

MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL APPLICATION

Membership is for one year, September 1 - August 31

Full Name _____ Date _____

Maiden Name (Female) _____

Family Surname(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell/Business () _____

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Check One: Renewal New Member

Single - **\$35.00**

Family of 2 (same household) - **\$45.00**

Full Name 2nd Family Member: _____

Junior Genealogist (17 & under) - **\$5.00** Age: _____ Grade: _____

Charter Life Member - \$100.00 Life (under 10 years) - \$300.00

Life (10 years +) - \$150.00 Patron/Business - \$100.00

Please Return Membership Form with payment by check or money order,
payable to **FHWGS** (no cash), to the following address:

FHWGS MEMBERSHIP c/o Detroit Public Library - Burton Historical Collection
5201 Woodward Avenue
Detroit MI 48202

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Date Received _____ Amount \$ _____ For Year (s) _____

By Mail In Person Check # _____ Bank _____

Money Order _____ Cash _____ Received by: _____

New Member Card Sent/Date _____ Renewal Label Sent/Date _____

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**FRED
HART
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GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY**



**THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESEARCHING AND PRESERVING
AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY
HISTORY SINCE 1979**

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Society's founder, a retired Librarian and Field Archivist, **Margaret McCall Thomas Ward (1918-2007)**, had a vision and commitment to research and preserve African American family histories for future generations. In 1979, her idea became a reality, with the formation of the *Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society* (FHWGS) in the city of Detroit. Organizing Committee members, Yvonne Parks-Catchings, PhD, De Witt S. Dykes, Jr., Karen Batchelor, Gabrielle Bradby-Green, Norman McRae, Ph.D., and others, including John H.M. Ingram, III, Edith Martin-Jackson, Marguerite Coar-Massey, Leontine Cole-Smith, and Thelma Woodley-Mitchell, supported Margaret's efforts.

The Society honors the legacy of **Fred Hart Williams (1882-1961)**, a pioneer in collecting and interpreting historical materials about African Americans. Throughout his employment as a senior tax clerk for the City of Detroit, he also wrote and reported for three newspapers: *The Detroit Tribune*, *The Michigan Chronicle*, and the Detroit edition of *The Pittsburgh Courier*.

Historians and writers all over the world are indebted to him for the materials he donated to establish the highly regarded *E. Azalia Hackley Collection* which honors African Americans in the performing arts. The collection is stored at the Detroit Public Library. The descendant of a family who came to Detroit on the Underground Railroad, Williams served his community as a journalist, author, historian and patron of the arts. Williams personal family history papers, donated to the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, form an important source of African American History.

Today, FHWGS publishes a newsletter twice a year, and sponsors educational programs and workshops, which explain research techniques most useful to persons of African American ancestry. Members are encouraged to share their experiences, exchange research finds at meetings, and to deposit their compiled family histories with the Society. The Society also collects, preserves and makes available to the public, manuscripts, documents, genealogical records and historical materials. Field trips are taken each year to examine historical sites, and collections of family history records.

TEAMWORK

The Society is managed by the efforts of volunteers. Members are encouraged to participate in these efforts. As a team, the Society has a wealth of information, skills and resources to assist beginning to advanced genealogists with their research. We share this knowledge with enthusiasm and look forward to engaging in many exciting genealogical breakthroughs and discoveries with you.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held monthly on the first Saturday of the month from September through May, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Detroit Public Library, Main Branch. No meetings are held in July, August and December. The annual Karl Hamilton Field Trip, takes place on the first Saturday in June. You may check the Society's website: fhwgs.org for the complete meeting schedule.

CONTACT FHWGS:

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