

MEMBERSHIP

Membership to Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society (KVGS) is open to anyone interested in genealogy and the mission of KVGS. The membership year is July 1 through June 30.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$14.00 per year

\$15.00 additional for mailed newsletter

MEETINGS

KVGS holds general meetings on the third Monday of each month from September through June with the exception of December. A skills session is held the fourth Monday during general meeting months.

KVGS meetings have been held only by Zoom since Fall 2020. The board hopes to begin offering hybrid—in-person and Zoom—general meetings soon. The skills session will be held by Zoom only. Watch the website and the newsletter for information about hybrid meetings. In-person meetings are held at the Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane, Portage, MI 49002.

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VOLUNTEERS

MORE THAN JUST MEMBERSHIP

KVGS is fully supported by volunteers. Members assist in research projects, present programs, and serve on the society's board and committees. Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to volunteer, serve on the board or a committee, please email info@mikvgs.org.

RESEARCH/QUERIES

Volunteer members provide limited research of the Kalamazoo River Valley Region of Michigan upon request using published sources, civil records, and/or archival materials where appropriate. Please email requests to info@mikvgs.org.

Donations are appreciated.

HISTORY OF KVGS

The Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society was organized in 1958. Over the years, KVGS has taught genealogy classes, created an index to the U.S. Census of Kalamazoo County before these were available online, transcribed death indexes and other archival material, and continues to volunteer at the Kalamazoo County Clerk's office. The Society offers research trips to Allen County Public Library and Washington D.C.

Watermark photo courtesy of Kalamazoo Public Library. North Side of West Michigan Avenue, about 1940. Source: <https://www.kpl.gov/app/uploads/2017/08/burdick-sign-598.jpg>

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

**Serving genealogists and historians
through education, friendship, and
research assistance, especially in
the Kalamazoo River Valley
region of Michigan.**

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

LEARN

Attend general meetings and skills sessions to learn new and innovative ways to continue your genealogical research and improve your skills.

NETWORK

Connect with other genealogists to share ideas, learn new technology skills and create a community for the preservation of your genealogy and the history of Kalamazoo Valley.

THE HERITAGE

Receive *The Heritage* newsletter, published monthly from September to June, to learn new skills, receive updates on upcoming meetings/educational programs, and learn about other genealogical events in the area.

MIKVGS.ORG

Access our website for upcoming events; surnames Society members are researching; and forms, charts, and websites helpful for genealogical research. Member-only access includes digital access to back issues of the Society newsletter, recordings of past programs, and more.

KVGS MISSION STATEMENT

Foster genealogical interest and activities in Southwestern Michigan. Provide education in genealogical research techniques. Publish and make available genealogical materials. Ensure public access to records and the preservation of records.



MEMBERSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

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ONLINE PAYMENTS accepted at
www.mikvgs.org

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- _____ \$14.00 Household Membership/year
Includes emailed newsletter
- _____ \$15.00 Newsletter sent by U.S. Postal
Service

OPTIONAL

- _____ Donation to KVGS
- _____ Donation to Stern-NARA Fund for
preserving and digitizing records at
National Archives & Records
Administration (NARA)
- _____ Donation to Pierce Records Preservation
Fund for preserving Kalamazoo County
Clerk records.
- _____ **Total Enclosed**