of each month, except July and August.

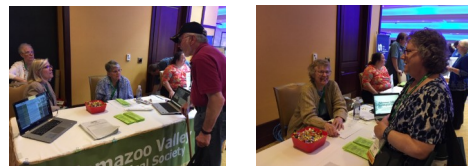
"We finished our first year as "The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society" with a membership of one hundred twenty-eight whose enthusiasm is evidenced by the splendid attendance at our meetings and a fine spirit of cooperation."



The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society is grateful for the presence of each and every person who has passed our way and we celebrate today, in 2023, with that same level of enthusiasm and spirit of cooperation that has followed us for sixty five years.

### *Special Interest Groups*

KVGS hosts several Special Interest Groups: a Family Tree Maker software users group, a Michigan Pioneer Certificate group, and two writers groups. The groups meet monthly, at times and locations decided upon by their members, and currently meet either on Zoom or by email. Contact [info@mikvgs.org](mailto:info@mikvgs.org) with questions and for more information.



NGS Conference 2018 Grand Rapids

*Research & Society Links and Download Center at* <https://mikvgs.org>

Members and non-members alike are invited to make a visit to the Research and Society Links page and the Download Center on the KVGS website where you will find useful links and a collection of handy tools to assist in your genealogical research. Examples of tools include census forms, a variety of

genealogical charts and worksheets, immigration forms, record worksheets, research materials, and trackers and organizers.

### *Research*

Volunteer members of the Research Committee can provide limited research utilizing published sources, civil records and archival items at the Zhang Legacy Collections Center. Email research requests can be sent to [info@mikvgs.org](mailto:info@mikvgs.org) or by mail to PO Box 3236, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-8335

Thank you to Pam Cassino for providing the article, look for a followup article in our July 1, 2023 (Summer 2023) to let us know how the 65th celebration went.

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*“Genealogy is like a magic mirror. Look into it, and pretty soon, interesting faces appear.”*

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### **Suggested Resource Links from our Societies**

#### ***Archive Guide to German Colonial History***

Website: <https://archivfuehrer-kolonialzeit.de/>

A website that provides information about archives related to the history of German colonialism. The website is in German and is maintained by the German Federal Archives (Bundesarchiv) and the German Foreign Office.

The website contains a searchable database of archives that contain documents related to German colonialism, including archives from government agencies, companies, mission societies, and private individuals. The archives cover the period from the early 19th century to the end of the colonial era in the early 20th century, and include documents related to the administration of the colonies, economic activities, missionary work, and scientific research.

Provides background information on the history of German colonialism, including a timeline of key events, biographical information on important figures, and links to related websites and resources.  
*Provided by Michigan Germanic Genealogy Society*

#### ***American-French Genealogical Society***

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

The American-French Genealogical Society (AFGS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving the study of French-Canadian genealogy and history. The AFGS provides support and resources to individuals interested in tracing their French-Canadian ancestry, including access to a wide range of genealogical records, educational resources, and a forum for members to exchange information and share their research. The society holds workshops, seminars, and other educational events to help individuals learn about French-Canadian genealogy and history, and it operates a research library that is open to the public and provides access to a wide range of genealogical records and historical documents.

*Provided by Waterford Genealogical Society*

#### **Cornwall OPCs Genealogy**

Website: <https://opc-cornwall.org/>

Cornwall OPCs Genealogy is a website dedicated to providing genealogy research resources and information for individuals tracing their family history in Cornwall, England. OPC stands for “Online Parish Clerks”, and the website is run by a network of volunteers who are committed to transcribing and digitizing historical records from the parishes of Cornwall. The website provides access to a wide range of genealogical records, including census records, church records, and civil registration records, as well as other historical documents and resources. The website also offers a forum for members to connect and share information about their research, and provides educational resources, such as guides to genealogy research and local history. Whether you are just starting your family history research or you are an experienced genealogist, Cornwall OPCs Genealogy is a valuable resource for anyone interested in tracing their ancestry in Cornwall.

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*You know you’re a genealogist if you know what a GEDCOM and an ahnentafel are.*

***Vermont in the Civil War***

Website:

<http://www.vermontcivilwar.org/index.php>

Vermont in the Civil War is a website that provides information about the state of Vermont's involvement in the American Civil War (1861-1865). It is a resource for individuals who are interested in learning more about the history of Vermont during this period and the role that Vermonters played in the conflict. The site includes information about the Vermont regiments and soldiers who served in the Union army, as well as the state's efforts to support the war effort. It also provides a comprehensive list of Vermont Civil War veterans and provides links to other resources for further research. Vermont in the Civil War is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the history of Vermont and the Civil War.

***History of Massachusetts Blog***

Website:

<https://historyofmassachusetts.org>

Here's another one for those of us with ties to New England – here is a website that provides information and resources about the history of the state of Massachusetts. The site offers a range of information and resources about the state's history, including articles, biographies, timelines, maps, photographs, and other historical documents. The site covers a wide range of topics related to Massachusetts history, including politics, economics, culture, and social history.

The goal of historyofmassachusetts.org is to provide a comprehensive and accessible resource for those interested in learning about the history of Massachusetts. The site is intended for a wide range of audiences, including students, researchers, educators, and history enthusiasts. The site is regularly updated with new information

and resources, and is designed to be easy to navigate and use.

Whether you're looking for information about a specific event in Massachusetts history, exploring the state's rich cultural heritage, or simply seeking to learn more about the history of the region, historyofmassachusetts.org is an excellent resource. The site provides a wealth of information and resources about the history of Massachusetts, making it an essential tool for anyone interested in learning about this important and fascinating state.

***Census Finder***

Website:

<https://www.censusfinder.com/>

Census Finder is a website that provides access to census records and other genealogy resources. It offers a searchable database of United States federal census records, as well as state and territorial census records, church records, and other genealogy resources.

The site is designed to help individuals research their family history and ancestry by providing access to important historical records. Census Finder is a valuable resource for genealogists, family historians, and anyone interested in learning more about their ancestors and the history of the communities in which they lived.



What colors are the eggs in the Easter Egg marker?

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*"The family you are looking for will be on the last page of the unindexed (of course) census film that you check. However, if you begin at the end of the roll, they will be on page 1."*

## 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.

### Midwest Genealogy Center

Website:

<https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>

Address:

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road,  
Independence, MO 64055

Phone: 816-252-7228

Hours:

- Monday - Saturday 10-8,
- Sunday 1-8

When planning your trip to the Midwest Genealogy Center, it is important to keep the following in mind:

- The Midwest Genealogy Center is open to the public six days a week.
- Personal belongings such as rolling cases or backpacks can be brought into the Library. Lockers are also available free of charge.
- Personal devices such as laptops, tablets, scanners, and cameras are allowed.
- Public computers are available for use as well as free WiFi for personal devices.
- If you want to print or copy materials, please bring change or small bills. You may [print from mobile devices](#), as well. For more on customer-use equipment, [review their FAQs](#).

- Flash drives can be used to save computer documents, microfilm images, or book scans. Flash drives are available for purchase.
- Food and drinks are permitted in the customer lounge, and spill proof drink containers can be taken throughout the library.
- Vending machines are available to purchase snacks and drinks.
- Are materials available through interlibrary loan?
  - Yes, there are over 23,000 genealogy and local history books available on interlibrary loan to researchers nationwide through local libraries. You may search their [online catalog](#) to find available items.

If you don't live in the Kansas City metro area and don't have an MCPL Access Pass (library card), visitors from outside of the Kansas City metro area will need to visit in person to get a card.

The Midwest Genealogy Center (MCPL/MGC) is one of the United States' preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarters of a million on-site materials. MCPL/MGC features 52,000 square feet of space that houses all of the free resources needed to research your family history.

MCPL/MGC's collections offer resources for genealogy research that span the United States and countries around the world. MCPL/MGC also houses a uniquely expansive circulating collection and almost completely open stacks. You'll find access to databases, scanning and digitization stations, oral history recording kits, microfilm reader scanners, and more.

#### Reference Book Collection

- Over 23,000 books available for checkout and interlibrary loan
- 155,000 title collection of family genealogies

- Local and state histories
- Compiled county records for all U.S. states
- International records
- [Genealogy Periodical Collection](#) (over 2,000 titles and more than 500 current subscriptions)
- Census Indexes

#### Microform Records

- All available U.S. federal population census schedules 1790 - 1930
- U.S. Land Sales in Missouri 1818 - 1903
- Draper Manuscripts
- Kentucky Tax Records
- Missouri State Penitentiary Records, 1836 - 1931
- Papers of the St. Louis Fur Trade
- Indexes to Compiled Service Records of MO Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers
- Compiled Service Records of MO Union and Confederate Civil War Soldiers
- Selected passenger lists, Native American sources, and state and local Sources
- Partial state vital records for WA, AL, OR
- Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations
- City directory collection
- Independence Examiner, Kansas City Star, Kansas City Times and approximately 50 other Missouri newspaper titles.
- American Biographical Archives
- Black Biographical Dictionaries
- Civil War Unit Histories
- Partial state vital records for AR, CA, GA, IL, IN, KY, OR, and TX
- Massachusetts original town records (incomplete - ongoing purchase)
- UMI Genealogy and Local History Series
- United States Serial Set
- Executive Branch Documents

#### On the Shelf

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

have columns provided by the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan.

#### Library of Michigan

Hello from the Library of Michigan! Please visit our 2023 programming calendar here:

[WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/LMPUBLICPROGRAMS).

Each event lists the date, time, description, and how to register. There are many interesting virtual programs to attend.

The Michigan Notable Books is out and can be found on our website:

[WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS).

The panoramic photography display is currently up in our Lake Erie Room on the 2 nd floor. There are approximately 40 panoramas along with information signs about the pictures. There are several programs planned around photos. To learn more about the programs, please visit the Historical Society of Greater Lansing ([lansinghistory.org](http://lansinghistory.org))

Below are a few interesting new and new to us books that are in the Michigan Collection at the Library of Michigan. There are many more wonderful books available at the Library of Michigan covering Michigan History, People, and Places. If these books are not available at your local library, try using the interlibrary loan service called MeLCat. Your local public library will be able to help you request one of the books.

- The Adventures of Captain McCargo, 1956. By William Ratigan. Who says there are no swashbuckling adventures on the Great Lakes!
- Pistons: Four Decades of Motor City Memories, 1997. A wonderful resource on Piston history.

The text covers season by season providing game results, short player biographies for key players and other interesting stories about each season. A definite read for Piston fans.

- Historical and Genealogical Record of the Michigan DAR: (1976-1988), 1990. The library received several volumes in this series to give us second copies that patrons with valid Library of Michigan library card holders can check out. A very useful family history research tool.
- City of Wyandotte Death Records (1963-1972), 2006. A thoroughly researched compilation of records. The reader will find death date, birth date, name, cemetery, and other information.

Through our website you can search our library catalog ([www.answercat.org](http://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](http://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.

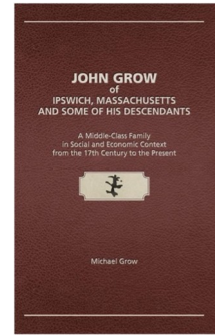
Please do not hesitate to contact us through email or phone: [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov) or 517-335-1477.

All the best,  
Library of Michigan staff

### Archives of Michigan

by Kris Rzepczynski

*John Grow of Ipswich, Massachusetts and Some of His Descendants: A Middle-class Family in Social and Economic Context from the 17th Century to the Present*, by Michael Grow and published in 2020 details a family narrative of a colonial Massachusetts family. This multi-generational genealogy is available to researchers as part of the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection at the Archives of Michigan (Call number: CS 71 .G942 2020).



Yet this Grow genealogy is much more than family charts, names, and dates. Utilizing published works of historical scholarship, the author crafts a fascinating ancestral narrative placing the family in social context. If you have Grow ancestors or colonial Massachusetts connections, this genealogy 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.

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### Genealogy Terms

If you don't understand the joke on page 11, here are a few terms:

- **GEDCOM**: complete name FamilySearch GEDCOM, is a *de facto* specification to store genealogical data, and import or export it between compatible genealogy software.[2] an acronym standing for *Genealogical Data Communication*.
- **Ahnentafel**: (German for "ancestor table"); or *ahnenreihe* ("ancestor series"); is a genealogical numbering system for listing a person's direct ancestors in a fixed sequence of ascent

**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/>

**Arizona Genealogy Day**

Date: April 22, 2023 - 9 AM-3 PM (MST)

Registration and details here:

<http://go.azsos.gov/azgenday23>

This FREE event is sponsored by Arizona Genealogical Advisory Board and Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Record

With Presentations by:

- J. Mark Lowe, FUGA - Missing People: Fractured Relationships, Divorce, and Murder
- Ari Wilkins - Reconstructing Communities Using Sanborn Maps, Census Records and City Directories

- Elizabeth Hodges, MA, MSLIS - If These Walls Could Talk: How to Research Your Home
- Wendi Goen, MA and Yahm Levin, MLIS - Arizona Genealogy 101
- Cyndi Ingle - Crafting Genealogical Proof

This event recommended by MGC Past President Kim Harrison, who now lives in Arizona.

**And the Easter Egg winner for January 2023 is:**

Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan

The Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan is looking forward to celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Formed in 1974, we are still going strong with around 300 members. Our primary focus is providing genealogical/historical information pertinent to Washtenaw County. With our library collection in temporary storage, our Research Committee provides indirect access to materials as well as expert guidance. We continue to offer 8 meetings a year that include 2 presentations each; we've been conducting our meetings on Zoom since April, 2020 and are now moving into hybrid meetings so that both in-person and online participation is possible. Our meetings are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. Our website offers events, sources and resources for the public, with some goodies (surname database, Family History Capers publications) available for members only. We now have 3 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that are also open to members and non-members. Please visit our website to learn more about us!

[washtenawgenealogy.org](http://washtenawgenealogy.org) or [migswc.org](http://migswc.org).



*Name the presenter for Class 3 at the 17<sup>th</sup> Genealogical Lock-In on April 29, 2023 from Waterford Genealogical Society!*



### 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 almost 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 5 Easter Eggs for you to locate – they will be identified as Easter Eggs by the following graphic (colors: red brown, pink, orange, yellow) for this issue (this one does not count):



When you find all of them you will need to scour the newsletter and answer the questions and then email [newsletter@mimgc.org](mailto:newsletter@mimgc.org) and tell us the answers to the questions beginning with:

In the April 2023 issue I read the MGC newsletter and found the answers to the 5 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. Start collecting the eggs now. Remember there are 5 in this issue. The email to send it to is [newsletter@mimgc.org](mailto:newsletter@mimgc.org). Please put #EE at beginning of subject line for easy identification.

We have a winner from the first issue.

This month's winner was GSWC – Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. One of the Easter Eggs will be information related to them. Congratulations to GSWC! Are you going to do it again or is someone else out there going to take the title away.

### 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)
  - Date/Time
  - Short Description
- Include this statement (nothing will be published without permission):
  - I give you permission to publish this in the next edition of the MGC Newsletter
- #MGCListing in subject line

Deadlines for MGC Newsletter submission are: June 15, 2023 (Summer 2023 Issue), September 15, 2023 (Fall 2023 Issue), December 15, 2023 (Winter 2024 Issue), March 15, 2024 (Spring 2024 Issue)

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

Reference Librarian

Library of Michigan

Library of Michigan Update March 2023

Hello Everyone!

Here are a few updates from the Library of Michigan. The library released the 2023 Michigan Notable Books list in early January. Each year the Library of Michigan honors 20 titles that are about Michigan or written by Michigan authors. You can see current and past honoree at the following site:

[WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS](http://WWW.MICHIGAN.GOV/NOTABLEBOOKS). Additionally, on April 22nd , the library will host the Night For Notables event. We invite all the current notable authors to honor them.

You can find more information at the following website: General 2 — Library of Michigan Foundation. The keynote speaker this year is Karen Dionne, author of *The Marsh King's Daughter*.

Staff are currently scheduling presentations at libraries and genealogy societies. A few examples are Ingham County Genealogy Society in April, WMGS on April 6th, and Kentwood Parks and Rec on March 30th .

Have questions for us? Please email or call: [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov) or 517-335-1477.



**Archives of Michigan  
and Abrams Foundation**

**Kris Rzepczynski**

**Senior Archivist**

With 2023 now in full swing, there is a flurry of activity here at the Archives of Michigan.

Registration is now live for the 2023 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar (Friday, June 23 – Saturday, June 24, 2023)! Be sure to look elsewhere in this issue of the MGC Newsletter for the full program schedule and registration information (<https://www.michigan.gov/mhc/archives>). This year's event will again be in a hybrid format, and the Archives of Michigan is thrilled to be hosting Drew Smith of "The Genealogy Guys" podcast onsite here in Lansing. We look forward to seeing everyone – onsite or online – in June!

The Michigan probate records digitization project continues to move forward, where Wayne County probate records are scanned and posted online shortly after being imaged. Of note, records for Wayne County estate files up into 1932 are now available at FamilySearch. As we approach the 1940 threshold, the project will pivot and expand out into other counties. Archives staff will have an active next few months out "on tour" offering programs to local genealogical societies and public libraries, including: Ionia County Genealogical Society, Capital Area District Libraries, Western Wayne County Genealogical Society, Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Jackson County Genealogical Society, Bay County Genealogical Society, Farmington Genealogical Society, Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society, and the Livingston County Genealogical Society. Many of these sessions will be held onsite in that area, it is exciting to connect again in-person with so many groups around the state.

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

1947 death certificates are now available at Michiganology! Given the 75-year restriction on online access to Michigan death records, the certificates for 1947 were made available at Michiganology in January. Index-only data remains for the 1948-1952 time period, with the 1948 certificates to be available in January 2024. The Archives thanks our generous donors, supporters and friends, including, of course, the Abrams Foundation and the Michigan Genealogical Council. As always, please contact us at [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov) with any questions about the Archives and our collections, services or digitization projects. Reference staff will be happy to assist you, we look forward to seeing you again soon!

## Delegate/Board Meetings

### Delegate Meetings

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

### Boards Meetings (Currently Virtual)

Board Meetings meet in the Commission Room of the Michigan Historical Center 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://mimgc.org).

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## Michigan Library and Historical Center

### Archives of Michigan

Monday thru Friday from 1 to 5 pm  
Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm

Reference Desk Hours By Email or Phone  
8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday  
Phone: (517) 335-2576  
Email [archives@michigan.gov](mailto:archives@michigan.gov)

Visit our web site at:

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



## Delegate meeting on May 11, 2023

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

In Person and Virtual (Zoom registration required)  
"How to Find a Genealogy Speaker for Your Society" with Judy Nimer Muhn

Finding and contracting with the genealogical speaker for your society's meeting may be a challenge for your society. Do you have a "contract" form and requirements? Do you have an annual budget for speakers? What is the going rate for speakers now? There are a number of lists and compilations for speakers from a number of professional genealogy groups in addition to the Michigan Genealogical Council's list of Michigan-based speakers. Judy Nimer Muhn will share about where to find speakers, how to find out if they are good and worth the price they are asking, and how to set expectations for what the speaker will provide in the way of handouts, contracting and more.

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## Library of Michigan

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

By email or phone

Email [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov)

Phone: (517) 335-1477

Visit our website at:

[www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan](http://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan)

## 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  
Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm

Visit our Web site at:

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

For more information call:  
(517) 335-2573



## Michigan Genealogical Council

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

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

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<b>Vice President</b>	Judy Nimer Muhn Oakland County Genealogical Society	<b>Central Mail</b>	Jessica Trotter Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society
<b>Recording Secretary Board Meetings</b>	Chelsea Johnson-Heisler Calhoun County Genealogical Society	<b>Membership</b>	Melissa Kendzierski Charlevoix County Genealogical Society
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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.



*Who is the MGC Historian?*

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.IGHR

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**Events Calendar**

**National Genealogy Society**

Family History Conference

Deep Roots of a Nation

May 31 – June 3, 2023

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

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Seminar**

**Genealogy Society of Monroe County**

Saturday, April 22, 2023

8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

<https://gsmcmi.org/upload/menu/2023GSMCSeminarFlyer.pdf>

**Arizona Genealogy Day**

Saturday, April 22, 2023

9:00 am to 3:00 pm (MST)

<http://go.azsos.gov/azgenday23>

**17<sup>th</sup> Waterford Genealogy Society Lock-In**

Saturday, April 29, 2023

6:00 to 11:30 pm (Doors open at 5:45 pm)

For more information and registration details

see pages 3-4 or at :

<https://waterformigensoc.thatfamiliesdo.com>

**Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research**

IGHR 2023 Virtual Institute

July 23 – 28, 2023

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