

PIONEER CERTIFICATES

ELIGIBILITY:

To qualify for a Pioneer Certificate, the applicant must be directly descended (bloodline only) from an ancestor who settled in Muskegon County, State of Michigan, by the following dates:

(February 4, 1859 - December 31, 1894)

Instructions and Application
are on our website or at
HPL – Torrent House
Local History & Genealogy Dept.

NEWSLETTER

You can view the *Twig Talk Newsletter*
on our website:

www.genealogymuskegon.org

RESEARCH

Research form & more information
are on our website:

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AFFILIATIONS



TORRENT HOUSE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT

Located on the corner of
315 W. Webster Ave. & 3rd Street



Historical Site

This thirty-one-room mansion, built for \$250,000 in 1891-92, was the home of John Torrent (1833-1915), pioneering lumberman, alderman, justice of the peace, three term Muskegon mayor, and successful entrepreneur. Torrent owned shingle, saw and lumber mills in Muskegon, Manistee, Ludington, Whitehall, Traverse City and Sault Ste. Marie, equipping them all with the most modern machinery. Over the years, this structure also housed a mortuary, hospital, and the local Red Cross headquarters. In 1972, the city purchased the house to prevent its demolition.

Check out the Torrent House website!
for the holdings for Muskegon County.

<https://www.hackleylibrary.org/local-history-genealogy/research-sources-at-the-torrent-house/>

Tuesday through Saturday
From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More Information call:
(231) 722-8016

Muskegon County Genealogical Society



Establish in 1972

Muskegon County Genealogical Society
C/O HPL - Torrent House
Local History & Genealogy Department
315 W. Webster Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49440-1208

NEW WEBSITE

www.genealogymuskegon.org

E-MAIL

1972mcgs@gmail.com

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OUR PURPOSE

We are a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to educate and assist the people of our community in the research of their family histories.

1. To gather people interested in genealogy and family history, with emphasis on Muskegon County
2. To promote genealogical research and public access to genealogical materials.
3. To teach members research methods, documentation standards, and other skills.
4. To compile and publish Muskegon County genealogical data.
5. To contribute genealogy materials and other aid to Hackley Public Library-Local History & Genealogy Department.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Indexing** – Genealogical records. Data Entry and/or Proofreading
- **Library – Genealogical Research** Assisting with requests for lookups.
- **Research** – requests from the public & members of the society.
- **Proofreading** – Verifying data entry for various projects.
- **Publicity/Advertising** –press releases on events, meetings, and workshops
- **Scanning Documents and More!**
- **Serve as a Board or Committee Member**
- **Special Projects**

Contact us at: 1972mcgs@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Anyone interested in the pursuit of genealogy may become a member of the Muskegon County Genealogical Society

Go to our website for more information:
www.genealogymuskegon.org

MEETING PLACE



Hackley Public Library
316 W. Webster Ave.
Muskegon, MI

Meetings are normally on
the 3rd Saturday

NO meetings in July & December

Doors to the programs open at 10:00 a.m.

Programs start at 10:30 a.m.

Handicap ramp is available to the first floor. Use the stairs or elevator to the lower level where meetings are held.

Please check our website for meeting date changes!

www.genealogymuskegon.org

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Members Only website access
- Ten informative monthly programs
- Special Focus Groups
- Workshops
- Discounts membership
- Information and research help with other members: “Adopt a Research Buddy”
- Free queries shared in Tree Talk Newsletter

TRIPS

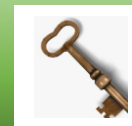
- April, August to the Michigan State Archives
- October to the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne

Sign up at: 1972mcgs@gmail.com
Times, departure, and return will be listed in our Twig Talk Newsletter.

MUSKEGON COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Muskegon County Building
990 Terrace St.

Muskegon Co. Clerk's Office:
Volunteers from the society are available on Wednesday's, From 1:00pm to 4:00pm.



A non-profit organization is here to help you unlock the key to your past!