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During an ice storm and power outage, you ignore the pleas of your shivering spouse and place your last quilt around that 1886 photograph of dear Uncle George.

The most recent document in your "Missing Ancestors" file is a 36-page contract between you and Johnson Billboard Advertising Company.

Ed McMahon, several t.v. cameras and an envelope from Publishers Clearing House arrive at your front door on Super Bowl Sunday, and the first thing you say is, "Are you related to the McMahons of Ohio?".

"A Loving Family" and "Financial Security" have moved up to second and third, respectively, on your list of life's goals, but still lag far behind "Owning My Own Microfilm Reader."

A magical genie appears and agrees to grant your any one wish, and you ask that the 1890 census be restored.

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A project of the WGS is to compile, scan, and index obituaries from the Oakland Press. A final result of the project will be having them online from the Library's website. The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary. Many hands make light work.

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Meetings are open to the public and free of charge. All are welcome.

If you missed a chance to get your copy of our new publication, containing tombstone transcriptions of the Perry Mount Park Cemetery, Pontiac Michigan, both CD and printed copies will be available at the meeting! This book has been 7 years in the making, and contains tombstone transcriptions of all cemetery sections.

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Spelling and Your Ancestors

The lack of standardized spellings and the use of phonetic spellings can be very sticky problems. If you go back just 100 years you will find that a large percentage of the population could not read, more still could not write (and many people were able to write only their own names), and even more could not spell. Most persons who did write did not concern themselves particularly with so-called standard spellings, but rather spelled words just as they sounded--phonetically--with local accents. Also realize that the early settlers of America were emigrants from many foreign lands. There were many accents, and when records were made the scribe wrote what he heard, accent and all.

What is the significance of these facts? It means that you will oftentimes be called upon to decipher scripts in which you will puzzle over simple words just because they are misspelled and written in an unfamiliar hand.

However, the main problem is in the spellings of names (especially surnames) and places. In the will which he made in 1754 in Pasquotank County, North Carolina, Jeremiah Wilcox's surname is spelled two different ways--Willcox and Willcocks. In other documents it is spelled still other ways--Wilcox, Wilcocks, Welcox, Wellcocks, Welcocks, etc.--but Jeremiah could not write himself (he made a mark for his signature) so he probably had no idea as to what the correct spelling was or if it was ever being spelled correctly. The name and its spelling were entirely at the mercy of the person who chanced to make the record.

This highlights the fallacy of a practice common in many modern families--that of assuming that if the name is not spelled in a certain way it cannot belong to the same family. Persons with such ideas will pass over important genealogical records because the name happens to be spelled with an "a" rather than an "e," with an "ie" rather than a "y," or with one "n" rather than with two. Be especially careful of this when the two related spellings of a name are found in the same geographic area. The connection, of course, is not guaranteed, as it is not guaranteed even when the spellings are exactly the same, but it is worth investigating

the possibility.

Also, because of this spelling problem, we must be extremely careful in our use of indexes. We must consider every possible spelling of the name sought. It is very easy to overlook some of the less logical (to us) possibilities and thus many valuable records. Local dialects and foreign accents often make a significant difference. The pronunciation of a name may be quite different in Massachusetts than it is in Georgia, and so might its spelling.

In law this is called the Rule of "Idem Sonans." This means that in order to establish legal proof of relationship from documentary evidence it is not necessary for the name to be spelled absolutely accurately if, as spelled, it conveys to the ear, when pronounced in the accepted ways, a sound practically identical to the correctly spelled name as properly pronounced.

A few years ago I worked for some time on a problem where the same surname was found spelled twenty-four different ways in the very same locality, some of them even beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. The correct spelling of the name (supposedly) was "Ingold," but the following variations were found: Ingle, Ingell, Ingles, Ingells, Ingel, Ingels, Ingeld, Inkle, Inkles, Inkell, Ingolde, Engold, Engolde, Engle, Engell, Engles, Engells, Engel, Engels, Engeld, Angold, Angle, and Ankold. These several variations were all found in the same family at the same time. Would you have considered all of them, or would you have stopped with those that began with "I"?

Other less likely possibilities for this name are Jugold and Jugle. Such errors could easily occur in an index because of the similarities between the capital I's and J's and the small n's and u's.

Another family changed the spelling of its name from Beatty to Baitey when moving from one location to another. In still another instance the surname Kerr was found interchanged with Carr. Whether these spelling changes were intentional is unknown, but the intention makes little difference. In one family three brothers deliberately spelled their surname in different ways--Matlock, Matlack, and Matlick. In his history of the Zabriskie family, George O. Zabriskie reports having dealt with 123 variations of that name, though certainly not all in the same locality or the same time period.

[The above article is excerpted from Val Greenwood's acclaimed textbook, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, 3rd Edition, pp. 32-35 found in *GENEALOGY POINTERS* (01-27-09)]

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http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=2362&NLC-GenPointers1

5TH ANNUAL GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

Hosted by Wholly Genes, Inc.

Wholly Genes, Inc., of Columbia, Maryland, is proud to announce the 2009 Genealogy Conference and "Land Cruise," 26-30 August 2009.

Prompted by economic conditions, the company has broken from the tradition of its annual conference on a cruise ship and is hosting this year's event in the pastoral setting of an historic hotel in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, about 2 hours west of Washington D.C.

This setting provides a very inexpensive venue for the genealogy presentations while its proximity to Washington D.C. offers the opportunity to follow those preparatory lectures with an all-day research trip to the extraordinary research repositories of the nation's capital.

As in previous years, the focus of the conference is on providing first-class genealogical speakers on topics that will interest all researchers. To that end, this year's speaker list includes some of the most respected and knowledgeable professional genealogists in the world, including:

- John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. - a popular speaker, prolific author, and expert on research at the Library of Congress, among many other topics.
- Marie Varrelman Melchiori, CG, CGL - a full-time researcher for 30 years, an expert on the National Archives, military records, and other topics.
- Patricia O'Brien Shawker, CG - the Director of the National Institute on Genealogical Research, author, and an expert on research at the DAR Library and National Archives, among other topics.
- Craig Roberts Scott, CG - publisher, professional researcher for more than 23 years, and an expert on a wide variety of record types and resources, including colonial, Civil War, federal records, migration, military, Quaker, and government publications.

The four-day conference will start with a day and a half of lectures about methodology, repositories, records, and finding aids in D.C. (including NARA, the Library of Congress, and the DAR), followed by a full-day research trip to Washington D.C. (the "land cruise" part), and then another day and a half of presentations, among other activities.

At under \$400 per person (for double occupancy), including meals and all conference events, the event is less than half the price of last year's conference and a fraction of the cost of a typical genealogy conference. There's even free wireless internet and free parking.

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DOLLARHIDE'S GENEALOGY RULES, by William Dollarhide

It is a known fact that St. Peter checks all your Family Group Sheets for accuracy before you are allowed to enter the Pearly Gates.

Locating the county where your ancestor lived is the first step in finding records about the time he was hauled into court for shooting his neighbor's dog, threatening the census taker with a shotgun, or making illegal corn whiskey behind the barn.

A cousin, once removed, may not return.

When going to another town for genealogical research, you will always find information on the ancestor for whom you brought no notes.

When in a courthouse miles from home, you will always find the breakthrough court record at 4:55pm on Friday afternoon.

Research in one county that leads you to information in another county will only be revealed on the last day of your vacation.

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by William Dollarhide FROM: *GENEALOGY POINTERS* (FEB 10 2009)

City directories may be one of the most underused genealogical sources available. Old city directories exist for virtually every community in America, often going back to the establishment of a community. Many of the privately published city directories date back over a hundred years, and some of these collections are complete for every year in which a directory was published. Surprisingly, those that exist are quite easy to find. They are usually located in the public library serving a particular city.

For example, when I first started in genealogy, I was living in Seattle, Washington, where I soon discovered the wonderful collection of city directories at the main branch of the Seattle Public Library. Their collection of city directories, with some gaps in the early years, dates

back to 1877. (The city was founded in 1853.) From about 1885 onward, the collection is complete for every year, with an annual city directory for Seattle and its environs. (In some years, competing publishers produced more than one directory.) I should add that the library's collection of Seattle telephone directories for over 60 years complements its city directory holdings.

City directories typically list the name of each resident, an address, and a surprising amount of information, including occupation. City directories provide an unmatched source for finding the exact place a person lived, and they often function as a surrogate source of information about residents for a particular time period. City directories can act as a substitute to the lost 1890 census, for example.

Virtually every city in America with a public library has a collection of city directories for that city. New York City's directories go back to the 1730s, and they are nearly complete through 1933, the last year a city directory was produced for Manhattan. The New York Public Library has an outstanding collection of the old city directories. Boston's city directories go back even further than New York's, and the Boston Public Library's collection is a real treasure.

There have been many different directory publishers; however, by far the largest is the R. L. Polk Company. Today, this company has offices in the largest cities of America, where you may visit their library of current city directories. Check the yellow pages to find the R. L. Polk office nearest you, and you will discover a resource for current directories. (Current city directories give more detail about a person than the online residential directories). Older city directories, however, are almost exclusively found in public libraries, college libraries, and archives nearest to the city in question.

The Cross-Street Index

A feature in most 20th-century city directories is a cross-street index, found at the back of the volume. This index is arranged according to the address of the houses, apartments, or businesses in the city, followed by the house number and names of residents at each address. Using this feature, a researcher can learn the names of people living next door to a relative. Next-door neighbors of a decade earlier, for example, may still live there and remember your relatives. Their presence may help you to locate lost relatives.

The cross-street index is also a resource for people whose names may have changed. For example, a woman living alone at a particular address in 1938 does not appear in the 1939 directory. But, by going to the 1939 cross-street address listing for the same address, you might discover that the woman had married and was still living in the same house, as well as learn the identity of her new husband!

Old City Directories on Microfilm

City directories for the 50 largest cities in America dating before 1860 have been collected together and microfilmed. The collection was produced by Research Publications, Inc. (12 Lunar Dr., New Haven, CT 06525), and it is available for sale to the public. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has this complete collection, and you can find a particular directory by searching for that city in the Family History Library's catalogue. Just access the FHL's website at www.familysearch.org and use the keyword "city directories [name of city]" to search for a particular book.

Genealogy in City Directories

Since the information in city directories is far more revealing than just a name and address, a typical city directory can be a genealogical gold mine. Here is a transcription taken from a city directory for the town of Whatcom (now Bellingham), Washington, for the year 1893:

Clancy, Annie (wid Patrick), res bet R R tracks nr B B & E round house
Clancy, John, lab B B I Co mill
Clancy, Mary, clk Montague & Mchugh, bds Mrs Annie Clancy
Clancy, Michael, lab B B I Co mill
Clancy, Wm., lab B B I Co mill

The five entries above read like a family group sheet! First, the directory informs us that Annie Clancy is a widow, and her deceased husband's name was Patrick Clancy. The Mary Clancy boarding with Annie Clancy appears to be a daughter, and the three men who all work at the same place likely are Annie's sons.

The following example from a 1955 city directory for Waterbury, Connecticut, displays some interesting entries for the name Culotta:

Culotta Augustine r 29 Crescent
Charles G slsman r 29 Crescent
John died June 6 1954 age 65
Joseph P slsman r 29 Crescent
Mariano h 42 Cooke
Mary M wid John h 29 Crescent
Rose M slswoman Hartford r 29 Crescent
Thomas C student r 29 Crescent

The foregoing entries tell us quite a bit about this family. First, note that it gives an age and exact date of death for John Culotta and that his widow was Mary M. Culotta, who owned a house at 29 Crescent Street in Waterbury. (By the way, "r" indicates a renter, and "h" indicates a home owner.) Also living at that address were Augustine; Charles and Joseph P. Culotta, both salesmen; Rose Culotta, a saleswoman working in Hartford; and Thomas, a student--all of whom could be the children of John and Mary Culotta. Since all of the Culottas in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1955 lived in the same house except for Mariano Culotta--who owned a house at 42 Cooke Street--one can infer that Mariano was probably related to the others.

The above examples illustrate that family relationships can be gleaned from city directories, and sometimes a surprising amount of detail is revealed. The examples are not unique. They are typical of virtually every city directory that has been published for cities and towns across the country. Unlike its offspring, the phone book, a city directory has a great deal more to say about the inhabitants of a city or town.

Finding City Directories

To learn what city directories exist for the locality and time period of your investigation, address a letter to the "Reference Librarian" at the public library for your city of interest. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). You can get the address of that library from the "American Library Directory," published by the R. R. Bowker Co., available at your local library. Every library in America has this directory, which lists the addresses and phone numbers for all American libraries, whether public, private, special collection, college, or archives. You will also find descriptions of the holdings of a selective list of public libraries with genealogy collections in my book, *GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY ONLINE*. For more information on this book, please access the following link:

http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=1499&NLC-GenPointers1

Although many libraries will not conduct any research for you, they will almost certainly answer your query. Then, contact a local genealogical society and see if a volunteer is

available to go to the library and do some looking for you. Most genealogical societies render this service, for which a small donation to the society is customary.

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Research Tip

I continue to find myself using **Books.Google.com** for online research. It's a surprisingly deep resource for old publications, many of which contain enough of the actual text for you to uncover new facts. Since it's a keyword based search, you'll usually need to throw in something in addition to a name, like a place or an occupation. I hit pay dirt recently with an ancestor of mine named John Oldham, who had disappeared in the 1860's somewhere between Missouri and Arkansas. So I tried:

"John Oldham" Arkansas

. low and behold the second hit returned was a county history that included a write-up about how my John was killed in 1862 by Union troops. The full text of the county history was there for me to read. Now that I had a few facts, a couple of more searches revealed even more details from other publications available in Google books. All for free. Give it a try with a few of your ancestors.

From GenSmarts Newsletter February 7, 2009 <http://www.GenSmarts.com>

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On the Lighter Side

Valentine's Day - Genealogy Style

Guest Author - Lisa Shea

Valentine's Day is coming soon. If you're a genealogist, or have a genealogist sweetheart, here are some great ideas for the special day! Take a look through your tree and find out which country (other than the one you're in) you're predominantly from. Then start planning out Valentine's Day activities based on those traditions!

Germany

Germans LOVE flowers, and on Valentine's Day this was especially true. Large bouquets of gorgeous wildflowers would be chosen for that special someone. The flowers were less about the cost and more about choosing the favorites of the true love - to show you were paying attention to her specific affections and not just treating her like 'any girl'.

England

Victorian England was in love with elaborate paper valentines which would be passed amongst family and friends. Create your own hand-made valentine, and put in it a poem of your own writing! It's not about it being high-class poetry - it's about the poem being from your heart, and intended solely for the heart of your true love.

Russia

Holiday of lovers - St. Valentine's Day - February 14: Christian martyr Valentine was condemned to the capital punishment by Roman pagans but even in such cruel conditions he didn't stop thinking of his lover-the jailer's daughter. He sent her a message full of love and tenderness. This holiday, inherited from the Western culture, is now very popular in Russia.

Poland

In Poland this day of love and devotion has been celebrated for only a few years and is recognized as a pleasant though commercial custom. On this day all those in love, mutually or not, send one another coloured hearts, cards with wishes and offer small gifts. Sending flowers, an age-long expression of devotion, is also very popular. The 14 February is also the day when people, both young and the slightly older display their feelings. Happy smiling couples visit cafes and restaurants, walk around holding hands and so forth. Tradition requires that cards and wishes be anonymous. Shy people also use the 14 February to display their feelings by sending a card with printed heart or poem to divulge the strength of their feelings. On St. Valentine's Day in this country, though it is supposed to be for those in love, cards are also sent to family members and friends and acquaintances who are held in certain affection.

Ireland

Valentine's Day in Ireland has some traditions. From the olden times, St. Valentine is connected with the concept and emotion of love. Valentine's Day on 14th February is celebrated all over the world as the day of the lovers, and throughout the world young couples spend the day in each other's welcome company. Ireland as a country is very picturesque. And there are several holiday spots which are packed with people, wanting to spend their Valentine holiday in peace and privacy.

Those who want to spend the Valentine's Day in some remote and beautiful place, Ireland offers many such luxuries. Several hotels arrange special Valentine's Day packages which

are appreciated by the couples. Most of the tourist places in Ireland are in their pristine glory. Gently sloping beaches, rocky cliffs, laid back villages and quaint towns all add to the glory of Ireland. It is a very good destination to spend the Valentine's holiday and without doubt, many Irish also seem to think in the same way. Ireland has some beautiful golf courses and those who are so inclined, spend the time with their partners out of doors.

The towns and cities of Ireland see the global way of celebrating the Valentine's Day. The Valentine's cards, Valentine's flowers and Valentine's gifts are bought and given with great passion and received with passion too! Valentine's Day in Ireland is a delightful mix of the traditional and the modern. bellaonline.com/articles/art7901.asp

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WGS Meeting Wednesday March 4, 2009

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A project of the WGS is to compile, scan, and index obituaries from the Oakland Press. A final result of the project will be having them online from the Library's website.

The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary.

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April 17, 2009

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CLASS SYLLABUS

Quick Start – Intended to help novices get started. Covers the basic Do's & Don'ts of genealogy. Presenter: Irv Rabideau

Application Procedure for Joining Hereditary Societies – Demonstrates the use of the DAR criteria - one of the strictest. Presenter: Bette Twyman

"Pondering the Evidence: Learning about the Standards of Proof in Genealogy" – "Learn how to arrive at credible, accurate conclusions to research problems when confronted with dilemmas, conflicts, suspicions and probable theories. The "Standards of Proof" in genealogy offer you a guideline to follow to create reliable family histories that others can depend upon." Presenter: Jan Morgenstern

French-Canadian Research – Will examine both research techniques and sources. Techniques will be offered for locating your immigrant ancestor in Quebec. Then many of the major French-Canadian sources will be discussed. Many of these sources are easily interpreted by non-French speakers. Presenter: Irv Rabideau

Finding Your Ancestors in the Census – A beginner's guide to accessing information from census records. Census records can give valuable information about your ancestors and surnames in your genealogy research. Census records can provide the names of family members, years of birth, location of birth, profession, and much more. Presenter: Barbara Hofmann

Useful Websites – What websites are the most beneficial to you in your genealogical research? Many useful websites will be accessed and discussed during the class. Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Using Google Earth In Genealogy – Listen to some new ideas on how to use Google Earth in your genealogy. A recap of a lecture presented at the 2008 National Genealogical Society's Conference In The States, hear about marking, mapping and displaying genealogical sites using Google Earth. Presenter: Christine Reiner

FamilySearch.org – How to use the LDS website for genealogy research, research aids and helpful hints. Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Overview of Heritage Quest, Ancestry & New England Databases – Access to Heritage Quest, AncestryLE, and the New England Historic Genealogical Society is available at the Waterford Library. The class will highlight the resources available in each and techniques for searching in each. Presenters: Kim Smith & Amy Slagle

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Please Use Separate Form for Each Registrant

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Non-Member \$20.00 \$25.00 after April 10th postmark

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**Make your check or money-order payable to the Waterford Genealogical Society
Mail To: 1271 Porter Road, White Lake, MI 48383**

OPTIONAL CLASS PREFERENCES If you would like to attend a class/classes, please place a
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Period I (7:15-8:05)

____ Class 1: Quick Start
____ Class 2: Hereditary Societies
____ Class 3: Standards of Proof

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____ Class 7: Google Earth
____ Class 8: Family Search.org

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Period IV (10:30-11:20)

____ Class 9: Database Overview

If you have a laptop computer with wireless capabilities, you are welcome to bring it and
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Alternate Ways to Find Marriage Info

By Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, July 15, 2008, Family Tree Magazine Online Article

When you can't find a marriage record, try these other possibilities:

- Newspapers: Look for wedding and anniversary announcements. Obituaries may also tell when the person was married.
- Census records: Particularly 1900 and 1910, which asked for the number of years married. The 1850, 1860 and 1880 censuses asked if married within the year, and 1870 asked for the month of marriage if married within the year. The 1930 census, which becomes available to the public in 2002, asked for the age at first marriage.
- Estimate based on the birth of the first child: Once you've identified who the first child likely was, you can subtract at least nine months for an estimate of when the couple may have married. Don't put blinders on, though: Couples often made sure the wife could conceive before they took a stroll down the aisle. And some couples may have used some sort of contraception to delay beginning a family.

- Pension applications: When applying for a widow's pension, women had to provide supporting documents to prove their marriage and birth of their children. Men, too, may have given marriage information in their pensions. You may find testimonials to marriages or the actual family Bible pages, torn out and submitted to the government to prove the marriage.
- Naturalization records: Before 1922, a wife automatically became a citizen when her husband did. In post-1906 naturalization records, you may find the date of marriage recorded.
- Court documents: Look at all the deeds and other court records the couple created. You might find mention of when a couple married, especially if a land transaction dealt with inheritable property.
- Divorce petitions: Even if your ancestral couple wasn't granted a divorce, always look for a petition. There are a significantly larger number of petitions than actual divorces granted. The petition may give you the exact date of a marriage or the number of years the couple was married when the petition was filed.
- Home sources: Don't forget that oral history, family Bibles, diary entries, letters and other family papers may be the best and only source for a date of marriage.

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all sessions, lunch and evening banquet. For more information or to obtain a registration form visit our website at:
http://www.marion.lib.in.us/departments/indianahistory/dna/dna_workshop.htm,
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From Ancestry.com: Family Tree Maker 2009 just got a whole lot better –and we'd love to show you how. Get acquainted with all the new features during an upcoming webinar that will be held March 12, 2009 at 8pm EST. We'll show you what's changed as well as demonstrate how to do some new things in Family Tree Maker 2009 like:

- Use the new extended family chart
- Keep track of important dates in the new calendar
- Take advantage of new data entry enhancements
- Clarify the process of citing sources with new source templates
- Create family history books with the new desktop book-building tools

Which Genealogy Site Is Worth Your Money?

From Family Tree Magazine:

Q. How do subscription genealogy Web sites, such as Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com and Footnote, compare? In today's economy I want to get the most value for my money, and I can only subscribe to one.

A. When people ask us which genealogy data site is the best, our answer is “The one that has the records you need is the right one for you.”

Think about what records you’d use most, and then see which sites have them. If you’re a beginner, you’ll probably want US census and immigration records. WWI draft cards are helpful, since virtually every man born from 1872 to 1900 (and living in the US in 1917 and 1918) registered.

Newspapers and city directories can fill gaps between censuses. Did your ancestors serve in the military? See which sites have records for wars they fought in.

Also check database sites coverage of places your ancestors lived—particularly if you've progressed to international research—as well as nationalities and ethnic groups they belonged to, such as American Indian or African-American records.

Databases in major sites are way too numerous to list them all. Here’s an overview and links to learn more about each site. Make sure you verify whether a collection of interest covers the right area and time period. Sometimes a site has, say, naturalization records from certain areas or years.

- [Ancestry.com](#): This site has the advantage when it comes to amount of content. Major databases include US census images and indexes, passenger and border-crossing lists for US ports, WWI and WWII draft registration cards, passport applications, newspapers, and family and local histories. To see what might be useful, go to the catalog and run a keyword search on a place your ancestors lived or a type of record. Note that database names vary—a birth index might be called “Smith County Vital Records,” “Birth Certificates, Smith County” or something else. The US deluxe membership costs \$155.40 per year, \$50.85 for three months or \$19.95 for one month
- [Genealogy.com](#): The Generations Network has neglected this site, instead devoting resources to Ancestry.com (which has Genealogy.com records). Subscriptions range from \$69.99 to \$199.99, but you'll probably get more value elsewhere.
- [Footnote](#): This site focuses on US records, with many records from the National Archives. Civil War content is strong, including Southern Claims Commission records, the 1860 census, and ongoing scanning of Civil War soldiers’ service records and widows’ pension records. You’ll also find Revolutionary War records, naturalizations, small-town newspapers, WWII photos and more. Subscriptions run \$69.95 per year (there’s a \$10 off deal this month) or \$11.95 per month. Or, for most collections, you can purchase a record for \$1.95.
- [World Vital Records](#): This site excels at partnering with other sites (many of them free) to aggregate content in one place. That includes Ellis Island passenger lists and immigration indexes from the Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild and the National Archives, small-town newspapers, yearbooks, family histories, and UK censuses. Click the green View All Databases button at the top left of the home page, then select a country or record type. The US subscription is 39.96 per year or 5.95 for a month. The World subscription is 119.40 per year or 14.95 for a month.
- [GenealogyBank](#): This site has a huge collection of searchable historical newspapers, [books](#) and [documents](#). Go here to see the titles. If you take advantage of the

introductory offer, the price is \$69.95 per year or \$19.95 for a month.

- [NewEnglandAncestors](#): The New England Historic Genealogical Society site has information on early New England immigrants, town records, vital records, court records and more. Search for collections that may cover your ancestor. A \$75-per-year membership gets you access to databases.
- [FindMyPast.com](#): Major collections at this UK site include British censuses, military records and outbound passenger lists (many immigrants traveled through British ports, even if they didn't live in Britain). Subscriptions range from around \$21.50 for 30 days to \$129 for a year. You also can pay as you go by purchasing credits (60 for \$10 or 280 for \$36; they're good for a limited time) and exchanging them for record views.
- [FamilyRelatives.com](#): This UK site has Irish records, British military records, British parish records, Pigot's trade directories and more. Subscriptions cost about \$50 per year; pay-as-you-go credits cost roughly \$8.60 for 90 units (use them within 90 days).
- [Genline](#): Here, you can search virtually all Swedish church records. Its flexibility helps the budget-conscious—subscriptions range from one day (\$9) to a year (\$245).

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On the Lighter Side

You Know You're Taking Genealogy Too Seriously If ..

That cemetery in Missouri where your great-grandparents were buried is now called Interstate 70.

The 1892 newspaper article describing your ancestor as a child winning the grade school spelling bee will misspell her name.

Your ancestor moved frequently and sold all of his property to his children before he died to avoid probate.

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Seeking Michigan's first major project is the digitization of roughly 1 million death records covering the years 1897 through 1920. These records - never before available electronically - are indexed for easy searching by name, death date, location and age, and hold tremendous research opportunities for genealogists, historians and students.

Whether they are interested in Civil War records, photographs, architecture, music, photography or family history, Michigan enthusiasts are sure to discover a brand new side to Michigan through this unique online resource, a collaboration that has long been in the making between the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan. Site design and digitization of resources were funded through various grants.

With plans in place to add much more material, Seeking Michigan currently includes:

- More than 100,000 pages of Civil War documents;
- Approximately 10,000 photographs;
- A variety of Michigan sheet music;
- Roughly 1 million death records;
- A rich section about Michigan's 44 past governors;
- Works Progress Administration data (circa 1936-1942) about land and buildings throughout rural Michigan; and
- Oral histories with notable Michigan residents.

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GENEALOGY U - Learn About Your Family History

The Waterford Public Library is offering a series of free classes designed to prepare you to trace your FAMILY HISTORY. This year's classes have been reorganized so as to integrate computer and online genealogy subjects within the discussion of information sources and research topics.

- Classes are **FREE** of charge
- All classes run from 9:30 to 1:00
- Coffee, juice and sweet rolls provided
- **Registration required**, at Adult Reference desk or by phone: 248.618.7693
- You may attend any or all classes. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending other classes
- Irvin Rabideau, B.S., M.A., M.S.L.S., A.B.D., is the instructor. Mr. Rabideau has been involved in all phases of genealogy for 40 years including personal & professional research, genealogical & historical publications, presentations to genealogical organizations, and teaching
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CLASS SCHEDULE:

Genealogy 104, Saturday, April 25, 2009

Topics covered include: military records, land records, tax records and source citation techniques.

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Strategies for Finding Female Ancestors

As March is designated Women's History Month, the following article is offered in commemoration.

From: Family Tree Magazine's online website
January 31, 2008 by Lisa A. Alzo

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Strategies-for-Finding-Female-Ancestors/>

Know your names.

Why can it be so difficult to trace women in genealogical records? Prior to the 20th century, most historical records were for and about men. Property was usually listed under the man's name, and men ran businesses and the government. Meanwhile, a woman typically changed her name each time she married, and, of course, children carried men's surnames to the next generation. If finding the females in your family tree has you singing the blues, get back in sync with these eight research strategies.

Note the names of each woman's husband, children and siblings--and especially any unusual middle names, which could be the mothers' or grandmothers' maiden names (such as Evelyn Vallis Neville).

Make a timeline.

A timeline puts your ancestor in historical perspective and points you to genealogical records ([see our record-research advice](#) <<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/BestRecords-for-Finding-Female-Ancestors/>>). Begin the timeline with the woman's birth and end with her death. Between, write everything you know about her, including her marriage date and children's birth dates and places. Add events, such as migrations and hospitalizations, as you uncover them. Include significant national occurrences, such as wars and epidemics, and local events you glean from county histories. Web sites such as [OurTimelines.com](http://www.ourtimelines.com/) < <http://www.ourtimelines.com/> > and our [Women's History Timeline](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Womens-History-Timeline/) < <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/Womens-History-Timeline/> > will help, too.

Ask around.

Women are often the "communicators" in families, so talk to your older female relatives and schedule a visit to talk about your family. Ask each woman about her mother's maiden name, how she met her husband, what motherhood was like and favorite family recipes. See more [interviewing tips and questions](#). < <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/interviewing> >

Missed your chance? Interview your ancestor's children, grandchildren, other relatives, friends and neighbors. Pay special attention to names, dates, places and unusual occurrences that could point your research in a particular direction.

Explore records.

Since no magical record set focuses on females, researching them in genealogical documents is more about strategy than anything else. See [our record-by-record rundown](#) <<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/BestRecords-for-Finding-Female-Ancestors/>> of searching techniques for women.

To determine which records to look for, examine your ancestors' timelines and note events that may have generated records. Weddings mean marriage records; children may have birth and baptismal certificates; migrations could lead to land records.

Note social or religious groups, or fraternal benefit societies a woman might've belonged to through her church or community. Contact the main office to ask about historical records. If the organization no longer exists, a historical society or library archive may have its files.

You'll find more places to look for records in Christine Kassabian Schaefer's book, *The*

Hidden Half of the Family: A Sourcebook for Women's Genealogy (Genealogical Publishing Co., \$39.95). It contains a state-by-state resource guide with important dates, laws governing your female ancestors' lives, and advice for finding records they left.

Investigate her associates.

You'll find yourself looking for your female ancestor in records of her husband, father, brothers and other men she's associated with. She may show up as a household member, godparent, heir or in-law. In particular, witnesses named in a woman's or her family members' marriage licenses, naturalization papers and baptismal records may be related to her.

Search databases smartly.

When searching genealogy database sites such as FamilySearch.org, the subscription site Ancestry.com (a version called Ancestry Library Edition is free at many public libraries) and HeritageQuest Online (also free through many libraries) look for both maiden and married names-women in some cultures used their maiden names on official records. A woman also might appear under an initial or nickname, and not necessarily the same nickname in every record. Look at other details in the record, such as age, birthplace and husband's name, to help you determine whether she's your ancestor. As with any name search, try alternate name spellings and different combinations of search parameters.

If you can't find your female ancestor in a census or immigration database, search for her children. And look for people who appear with her in other records-they might be relatives or friends she traveled with and settled near, and her name could be barely legible on the next line.

Read her diaries and letters.

Men's deeds are most often recorded in history books, but women may have "spoken" their thoughts in a diary and in letters to distant relatives and soldier sons. They can provide both genealogical details and insight into female ancestors' lives.

Journals and correspondence of other community members also may mention your ancestor. Search for them in the local library, historical society or museum. You'll find memoirs-perhaps even a relative's-catalogued in Laura Arksey's American Diaries: An Annotated Bibliography of Published American Diaries and Journals from 1845 to 1980 (Gale Group, out of print).

Writings of unrelated ordinary and famous women, in the absence of records on your own ancestor, will help you tap into her daily life. If your aunt, for example, was a WWII "Rosie" or planted a Victory Garden, learn what her life may have been like from the transcribed essays at [What Did You Do in the War Grandma?](http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/WWII_Women/)

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May "Tree Talks" -- "Climbing Your DNA: Genetic Genealogy"

The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN, and the Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana will host a one and one half day seminar Climbing Your DNA: Genetic Genealogy on the use of DNA testing in genealogical research problem solving, featuring Roberta Estes, on Friday & Saturday, May 22 & 23, 2009, in the Main Library Theater. This program consists of six sessions, including DNA and Genealogy- Introduction, Getting in Touch with Your Feminine Side-mtDNA, Twists and Turns in the Rocky Road-Case Studies, My Results are Back-Now What?, Autosomal DNA Testing and You-What is It, What Does It Mean and How to Use It, and Making DNA Loveable - How to Take Your DNA Results and Turn Them Into an Heirloom Gift for Your Family.

Ms. Estes, one of the leading experts in the field, founded DNAeXplain (www.dnaexplain.com) in 2003, following a successful 25 year career as President of Information Access Strategies, Inc., a consulting firm that manages and implements leading edge technology projects in the government sector. She is a professional scientist and business owner (BS Computer Science, MBA, graduate work in Geographic Information Systems), and has been an obsessed genealogist since 1978. When the infant scientific field of DNA for genealogy emerged, and with traditional genealogical records already researched to no avail, Roberta was one of the early DNA surname administrators and pioneer adopters of DNA analysis for genealogy. She manages over 20 surname projects including the large regional Cumberland, the Lost Colony projects and the North Carolina Native Heritage project, performing a significant amount of both genealogical and DNA research and analysis pertaining to both surname projects and individual clients' test results. Ms. Estes will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual ISOGG (International Society for Genetic Genealogy) conference. She has previously lectured widely, authored a column for a technology magazine, written books in the technology arena and is in the process of writing a book about her experiences with DNA and Genealogy. The Genealogy Center and ACGSI are pleased to welcome her as the instructor for this timely course.

The schedule for the seminar is listed in the following:

Friday, May 22nd

2 p.m.--Registration

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. -- DNA and Genealogy--Introduction

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Getting in Touch With Your Feminine Side: mtDNA

Saturday, May 23rd

9 a.m. -- Open, Welcome, Recall/Review/Re-Orient

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. -- Twists and Turns in the Rocky Road: Case Studies

11 a.m. to 12 noon -- My Results are Back--Now What?

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Autosomal DNA Testing and You: What is It, What Does It Mean, and How to Use It

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. -- Making DNA Loveable: How to Take Your DNA Results and Turn Them into an Heirloom Gift for Your Family

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This will be a scanning and indexing session for the WGS Obituary Project. The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary.

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Kim Smith and Amy Slagle would like to thank the WGS members who helped organize the Lock-In, prepare and serve the food, and those who helped with the evening's activities. We especially want to thank Carol LeMarbe for her soups, her catering expertise, and all the other things she did to make the evening a success. Harry and Lois Hague went above and beyond with all of their help. Wiley Loveless and Chuck Dewey also helped with serving, moving tables and chairs, as well as setup and cleanup. We are grateful to the many others who contributed by bringing desserts. It was very much appreciated.

We also would like to thank the presenters, Irv Rabideau, Bette Twyman, Jan Morgenstern, Barbara Hofmann, Sandy Kinter, and Christine Reiner. The presentations ranged from beginner's genealogy to using Google Earth.

Our thanks to Mary Rice and Irv Rabideau from the Waterford Library, whose efforts ensured a successful evening.

If you have suggestions, criticisms, or other comments for the next Lock-In, please send them to Kim, < ksmith8061@aol.com > or Amy < asagle@pasty.com >.

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PAF Class Schedule

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Personal Ancestral File (PAF). It is one of the most popular and easy to use genealogy software programs.

The Family History Center offers PAF classes every two months, free of charge.

Each session includes 6 weeks of classes, each class 1 ½ hours.

Evening classes are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Day classes are held on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. – noon.

All classes are held in the Bloomfield Hills Family History Center.

The instructor is Wally Schlegel.

For more information, call the FHC at 248-647-5671 or Wally Schlegel at 248-917-2576

Tentative schedule of classes for remainder of 2009

Tuesday evenings

Session 3 May 5, 19, 26 and June 2, 16, 23

Session 4 July 7, 21, 28 and Aug 4, 18, 25

Session 5 Sept 1, 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6, 20

Session 6 Nov 3, 17, 24, and Dec 1, 15, 22

Friday day classes

Session 3 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 5, 12

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Session 6 Nov 6, 13, 20 and Dec 4, 11, 18

New WGS TMG Sig

On Wednesday, May 22nd a group of four WGS members met in order to investigate and learn some of the features of the genealogy program **The Master Genealogist**. While three of that evening's attendees own **TMG** only one of them is an experienced, knowledgeable user. The fourth member of the group intends to purchase a copy soon. It was agreed to meet again on the fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with perhaps a hiatus during the summer months (July & August). An addition three or four folks attending the Library's Genealogy U classes have also expressed an interest in learning to use **TMG**. One **TMG** feature many of them like is the genealogist's ability to maintain control of their own data. Unlike some programs **TMG** does not require you post your family information to their corporation's web site where you may well lose control of it. It is generally agreed that **TMG**'s learning curve is steep but the rewards are also great. So, if you too have an interest in becoming a user of this program you are welcome to attend future meetings of the new special interest group. As there may be handouts at the meetings please contact Irv Rabideau icr@waterford.lib.mi.us about your intentions so there will be a sufficient number of copies. [ICR](#)

From the Editor

It seems that almost weekly I'm sent something in an e-mail or told something by a fellow genealogist about the problems which are encountered because of the trend toward closing public records to public use. This arrived just the other day and I thought it well worth sharing with all of you. Are access to public records may well be in jeopardy. You may want to get involved to help save this access. [ICR](#)

From: *Nu? What's New?* v. 10, no. 8, April 26, 2009

<http://www.avotaynu.com/nu.htm>

These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls

It is time for the genealogical community to form a Political Action Committee to lobby for

the interests of family history research. The acts of government agencies—primarily local and state—are interfering with our ability to access records of our ancestors. These restrictions are arbitrary and capricious. The most popular excuses are that public access leads to identity theft or can be used by terrorists. Yet there are no known cases of vital records being used in either manner.

One clerk in the State of New Jersey limited access to death certificates that were part of probate records because he wanted to. When he was told it was contrary to state law, his reaction was “take me to court.” He now requests the executor of an estate to sign a statement that the family wishes the death record to be sealed, thus circumventing the law. Last month the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) banned public access to the index of vital records due to concerns that abuse by the public can lead to identity theft and security risks. The DOHMH has birth indices/records after 1909 and death indices/records after 1948. The same agency refused to provide me with a 40-year-old death certificate, because I did not know the names of the decedent’s father and mother.

Currently there is a Records Preservation & Access Committee sponsored by the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society. They are sometimes successful in modifying proposed legislation or regulations. The committee’s technique is to meet with the government officials and try to reason with them. It is time to kick it up a notch and make legislators and clerks aware that if they make moves to limit access to their records, they will incur the public and political wrath of the genealogical community.

In many ways the United States is really 50 independent countries, each making their own rules on many matters including access to vital records and their indexes. Recently I was able to reunite a Holocaust survivor with American relatives, because the American family came from California. It was easy to do because there is public access to the vital records indexes of California. Had the relatives lived in New York City, the link would not have been made.

My personal experience with security systems is that they inconvenience the honest and allow the criminals to do whatever they want. When I was in the computer software business, I used an IBM service facility that required you to sign in. I always signed in with the name of the president of IBM. No one ever challenged it. More recently, in this post-9/11 age, my wife and I traveled to a genealogy conference where Avotaynu was exhibiting its books. My wife brought along a box cutter to open the cartons and innocently placed it in her purse taking it onboard the plane. The security screening did not catch it. The criminals of the world will always find a way to get around security systems. Some years ago, in one New Jersey county, criminals were selling false birth certificates to illegal aliens. How did they accomplish it? They had a person working for the government agency produce the fake certificates. If I wanted access to the DOHMH for the purposes of stealing someone’s identity, all that would be necessary would be to get someone hired by the institution. This is not a hypothetical case. There was a rumor many years ago among the members of the New York Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists that you could get an adoption birth record unsealed by paying a city employee \$500 for a copy of the records.

It is time for the genealogical community to approach state legislators and demand laws be passed that equitably balance the need to know by such people as family historians with the privacy of the person. Such excuses as identity theft and terrorism are lame reasons to inconvenience the public.

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On the Lighter Side

You Know You're Taking Genealogy Too Seriously If ..

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- Genealogy is the examination of the maximum amount of data in the maximum amount of time for a minimum result.
- If you find a query in an old periodical giving two related names for which you are searching, it will be a query that you placed yourself four years ago and forgot about.
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The meeting will be a presentation from the New England Historic Genealogical Society. It is an online seminar on Finding a Wife's Maiden Name. Kim Smith will be the moderator.

Discussion will follow. If you have an example from your own research on a successful search, bring it to the meeting to share.

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More information about the ratings may be found at:

<http://www.progenealogists.com/top25blogs2009.htm>

1. [About.com Genealogy](#) (Kimberly Powell)
2. [Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter](#) (Dick Eastman) [not formally a blog, see explanation at above ratings site.]
3. [Genea-Musings](#) (Randy Seaver)
4. [Creative Gene](#) (Jasia)
5. [DearMYRTLE](#) (Pat Richley)
6. [AnceStories](#) (Miriam Midkiff)
7. [Genealogue](#) (Chris Dunham)
8. [footnoteMaven](#) (Anonymous)
9. [Genetic Genealogist](#) (Blaine Bettinger)
10. [Tracing The Tribe: Jewish Genealogy Blog](#) (Schelly Talalay Dardashti)
11. [GenaBlogie](#) (Craig Manson)
12. [Olive Tree Genealogy Blog](#) (Lorine McGinnis Schulze)
13. [Steve's Genealogy Blog](#) (Stephen J. Danko)
14. [24-7 Family History Circle](#) (Juliana Smith)
15. [TransylvanianDutch](#) (John Newmark)
16. [GenDisasters](#) (Stu Beitler)
17. [Genealogy Insider @ FamilyTree](#) (Diane Haddad)
18. [Think Genealogy](#) (Mark Tucker)
19. [California Genealogical Society and Library Blog](#) (California Genealogical Society)
20. [The Genealogy Guys](#) (George G. Morgan and Drew Smith)
21. [CanadaGenealogy, or, 'Jane's Your Aunt'](#) (Diane Rogers)
22. [Ancestry Insider](#) (Anonymous)
23. [GenealogyBlog](#) (Leland Meitzler)
24. [Ancestor Search Blog](#) (Kathi)
25. [Genealogue](#) (Hugh Watkins) /it's a tie/
26. [Legacy News](#) (Legacy Tree Software) /it's a tie/

FHC 2009 Genealogy Seminar

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Pre-registration

You **must** pre-register in order to be assured that you can attend the classes that you desire. We will select the appropriate sized room to fit the demand for the class. Without pre-registration we cannot do a decent job of accommodating all the participants. It is essential that you mail us your choices for lectures. We require a first choice and an alternative choice for each hour. The earlier you pre-register, the more likely it is that you will receive your 1st choice lectures. There is no cost for the Genealogy Seminar. It is **free**. There will, however, be a cost for your lunch, if you order it through us, for the CD, and a fee for materials for the scrapbooking class. Pre-registration and all fees need to be received by us no later than September 15, 2009.

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FHC 2009 Genealogy Seminar

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Pre-registration

You **must** pre-register in order to be assured that you can attend the classes that you desire. We will select the appropriate sized room to fit the demand for the class. Without pre-registration we cannot do a decent job of accommodating all the participants. It is essential that you mail us your choices for lectures. We require a first choice and an alternative choice for each hour. The earlier you pre-register, the more likely it is that you will receive your 1st choice lectures. There is no cost for the Genealogy Seminar. It is **free**. There will, however, be a cost for your lunch, if you order it through us, for the CD, and a fee for materials for the scrapbooking class. Pre-registration and all fees need to be received by us no later than September 15, 2009.

Additional information about the conference is posted and online pre-registration is available at <http://fhc2009genealogyseminar.org> .

Classes for the 2009 FHL Conference

The following are titles of some of lectures being presented at the conference. Please go to <http://fhc2009genealogyseminar.org> for more detail.

PAF-Basic, Source Citations, Advanced
Orphan Trains
Funerals Are Not Genealogical Expeditions
Introduction to Jewish Genealogy
Resources of the Burton Collection, Detroit Public Library
How to Spend Your Spare Time – Family History Research, Getting Started
In Full Cite: Consistently and Accurately Revealing Your Genealogical Sources
When and How Our Ancestors Got Here
Scanning Photos and Documents
Behind the Scenes at the Polish Archives
African-American Genealogy: Sources and Methods
Introduction to Italian Research
Detroit's Historic Hotels and Restaurants
Michigan's Immigration Commissioners and Agents (1840-1880)
Bringing Genealogy News, Podcasts, and More to You

New Techniques in French Research-2009
Visions of Freedom: The Underground Railroad Movement & Farmington's Founding Fathers
City Directories-Unique Uses
Researching Your Family's History at the Library of Michigan
Genealogy Resources of the Windsor Public Library (Canada)
The Oregon Trail – A Personal Account
Mapping Your Ancestor's Footsteps
How to Research Your Polish Ancestry
Going Beyond the Indexes: Sources and Resources for French Canadian Family History
St. Joseph County- Footsteps Through Time
Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors
Introduction to Research in England and Wales
Using Genealogical Standards to Improve Your Research
Ireland and Scotland – Working Under-utilized Resources and Research Methods
How to Choose a Computer for Genealogy
Beginning Your German Research
More Bang for Your Buck – ADVANCED Online Researching Techniques
Michigan Township Records
American Court Records – Overlooked for Research
The Circle of Life: Research with Michigan Vital Records
Italians in Detroit
Mt. Elliott Cemetery History, Notable Interments and Records
Digging Your Canadian Roots
Breaking Down Genealogical Brick Walls
Family Newsletter Guidelines for Content
Beyond the Federal Population Schedule
Three Rivers- A Unique Small Town
New.familysearch.org – Is it Really That Difficult?
Hamtramck
Quaker Research
Tracing Female Lines
Using Google Earth in Genealogy
Gothic German – Comparison, Contrast, Context
Turning Family Genealogy into Family History – A Case Study
Placing Your Ancestors in the American Revolution
Coming to America: Research with Ship Passenger Lists
Half My Ancestors Were Women

From the Editor

We all know summer is a great time for vacation get-a-ways. But we a genealogists also know it's a great opportunity to combine a little family fun with family history research. Just in case you're headed to the Washington, D.C. area you might want to consider a visit to the National Archives even if you already have copies of its holdings that relate to your family. The following article provides unimpeachable proof for the research rule that you always looking at the original record. **ICR**

SLEUTHING FOR TREASURES AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

It was a crisp winter day in 1991 and I was filled with nervous excitement, for this was my very first research trip to the [National Archives](#) in Washington, D.C. That day would be the start of an exciting and thrilling "treasure hunt." On entering the researcher's entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue, I struck up a conversation with a fellow genealogist. She casually asked if I had a War of 1812 soldier. I replied, "Yes I do, but I already have his service and pension records. I ordered them by mail from the Archives." She replied, "Oh, you will want to look

at the original record today. I'll show you how." At first, I thought to protest, since I already had the records. After all, what did I need to look at them for? Then I decided that this was my first trip and if someone wanted to help show me the ropes, then I needed to be open to the experience. Wow! Am I forever glad that I was! She showed me how to fill out the request for military records and where the drop box was located. A few hours later, she showed me how to get to Room 203, the textual records reading room. Little did I know what a wonderful surprise was awaiting me!

I went to the counter and requested the 1812 pension record for my great-great grandfather, Samuel Cary of Nottoway County, Virginia, a private in Capt. Charles Betts' Company. I sat down at the desk, opened the folder and starting turning the pages. Suddenly, I stopped short! I couldn't believe what I was looking at. I was reading and touching a torn-out page from my ancestor Samuel Cary's family Bible! To actually hold this fragile document with its edges torn and crumbling and to think that family members before me had done the same produced an overwhelming feeling. It somehow brought my ancestors much closer to me. I had known there was a family Bible page in this pension, since I had received the information by mail, but what was such a surprise was that there was birth and death information written on the backside of the original. I only had a copy of the marriage page! If I had not listened to some very good advice, I would never have known there was additional information on that family Bible page which the staff had omitted when they had made copies for me.

Needless to say, that experience started my love for research at the National Archives. Yes, the Archives is a large, intimidating place, but it is manageable and the treasures hidden and buried within its walls are well worth the effort to find them. After all, isn't that what we are: genealogical detectives on a quest to unearth our ancestors and the documents that tell us about them?

One of the most invaluable tools you can use for the National Archives are the [genealogy microfilm catalogs](#). The cost is \$3.50 per catalog, or you can search them at no cost on the NARA web site. Available microfilm catalogs include American Indians, Black Studies, Census 1790-1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, & 1930, Diplomatic Records, Federal Court Records, Genealogical & Biographical Research, Immigrant & Passenger Arrivals, and Military Service Records. All catalogs provide a very good all-around overview of the holdings available along with a brief description of what each record is about. I use them when developing my research log before a trip. That way I have a general idea of what records I would like to locate when I arrive. By browsing through these books at home and reading what the record is about, it helps take my research in directions that I might not normally think about looking. My favorite catalog of all is the Military Service Records catalog. If you only buy one catalog, that is the one I recommend. Not only does it cover all conflicts from the Revolution through World War I, but also other lesser known record collections such as Confederate prisoners of war; Confederate soldiers who died in federal prisons & military hospitals 1861-1865; correspondence relating to Indian affairs; military pensions & fortifications 1791-1797; and U.S. Naval Academy registers of delinquencies 1846-1850 and 1853-1882.

Other helpful finding aids are the 160 color-coded one-page guides relating to numerous microfilm publications. These include the following topics: African Americans, Asian Americans, Census, Citizenship, Civilian Federal Employees, District of Columbia, Early Congressional Private Claims, Immigration, Lands, Military, Native Americans and the 1885 State & Territorial Censuses. These guides are available free at the National Archives in D.C., or you can access the entire 160-page collection on line at the [Mount Vernon Genealogical Society](#). They are quite helpful in giving a brief overview of the records, as well as in listing some of the individual microfilm publications and a description of each particular film.

My enthusiasm and love of the National Archives after almost eighteen years of research there has not waned. With each visit, I am filled with the anticipation of the endless possibilities of finding a wonderful "national treasure" associated with my ancestor, be it discovering an additional generation, putting meat on a particular ancestor's bones, or discovering how he or she fit into the historical context. I've had the honor and the privilege to view some of the most touching and wonderful treasures that are housed in the National Archives. For example, newspaper clippings relate the story of a Union soldier, Hiram H. Robinson, a private of Co. H., 57th Pennsylvania Infantry, on night watch in Washington, D.C., the night that President Abraham Lincoln was shot. Pvt. Robinson was selected for the honor guard that accompanied his body back home to Illinois for burial. I've also read the original letters of an Andersonville prisoner of war, Samuel A. Lindley, a private of Co. B, 9th Minnesota Infantry, who wrote home to his parents Lewis and Sylvia Lindley before his untimely death in Andersonville. The Cherokee application papers of Rebecca T. Angel, of Ogeechee, Oklahoma Indian Territory, show a four-generation genealogy of her family, while the wonderful passport record for Daniel Ademar Gindrat of Middlesex County, Massachusetts, describes his birth in Switzerland, his naturalization as a U.S. citizen, and his job at the Waltham Watch Company that required his travel abroad to England, France & Switzerland.

The National Archives is filled with boundless "national treasures" and they tell our ancestors' stories. So put on your sleuthing cap, grab your notes and magnifying glass, and go for the "treasure hunt" of your life! You may just strike it rich with your own personal "gem."

This year is the [75th anniversary](#) of the opening of the National Archives and it has extended a special invitation to NARA researchers to help with this celebration. You can [submit your own story](#) about a favorite document or surprising find, thank a staff member who was especially helpful, or share details of your most exciting discovery.

FROM: [GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com](http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com)
<http://www.genealogyandfamilyhistory.com/?p=98>
By Bonnie Lynn Cary

Genealogy Conference

The 5th Annual Genealogy Conference and "Land Cruise" will be held in a beautiful historic resort in the Shenandoah mountains of Virginia, 26-30 Aug 2009. At less than \$400 per person (including meals) for this four-day event, it is not likely that you'll find a more cost-effective way to learn how to be a better researcher, with presentations by some of the most popular and experienced professional genealogists in the country. The schedule even includes an all-day research trip to Washington D.C. so you can put some of your new skills to immediate good use at the National Archives, Library of Congress, and DAR Library, among others.

The conference lecture series includes these presentations:

- "Research at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library"
- "One Family's Footprint in the Federal Records Department, the Bureau of Customs, the Weather Bureau, and cartographic records"
- "The Library of Congress - An Overview with Research Examples, Parts 1 and 2"
- "Using Original and Derivative Sources: How to Evaluate Evidence" by John Philip Colletta.
- "Using Records in the National Archives: A Researcher's View"
- "But I Know He Got a Pension! Working the National Archives Pension Indexes".
- "Researching Your Colonial Wars Ancestor".
- "Researching Your Military Ancestor"

In addition, there will be at least two evening roundtables with Craig Scott on research topics to be determined later, plus one-on-one opportunities and shared meals with the speakers, welcome and farewell mixers, and other events. Users of The Master Genealogist (TMG) software will also find a number of presentations on that software and its companion programs.

The resort includes a variety of free past-times for spouses or family members (including swimming, tennis, hiking trails, etc.) and there will be special excursions to local attractions (caverns, vineyards, orchards, etc.) and for those who opt out of the research trip to D.C.

For more information about the 2009 Genealogy Conference and "Land Cruise", sponsored by Wholly Genes, Inc., please visit: <http://www.WhollyGenes.com/conference.htm>

GENEALOGY U - Learn About Your Family History

The Waterford Public Library is offering a series of free classes designed to prepare you to trace your FAMILY HISTORY. This year's classes have been reorganized so as to integrate computer and online genealogy subjects within the discussion of information sources and research topics.

- Classes are **FREE** of charge
- All classes run from 9:30 to 1:00
- Coffee, juice and sweet rolls provided
- **Registration required**, at Adult Reference desk or by phone: 248.618.7693
- You may attend any or all classes. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending other classes
- Irvin Rabideau, B.S., M.A., M.S.L.S., A.B.D., is the instructor. Mr. Rabideau has been involved in all phases of genealogy for 40 years including personal & professional research, genealogical & historical publications, presentations to genealogical organizations, and teaching
- For additional information e-mail icr@waterford.lib.mi.us or phone 248-618-7681

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Genealogy 310, Saturday, June 6, 2009

French-Canadian Research. This course will discuss the sources and techniques needed to trace your French-Canadian ancestors back to Quebec and France. Materials for Southeastern Michigan and other Great Lakes F-C centers will be covered together with the major sources for Quebec and Acadia.

Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences

- **2 June 2009. "Researching the Peerages of England and Scotland." Oakland County Genealogical Society** Since discovering "roots" in the British and Scottish nobles, **Sandy Kinter** has made a project of peerage research, i.e. Nobility, Lords and Ladies, Landed Gentry, etc. Using both print and Internet resources she will help us interpret the often-confusing material and recommend trustworthy sources as well as identify those to use only with great caution.
- **6 June 2009 Genealogy 310** Irv Rabideau, Waterford Library
See article above for class description.
- **18-20 June 2009 Palatines to America--German Genealogy Conference**

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Allen County Public Library: Our Role in Preserving Our Records

by Curt B. Witcher

The warmer, early summer days already have many genealogists on the road visiting libraries and other record repositories, as well as walking cemeteries, attending seminars and workshops, and joining in the fun of family gatherings of all sizes. I enjoyed a small

family gathering myself over the Memorial Day weekend--it seems summer holidays are just perfect for such occasions.

While the summer months have us again thinking about taking a little time off and perhaps doing a few extra genealogical activities, I would urge all of us to also think about our collective role in preserving the records that document our history and heritage. Instead of making New Year's resolutions (which typically don't go very far or last very long!) let's try a new approach--Mid-Year resolutions! Some very concrete, simple, straightforward activities can make a tremendous difference.

Let's take active steps to preserve the family data we have collected and other family information that has been entrusted to us. Each year, regrettably, there are ample occurrences of natural disasters. Flooding from melting snows in the spring and deluges at any time of the year annually cause untold damage to personal, institutional and governmental archives. The ravages of fire, accidental or intentional, have caused great record losses over time. Recall the devastation caused in the south and west with the wild fires of '08. Some areas of the country have experienced wildfires already in '09. And in our own state of Indiana, the Jefferson County courthouse was heavily damaged by fire that started on May 19th. If not microfilmed or digitized previously, many of those early Jefferson County records could be lost forever.

How many times are we going to do nothing after watching a television interview with a family indicating, post disaster, that they have lost *everything*? What steps have you taken to ensure your family records are safeguarded against these natural disasters? You might want to plan a genealogy "stay-cation" where you spend some time organizing your family documents and then making copies to share with family members and record repositories such as libraries and genealogical societies. The Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library continues to welcome organized groups of documents and papers for inclusion in our collections. It truly never has been easier and less expensive to distribute your family data for safekeeping and ready access. Burning a DVD of your materials costs no more than a very few dollars, and typically less than that. Uploading genealogical data to WeRelate.org is free and provides a wonderful way to preserve information about your ancestors, as well as images of the documents and photographs that support your research.

Indeed, what about finally publishing some or most of your family data? Publication is a very good form of data preservation. In addition, publication also has the advantage of providing wider access to copies of documents, information, and conclusions drawn about particular sets of data. In addition to the traditional method of publishing on paper, one can also publish on a personal website, provide a copy of one's data to the Genealogy Center to publish on the library's website, or again, upload the data to WeRelate.org. Are we being responsible in our collective role to ensure that historical and genealogical data is well preserved for future generations of researchers? Let's take the summer months to get active and make sure we are. Stop by the Genealogy Center and let us know how you're doing.

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 63, May 31, 2009

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From the Oakland County Genealogical Society

Dick Fellrath, our new president, is planning to man an informational display and table at the 4th annual Family History Festival at the Burton Collection, Detroit Public Library. The date is September 26, 2009, the hours will be known soon.

This is an opportunity for OCGS to provide information about the society to the area genealogical community. Dick needs a helper, who can help share information about our society and its programs. Complimentary lunch is included.

Please reply to this message at pwarren@warrenweb.info with your name, e-mail, and phone if you are willing to assist Dick.

Library of Michigan Information – New Hours

Fellow Michigan Genealogists:

New hours for the Library of Michigan beginning 7 July have been officially announced. The Library will be open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. This will provide some 6 hours of fewer public services than at present, but it does end the confusion of whether the Library is open Monday and Thursday all day.

The Legislature continues work on a budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 - huge cuts will be made and all avenues of fund-raising explored.

Please contact your legislators and express that you wish that the Library of Michigan remains in its purpose-built building, housing books written by and about Michigan people for over 150 years, plus books published in Michigan. Emphasize that you are willing to see the Library hours cut very greatly, but that you are NOT willing to see it closed completely and the building emptied, at great cost, for another use.

Joanne Harvey
Michigan Genealogical Council President and Legislative Chair

Canadian Researchers Strike Gold

All of you with Canadian ancestry will be happy to know that Ancestry.com recently added a number of Canadian census databases to its offerings thereby completing its coverage of all extant nominal censuses from 1851 to 1911. Beginning with the 1851 census for Canada East, Canada West, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia other new and/or updated information was also posted for 1861, 1871, 1881, and 1891. The 1901 and 1911 censuses are also available. These databases are fully indexed and linked to images of the microfilmed pages. Good hunting! [ICR](#)

Search Four Canadian Census Indexes Free Online

FamilySearch has added indexes to the 1851, 1861, and 1871 Canada Census to its [record search site](#) (click North America on the map, then scroll down to the list of Canadian records).

The 1881 census already was online, and plans are in place to add the 1891 census.

All are the products of a three-way partnership: Ancestry.ca provided indexes to the 1851

and 1891 censuses, and FamilySearch created indexes for the 1861, 1871, and 1881 censuses. (Both sites offer these indexes.) The originals are housed at Library and Archives Canada.

Information in these censuses might include your ancestor's name, age, birthplace, religion, occupation, residence and ethnicity. Some information on the records is in French.

Note that FamilySearch has posted only the indexes, not the record images. It will eventually release record images to "qualified FamilySearch members." (I believe this means volunteer indexers who've indexed a certain number of records.)

If you find ancestors in the free FamilySearch index for the 1851 census, you can use the location information to find those folks in the [unindexed 1851 census images at the Canadian Genealogy Centre Web site](#). (The Canadian Genealogy Centre also has 1901, 1906 and 1911 census images, but you must know about where your ancestor lived to use them.)

The Family History Library also has the records on microfilm (run a Keyword search of the [online catalog](#) on *Canada census*). You can rent the film through your local [Family History Center](#).

The digitized records also are available on the subscription sites [Ancestry.ca](#) and [Ancestry.com](#) (which also have the 1901, 1906, 1911 and 1916 censuses).
Diane Haddad Family Tree Magazine June 10, 2009

Migration Trails – Important Clues for your Research

By Carolyn L. Barkley

Migration trails have not played a significant role in my family research. My mother's family moved either from the counties of coastal Massachusetts inland to Hampshire and Hampden Counties (and stayed there for generations) or from the New Haven, Connecticut, area to Hampden County, Massachusetts (and stayed there for generations). When I researched a friend's family, I was intrigued by its migration from Long Island to Vermont; Vermont to upper New York State; New York to Michigan; and eventually to Wyoming. What a different experience!

Migration patterns often help solve genealogical problems. A comprehensive census search is a good way to begin to outline a family's movements. This strategy, however, can be challenging due to deaths and remarriages, imaginative spellings of surnames, use of initials rather than first names, poor indexing, etc. Some families just seem to disappear! An additional strategy is to read a comprehensive history of the county or town in which you have located your family. Such histories often discuss the geographic origins of the area's population and indicate to what areas groups may have later moved. Often, however, your migration picture will be incomplete and you will wonder why and how they got from point A to point D. Learning more about migration routes may help you locate your illusive ancestors as they moved.

I'd like to recommend one online and one print source to assist you in learning more about the routes available to our ancestors.

Although [Cyndi's List](#) offers a selection of 188 online sites about migration, I was particularly interested in [migrationtrails.com](#). On the main page, click on the first choice "[Migration Trails](#)." A map of the United States illustrates the route of 144 migration trails. I was

interested to note the large number of trails east of the Mississippi in comparison to those in the western states. If you click on one of the numbered routes listed across the top and bottom of the map, you will be taken to a detailed description of that route. For example, the Augusta and Cherokee Trail description includes the approximate time frame that this route was used (1675-1800); what groups traveled the trail (Danish, Dutch, English, French, Irish, Norwegian, Scottish, Swedish, and Welsh), and the counties through which the trail passed. The county information includes the name of the county, the year it was created, and a link to an online site providing information on that county. If you click on the name of the county itself, a census chart appears for its state, listing each county and the availability of a federal census enumeration between 1790 and 1920 for that jurisdiction. If you then click on one of the nationalities listed for the trail, you will be taken to a page discussing migration history for that specific group. The Swedish migration page, for example, provides the dates of immigration (pre-1820 and 1820-1880); favorite port of entry (New York and Quebec); where they settled (Great Lakes states, upper Midwest, Pacific Northwest, New York, Pennsylvania, and Utah); where to look for ancestors (with a link to a Swedish migration trails map); and historical migration facts for Swedes (beginning in 1638 with Fort Christina on the Delaware), as well as the locations Swedish-American concentrations. You can also access the nationality information directly from the home page by clicking on the second choice, "Who Traveled the Trails." You may then choose from a list of nationalities that includes Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Norwegian, Polish, Scotch-Irish, Scottish, Swedish, and Welsh, taking you directly to the migration description page for that nationality. References to related sources are provided throughout this site. You will learn a lot from migrationtrails.com no matter how much or how little you know about the movements of your ancestor.

William Dollarhide's book, *Map Guide to American Migration Routes, 1735-1815* (Precision Indexing, 1997) is also very helpful in understanding the routes taken by our ancestors. While frontiersmen had always traveled where they wished by foot or horse, the migration of entire families with their belongings required a system of roads that could accommodate wagon or stagecoach travel. While they may not have been roads in the modern sense given mud, pot holes, tree stumps, and other impediments to comfortable travel, early roadways allowed for the movement of families, or groups of families, to new locations. The routes included in the *Map Guide* begin with the King's Highway (1735) stretching from Boston to Charleston, and conclude with the roads that resulted from the War of 1812. Dollarhide describes routes that were used prior to the industrial revolution when the introduction of steamboats, canal boats, and, by 1830, railroads changed the migration experience. Routes are discussed in chronological order, with corresponding maps as well as comparisons with contemporary, co-terminus interstate, state and national roads.

[Migration trail](#) information can be very helpful to you in charting the progress of your family from state to state regardless of how much or how little you may know about their migration. By starting with a family in a particular place, at a particular time, it is well worth your time to learn about the specific migration patterns in and out of that location, as well as the documented routes that passed through the location. These two sources, migrationtrails.com and Dollarhide's *Map Guide to American Migration Routes*, are great places to begin.

From: GenealogyandFamilyHistory.com
Posted: Thursday, June 4th, 2009
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WGS Meeting Wednesday July 15, 2009

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Kim Smith will be the presenter. Most people know that Google is a search engine on the internet, but maybe you haven't looked at the other sections of google.com. Google Books is an excellent source for finding genealogical books and determining where the books are located in libraries, or for sale, and if you are lucky, the book is will be available for download to read from your home.

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July 15	Google Books: Another (Online) Source for Your Family History	Kim Smith
Aug 5	Workshop – WGS Obituary Project Roundtable-Small Group Breakout	
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Ancestry Day Seminar in Novi

The Farmington Genealogical Society, The Fox Run Genealogical Society, The Redford Historical & Genealogical Society and the Northville Genealogical Society are excited to present an **"Ancestry Day Seminar" on Saturday, August 22nd** from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. located at the Fox Run Community in Novi, MI. We have two outstanding speakers,

Lisa Arnold from The Generations Network (Ancestry.com) and Joel Stone, Curator of the Detroit Historical Museum. There will be four presentations. The seminar costs only \$8.00 per person and this includes a hot buffet lunch.

This will be a popular seminar and will be greatly promoted. Seating will be limited so please register early (hopefully before the middle of July) in order to reserve your spot(s).

Please visit the Farmington Genealogical Society website,

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mifarmgs/> for more information including a flyer, registration form, agenda, and parking information. To register, please complete a registration and mail the form and a check to the address on the form.

Volunteers

We are also looking for volunteers for the seminar. We need volunteers for the registration desk, for seating guests in the auditorium, to direct guests through the facilities, to assist at the parking lot, and some miscellaneous positions. Please indicate on your registration form if you are willing to volunteer and also let me or Sue Cromwell, GeneBugSue@aol.com know as well so that we can properly plan for the event. Thank you and hope to see you there.

Byron Bailey President, Farmington Genealogical Society Baileyb8@twmi.rr.com

From the WGS President

Due to eye surgery, George Montgomery has been unable to attend WGS meetings recently. He is recovering and hopes to rejoin us soon.

Our Luncheon chairperson, Darlene Grant, will be away this fall. We need a volunteer to coordinate planning for the luncheon in November. Please contact Amy Slagle aslagle@pasty.com if you would be willing to help.

Library of Michigan Abrams Genealogy Seminar

The Library of Michigan's 2009 Abrams Genealogy Seminar - "**One Step, Many Solutions**" - will take place **Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18** at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in downtown Lansing.

Stephen Morse, a popular speaker well known for his outstanding One-Step Webpages at <http://stephenmorse.org>, will present Saturday's keynote address - "One-Step Webpages: A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools" - co-sponsored by the Eaton County Genealogical Society. Morse will give a second program, "One-Step Webpages: A Hodgepodge of Lesser-Known Gems," later on Saturday.

Participants may mix and match sessions from two research tracks. The first focuses on popular research topics and highlights resources available at the Library of Michigan, including: cemetery research, Michigan death records, online research for the British Isles, New England area research, and much more. The second track features sessions spotlighting the collections at the Library of Michigan and other regional research institutions, including the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, the Capital Area District Library in Lansing, and the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne (IN).

Registration for the 2009 Abrams Genealogy Seminar is \$40, which includes a boxed lunch on Saturday and a seminar syllabus. Eaton County Genealogical Society (ECGS) members are eligible for a discounted registration rate of \$25.

The Sheraton Lansing Hotel (925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing) is offering a special discounted rate of \$89 for participants. Call (517) 323-7100 for reservations, and mention the Abrams Genealogy Seminar to receive the discount.

The complete schedule of events and registration form for the Abrams Genealogy Seminar are available at www.michigan.gov/familyhistory. If you have any questions, please contact the Library of Michigan's Special Collections Services at (517) 373-1300. The Library of Michigan is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center at 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing. The main entrance and visitor parking are located north of Kalamazoo Street, just east of M.L. King Boulevard.

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OGS Announces e-Book Initiative

The Board of the Ontario Genealogical Society has approved an ambitious program to digitize and place online the Society's provincial library.

The online e-Library will operate much as a regular library. Anyone will be able to borrow a book and, if a copy of the book is available, will receive a coded file containing the book. The patron will be able to read the book for a period of time, say two weeks, after which the file becomes unavailable. The book cannot be copied. These restrictions ensure that copyright is not infringed.

The 3,500 family histories held by the library will be scanned first. Periodicals and OGS publications still in print will not be placed online. It will take well over a year to get the entire library online. The system will be tested within the next few weeks when about a hundred books will be placed online within the Members Only section of the OGS website. The system will be available to the general public in the early fall when more than a thousand books become available.

The Society is investing \$16,500 in software, to be taken from the Endowment Fund, and will incur an annual expense of several thousand dollars, essentially to ensure that copyright is not infringed. As a result there will have to be a fee for each book borrowed. It is expected to be small for Society Members and much larger for non-members. OGS Members should note that OGS in-print publications will not be included in the e-Library.

FHC Genealogical Seminar

On Saturday October 10th the Bloomfield Hills Family History Center (FHC) is hosting its third all-day genealogical seminar. If you are interested in attending you may register online at <http://fhc2009genealogyseminar.org/>

Directions for registering online are given at the end of this notice.

If you prefer, paper registration forms are available at the Bloomfield Hills FHC.

Registration Process

- Go to the online registration site for the seminar at fhc2009genealogyseminar.org
- Read the complete description of the seminar on the home page. Please note the contact information at the bottom in case you have problems registering.
- Click on 'Courses' to see the presentations that are being offered. It might be helpful to choose 'Sort By Time Period' to see the classes that are offered at any given hour.
- When you have selected your courses, then click on '**Register**'
- Fill in information, moving from line to line with the 'tab' key, **NOT** the 'Enter' key
- When you have finished supplying the personal information click on '**Pick Classes**'

- Enter the classes you wish to attend from a drop down menu, picking a first and a second choice for each hour. When you have finished making your choices click on **'Enter Selections'**
- Next is the **'Verify Your Registration'** segment. If you need to make any changes click on **'Change Contact Information'** or **'Change Course Selection'**
- When everything is fine, click on **'Create Registration'**
- Clicking on **'Save'** creates a PDF file of your registration. After the PDF file is printed, click **'Finished'**.

Any money for lunch or the CD must be paid with a check made out to 'Bloomfield Hills Family History Center' and mailed to

Bloomfield Hills FHC Genealogy Seminar
 c/o Mrs. Wally Schlegel
 7389 Glengrove
 Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48301-3869

Once your payment has been received you will receive confirmation of your registration. Should you have any difficulties of any kind, please contact Mrs. Wally Schlegel at wally.schlegel@gmail.com
 Chairman, Bloomfield Hills FHC genealogy seminar

New Networking Features Coming Soon to Ancestry.com

I got a preview yesterday of Ancestry.com's new Member Connect feature, a collection of social networking tools that will roll out in the next month or two along with the new image viewer.

The idea behind Member Connect, explained Ancestry.com product manager David Graham, is to put you in touch with others who are interested in the same family lines. Some aspects, such as being able see who's commented on records, are similar to those on records site Footnote.

Member connect has a few components integrated into Ancestry.com searches and family trees: When you search and view a record, you'll see member names of Ancestry.com users who've edited the record (for example, by entering an alternate transcription of the name), or saved the record to a tree or shoebox.

You'll also get suggestions for related message boards (such as the Roberts surname board for your search on Jeremiah Roberts) and people who've listed related research interests in their profiles (for example, others looking for Robertses in Muncie, Ind.). Then you can visit that person's tree or contact him through the site. A tab in your Ancestry.com member tree will show you other members' ancestors who may match people in your tree. If the match looks promising, a Connect button links the trees and shows you more details—including buttons highlighting new or conflicting information. You can remove the connection altogether, or click the buttons to decide what to do with each fact: keep the new information out of your tree, it as an alternate fact, or use it to replace your information.

You also can contact the member with the matching tree through Ancestry.com to thank him or ask about any errors. This way, the "good data" in Ancestry.com trees will become more prominent than erroneous data, Graham says. As you link to others' trees, you build a network of researchers—called "connections"—who share your genealogical interests. More tabs show you your connections' activity related to people common to both trees, including updated information and records and new records added.

Graham promises Ancestry.com will respect your privacy if you don't want people to see whether you've saved a record to your shoebox or added someone new to your tree. You'll be able to set privacy preferences in your account profile.

People on your trees whom Ancestry.com believes are living (no death date and born less

than a hundred or so years ago) won't show up as potential matches.
Diane Haddad, Family Tree Magazine June 17, 2007

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This will be a scanning and indexing session for the WGS Obituary Project. The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary.

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Fellow Michigan genealogists and library supporters -

Now is the time for Michiganders to come to the aid of our state's history and learning.

Your Michigan Genealogical Council is planning a public assembly in Lansing to show our

legislators and fellow citizens that we care about our state's past. **On Wednesday the 5th of August, let's assemble at the State Capitol, on the lawn. We have reserved the North and South lawns, and the steps. Time, 9:45 a.m.** The State Senate goes into session at 10 a.m., the only time in the next few weeks we can be certain our legislators will be assembled at Lansing.

At 10:30 a.m., we will process/march over to the Michigan Historical Center and form our Hands Around the Library -- in hopes of good media coverage! Since the perimeter of the building is around 1800 feet, it is obvious we can use as many genealogists or friends of libraries/history of all types as possible.

Please definitely let your local Society know you are coming for sure, since you can see that we need coverage - flags and ribbons can be held between people as well as hands and arms.

We'll stay around the building probably 20 minutes starting at 11:00 a.m. -- then off to lunch, research, or museum viewing!

Thanks for your support of Michigan's past ... and our future.

Your Michigan Genealogical Council

Library of Michigan's Status Pam Epple, Oakland County Genealogical Society

The Governor's Executive Order referred to below (please read it, then read the rest of this email) was issued Monday, July 13, 2009. Some of the items were included her State of the State address earlier this year, but this makes it all official with an effective date. This is real, folks. Anyone who values the Library of Michigan Collection (or library collections in general) needs to step up to the plate and do something to prevent this travesty from taking place. Even putting it in storage until the economy improves is better than breaking it up and disposing of it. There do not appear to be other libraries in Michigan lining up to take over this vast collection. We (Michigan Genealogical Council) are currently trying to obtain the data on number of volumes, microfilms & fiche, and linear feet of materials. Can she (the Gov) really be serious that the non-Michigan part of the collection is valueless to Michigan and should be disposed of?! Where does she think Michigan pioneers came from - outer space? (Though some genealogists may wonder if their more elusive ancestors might have!) Michigan's history and heritage is tied in to that of other states and countries. Books & films of passenger lists, census and land records, church, cemetery, court and vital records and local and family histories from other places are how we learn about those who came to Michigan and made it what it is today. We don't live in a vacuum. The history of Michigan pioneers is recorded in documents from other places. The names of Michigan's cities and towns and lakes, etc. are often those of the places the settlers migrated from. The cultures they brought with them came from their places of origin and their home countries. These are important to the history of Michigan and its people!

The other issue is regarding the value of libraries to the public. If the state doesn't think one is necessary or desirable, then are the local cities, townships and counties going to follow the example of the state and decide that eliminating the libraries in their jurisdictions is a good way to accomplish cost cutting? Will they decide that they aren't important enough to the people to be maintained? The local libraries depend on the State Library for a number of services. Will those be lost because they can't now add the cost of those services to their own budgets in these tough times when they, too, must cut back? Access to many of those

online databases is funded through Library of Michigan. If LM is gone, so is that funding. You can't interlibrary loan an item from LM if it doesn't exist.

We are in an economic crisis. Cutting is inevitable, but once this collection is broken up and dispersed or discarded, 180 years of collected materials - documents, books, films, periodicals, maps, newspapers, etc. will never be brought back together. The value of the collection as a whole is inestimable and not just a sum of the cost of each item.

Please call or write your legislators. (We have witnessed how emails are not even read, at least by the intended recipient, so the old fashioned contact methods work best). You may also want to write letters to the editors of local newspapers to let everyone know what is in the works. Stress the value of libraries and the State library - Library of Michigan - in particular, to students, teachers, those interested in history, the general public, children and any other group you can think of. Local libraries are more limited in space so their collection policies may restrict what they can collect. The Library of Michigan, built for this very purpose, is the right place to house the more comprehensive collection of materials of importance to the culture, history and heritage of the entire state, its people and communities.

Inaction/silence is construed as approval. Please help in some way.

Pamela Epple pjepple@hotmail.com

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July 15, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may be aware, Michigan is facing a huge financial crisis. Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm issued Executive Order 2009-36 dissolving the Department of History, Arts & Libraries and splitting the various functions between various other state departments. The Library of Michigan would be transferred to the Department of Education, and the Archives of Michigan would be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. This order would take effect October 1, 2009.

What is of concern is Section B (8) of the Executive Order that states:

"Unless the Superintendent finds it impracticable, these measures **shall include**, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Eliminating circulation of specific collections (including, but not limited to, the Main, Dewey, and General Reference collections, the Michigan collection, the Michigan Documents collection, and the Rare Book collection) **or, alternatively, transferring such collections to other suitable institutions, . . .**

(c) Suspending or eliminating participation as a participating lending library in MeLCat,

(d) **Eliminating or transferring to other suitable institutions the Federal Documents Depository and the non-Michigan genealogy collection."**

The Executive Order directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to continue to look for ways to reduce library costs.

Also in the Executive Order is the formation of a committee to look at how to further reduce costs for the next fiscal year. The Executive Order can be reviewed at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-21975---,00.html>.

In response to the Executive Order, ten (10) Michigan senators have introduced bills (SB 503 – SB 527) transferring all functions of the Department of History, Arts & Libraries to the Department of State. This would include a separate pot of money from the general fund, held by the Department of Treasury, for any donations. The donations that are not spent at the end of the fiscal year remain in the account and are not transferred to the general fund. These bills are currently in a Senate subcommittee.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2009-SFA-0503-S.pdf> .

While the Michigan Genealogical Council understands the crises the state is in financially, we feel that breaking up the collection at the Library, which has items dating back to the 1800s, is not the answer. Once this collection is gone, there is no going back. This would be a great loss to the citizens of this state as well as those that come to our state to use this collection. This would also be a blow to all public libraries, as they receive part of their funding from the library and have access to MeLCat, which is the system used for interlibrary loan.

The Council would like to encourage everyone to contact their legislators (in person, by phone, or by mail – snail mail is more effective) to help save one of our most valuable resources. For a listing of Michigan legislators, you can visit the following website:

House (http://house.michigan.gov/find_a_rep.asp)

and Senate (<http://senate.michigan.gov/SenatorInfo/find-your-senator.htm>).

Please contact your family, friends, coworkers, societies, listserves, and anyone else you can think and encourage them to show their support for the Library and its fabulous collection. Let us band together and save our state's history.

Thank you for your support,
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MGC Family History Month Seminar

MGC will be hosting our annual Family History Month Seminar this year on September 19, two weeks before the official start of Family History Month, at the Library of Michigan. Since many of our societies take the summer months off from meetings and programs, we all need to promote this event. The cost of this year's seminar is \$18 or \$26 with a sandwich bar lunch. This year's speakers come from the Library of Michigan, Archives of Michigan, Eaton County Genealogical Society, Ingham County Genealogical Society, Calhoun County Genealogical Society, Mid Michigan Genealogical Society, Grand Rapids Public Library, Stockbridge Area Genealogical and Historical Society, Western Michigan Genealogical Society, and the Michigan Genealogical Council.

The flier is located at:

<http://mimgc.org/pdf/2009MGCSeminar.pdf>

Oral History For Michiganians

The Michigan Oral History Association is pleased to announce the Oral History For Michiganians, 2009 Conference in Marquette, Michigan, Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, in partnership with Northern Michigan University.

MOHA is committed to offering an educational event designed to serve oral historians and genealogists; community leaders; businesses; collection developers for libraries, museums and cultural centers; and the like for the FIRST time in the Upper Peninsula. This two day event includes: a half day workshop focusing on the basics of doing oral history and keynote speaker on Friday; a luncheon speaker and full program of topical sessions in 50 minutes sessions on Saturday. A walking tour of local sites of interest and the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee. Continuing Education Credits for teachers through Northern Michigan University and librarians through the Library of Michigan. Exhibit space available. The keynote speaker is Barbara W Sommer, experienced oral history practitioner, teacher and author in the field of public history. Her publications include Capturing the Living Past: An Oral History Primer.

Geneva Kebler Wiskemann

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On the Lighter Side

While researching the 1870 Ohio census in Killbuck, Holmes County, this name jumped out at me!

Plant, Potter age 35. Of course his occupation was "farmer"!

Thanks to Leonard B Chapman in California.

Buffalo Gal

I was reading through marriage records and found the record of Joe Buffalo marrying Rhoda Jones. Doesn't sound like anything of note until you say the bride's new name – Rhoda Buffalo.

Thanks to Patricia O'Neal

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Sandy Kinter will present "Family History Library 101", a look at the LDS website. The focus will be what is available on microfilm that can be ordered and viewed at Family History centers.

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number of copies.

The next meeting will be on August 26, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Waterford Library.

Ancestry.com Coming To Michigan!

Farmington Genealogical Society, Inc.
Fox Run Genealogical Society
Northville Genealogical Society
Redford Township Historical & Genealogical Society

The above societies are excited and pleased to announce their sponsorship of Ancestry Day Seminar in Michigan, offering a great opportunity to learn more about Ancestry.com.

Experienced lecturer and longtime employee, Lisa Parry Arnold, will present several exciting and informative lectures about the site (see topics listed below). Lisa is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a degree in Family History. She has been doing client research for years, has authored a book entitled Finding Your Quaker Ancestors, and is the former Director of the Family History Center in Valley Forge, PA. You may have seen her column "The Ancestry Sleuth", which appears regularly in Ancestry Magazine. This is a great opportunity to learn about the premier website for family history research from an insider.

When: Saturday, August 22, 2009
Where: Fox Run in Novi
How: For driving directions & map, please go to the registration website - <http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/e76J0QPH7o0GzT0wtp0Gd>
Time: 9:00 AM-3:00PM

Presentations: Getting the Most Out of Your Ancestry.com Subscription
Building a Tree on Ancestry.com
AWAP & Michigan Passenger & Crew Lists Indexing Project

Cost: \$8.00 per person includes hot lunch
Lunch: See registration website to sign up for your box lunch
Parking/Access: Free parking available. The facility is wheelchair accessible.

REGISTRATION (by August 15th): Go to <http://email.ancestry.com/cgi-bin13/DM/y/e76J0QPH7o0GzT0wtp0Gd> and click on "Flyer & Registration Form" to print your registration form, and then mail it with your check. The address is on the form.

This event is open to the public and seating is limited to 200 people. We expect a crowd; sign up while there is still space.

Email Byron Bailey for more information at baileyb8@twmi.rr.com

Online Resources for Finding Living Relatives, Part I: Introduction

by William Dollarhide

"Finding Dead Relatives" is one way of describing what we do in genealogy because most of our ancestors are deceased, some for hundreds of years. Genealogical research involves the use of a myriad of resources to identify and record the facts of our deceased ancestors, and there is a long list of research sources available. One source is old city directories and phone books to find a person (of the past) by name and residence. But for this article, the subject

is "Finding Living Relatives," and, unlike dead relatives, this subject has one primary look-up resource: to find the name and address of a person living today, we need to use the current DIRECTORY listings available on the Internet.

Before diving into the websites for finding living relatives, it might be a good idea to confirm that a person is alive. Probably the best place to do this is through the Social Security Death Index (SSDI), a database of deaths reported to the Social Security Administration (SSA) since 1962, which is updated regularly. There are several websites available online with this database, but not all of them are up-to-date within the last few weeks. The latest version of the SSDI can be searched for free at <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>, which is updated monthly. The RootsWeb.com SSDI database has more search features than the others, and it is the same database as the one used at www.ancestry.com. Even more information is available at www.worldvitalrecords.com, where the free SSDI database is updated regularly, and every zip code for a deceased person's last residence is geo-coded to a detailed map of the area (and may pinpoint the location of any cemeteries nearby). If your lost relative's name is not on the SSDI list, the chances are great that the person is still alive.

There is another service available from SSA--again, something that might be done before using the online directory lists. SSA will forward a letter to a missing person. There is no charge for this service if the letter has a humanitarian purpose. ("Genealogy" may not be considered humanitarian, unless you are contacting the person to inform them of family matters, such as funerals, births, marriages, or matters that SSA would agree the missing person would want to be informed about.) If the letter to the missing person is informing them of money or property they have coming, SSA will charge a fee of \$25.00 for the forwarding service. You will need to provide the lost relative's Social Security number, or you can provide detailed identifying information (person's date and place of birth, father's name, and mother's full maiden name). You must write a letter to the lost relative, enclosed in an unsealed, unstamped envelope with just the name of the person on the outside of the envelope. SSA will not reveal the person's address to you but will forward the letter, either to the care of the person's last reported employer or directly to the person if he/she is receiving SSA benefits. SSA will not follow up to determine if the person actually received the letter, and you are not allowed a second request. After a reasonable length of time with no response from the missing relative, assume they do not want your contact. To initiate this service, send a letter of request to: Social Security Administration, Letter Forwarding, P.O. Box 33022, Baltimore, MD 21290-3022. SSA's information webpage for the Letter Forwarding service is www.ssa.gov/foia/html/ltrfwding.htm.

Now let's discuss a search using the online directories. A directory is an alphabetized list of names of people for a certain place or group. A telephone directory may list just the person in whose name the phone is listed, while a city directory may list more people in a particular household (usually all adults, but sometimes complete lists of family members). Typically, these two general directory sources are the main lists available at the many free-access White Pages sites on the Internet. But there are more directories that may be specific to one association, trade, profession, religious group, or ethnic group.

Professionals involved in finding living people include law enforcement officials, private investigators, skip tracers, heir chasers, and professional genealogists. A few books have been published by professionals on the subject of finding living people, and in every case they report that the highest success rate for finding people comes from the name lists found in general directories. The professionals report that their success rate using just directories is about 80%. For the rest of us, we can obtain the same rate of success by using one or more of the free White Pages websites because these sites are made up mostly of general

directory listings. It is that 20% remaining group that will require more work (and more money). These are the remaining people who are the hardest to find because they have no current published address or phone listing.

Many of the people within the 20% group can be found if you are willing to pay for the information. More complete name lists are available on the Internet, mostly offered by commercial people-finder sites. After an initial directory search, these sites also search expanded lists of people, such as names and addresses for unlisted phones or unpublished cell phone users (those not included in the general telephone directories); national lists showing a person's previous address and phone number; names and addresses of home owners and personal property taxpayers; public utility company customers; lists of names compiled from legal notices published in newspapers, including bankruptcies, tax liens, court case announcements, marriages, divorces, sex offenders, drug offenders, etc. Other public records are also available for some of the states, such as real estate records, vehicle registrations, and driver's licenses. All of these compiled name lists are available through commercial websites, and all of them charge a fee for full access to their databases. Many of these sites have a free look-up in the general directory listings, but they charge a fee to access the details from the expanded name lists derived from public records.

From: *Genealogy Pointers* (07-28-09)

<http://www.genealogical.com/content/pointers_archive.html&zenid=e3df592436fe4ebb598421b6904f72fd>

1930 Census Is Free on Footnote In August!

Posted by Diane, Family Tree Magazine

Historical records subscription site Footnote is making [its 1930 census records](#) free during August (you'll need to sign up for a free Footnote registration).

If you're a newbie genealogist, this is a great opportunity to jump in with the most recent federal census open to the public (1940 census records will be available in 2012).

If you've been doing genealogy for awhile, use this chance to try Footnote's search and record viewer. Footnote uses a keyword search that filters your results with each term you add.

I like the "Refine Your Search" panel on the results page, which lets you select from available terms. For example, if you've entered the last name Wagner, age 43, in Cincinnati, you'll be able to choose from first names of people who fit those criteria.

When you view the record in Footnote, you can see notes other users have added to the record (you can toggle this option on and off).

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This will be a scanning and indexing session for the WGS Obituary Project. The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary.

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It All Began In Poland World War II Commemoration

The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools, SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary and Michigan Polonia invite you to participate in our weekend event designed to commemorate those who witnessed World War II in Poland. The events take place on September 1 at 6:00 PM and continue Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6 at 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, Michigan.

More information is available at www.polishmission.com or 248-683-0412.

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A nominating committee will be formed, and a person to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. Please contact Betty Guziak b_guzak@hotmail.com if you would be willing to serve on the committee.

WGS By-Laws

By-Laws of the Waterford Genealogical Society

Article I. Name

This organization shall be known as the Waterford Genealogical Society.

Article II. Object

The object of the society shall be to promote the study of genealogy; to assist the participants in their research; and to encourage and promote the collection of genealogy materials by the Waterford Public Library.

Article III. Membership

Membership shall be open to individuals interested in genealogy irrespective of place of residence. Members shall pay dues of \$ 5.00 per calendar year.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, and a Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.

Section 2.

The President shall preside over all meetings of the Society. The President shall appoint chairpersons and approve members of all committees. The President shall represent the Society to the library and township officials and also may represent the Society at meetings and other events as the occasion may require.

Section 3.

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is not available.

Section 4.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the financial assets of the Society. The Treasurer shall establish and maintain a bank account for the Society and shall submit financial reports to the membership at least quarterly.

Section 5.

The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of Society business meetings and keep all Society records other than financial.

Article V. Meetings

The regular meetings of the Society shall be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Waterford Public Library. The Society may meet at other times and in other places when the library is not available. A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) members.

Article VI. Committees

The chairpersons of the following standing committees shall be appointed by the President.

- (1) Program;
- (2) Membership;
- (3) Newsletter;
- (4) Information and Research;
- (5) Hospitality;
- (6) Study Group Coordination; and,
- (7) Lock-in.

Article VII. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers and three trustees elected from the committee chairpersons. The Executive Board is empowered to act for the Society in the interim between meetings of the Society. The Executive Board may authorize expenditure of Society funds not exceeding \$ 75.00.

Article VIII. Elections

Officers shall be elected each November for the following calendar year. Candidates may be proposed by a nominating committee or by nomination from the floor. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. Delegates to other organizations shall be elected in the same manner.

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Society may adopt.

Article X. Amendment

These bylaws shall be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Society members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Society. If an amendment has been presented at a previous meeting, it may be adopted by a majority vote of the Society members present at the next meeting.

Article XI. Adoption

These bylaws shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the Society members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Society provided that notice has been given Society members at a prior meeting or through the Society newsletter.

Library of Michigan Update from Oakland County Genealogical Society

To OCGS members and friends: Please read the message below which we received from MCG and act today in the fight to save the library of Michigan:

Senator Cameron Brown has introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 18, which if passed by

a 2/3 majority in the State Senate and 2/3 majority in the State House would reject Governor Granholm's Executive Order 2009-36 abolishing the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries. This would also repudiate the proposed Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention proposed in this same Executive Order. We need your help, please continue to contact your State Senator, and especially your Representative. This is still an uphill battle and time is running short. The 60-day window from July 13 for the State Legislature to reject this Order is rapidly coming to a close, July 13 + 60 days = September 11.

Please stress in your communication with our Legislators the importance of keeping over 180 years of Michigan history, literature and culture together in one cohesive Library of Michigan collection. If this permitted to be dissipated, it will never be reassembled. Visitors come from all across the country to research at the Library of Michigan. Please STRESS the importance of passing SCR 18. Make your voice heard NOW. Send your 911 letters, emails, or visits to your State Legislators today!

In addition, Senate Bills 503-527 is a twenty-five bill package, which would transfer all responsibilities for the current Department of History, Arts, and Libraries to the Secretary of State, rather than splitting the parts among several state agencies. For a brief analysis of these bills, visit <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2009-SFA-0503-S.pdf>

The following are members of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. They are meeting Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Lansing. These Senators will make their recommendation to the full Senate on SCR 18 and SB503-527. Please contact these Senators as well.

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Michigan Genealogical Council

Annual Luncheon

The 17th Annual Birthday Luncheon will be held 4 November 2009 at the American Grill, 6722 Dixie Hwy. Clarkston, MI. As chairperson I would like pictures, brochures, flyers, mementos of birthday luncheons, Christmas parties, speakers, meetings, lock-ins, tours, trips to put in the WGS History Book. Please bring them to the meetings or I can pick them up before October 1st, so a scrapbook can be compiled to members to peruse at our luncheon. Thank you. Betty Guziak.

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WGS Notes from Sept 2, 2009 meeting

A motion was made and passed to purchase Vol. 6 of the book *The Great Migration* to be donated to the Waterford Township Library. Volumes 1-5 were previously donated to the library from WGS.

A second motion was made for Charles Dewey to move forward on the WGS website. Suggestions for the website should be brought to WGS meetings.

Request from Oakland County Genealogical Society

Your Society needs your help. Please consider helping us staff an informational table about our organization at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints (LDS) Genealogy Seminar on October 10, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shifts can be arranged, no one would need to work all day.

Please volunteer by responding to Oakland County Genealogical Society grannypamw@gmail.com and the president will contact you. We need 3 to 5 more volunteers to make this possible.

Also, the registration deadline is approaching, you can read about the seminar and see more information at: <http://fhc2009genealogyseminar.org> . Thanks for helping OCGS!

Annual Luncheon

The 17th Annual Birthday Luncheon will be held 4 November 2009 at the American Grill, 6722 Dixie Hwy. Clarkston, MI. As chairperson I would like pictures, brochures, flyers, mementos of birthday luncheons, Christmas parties, speakers, meetings, lock-ins, tours, trips to put in the WGS History Book. Please bring them to the meetings or I can pick them up before October 1st, so a scrapbook can be compiled to members to peruse at our luncheon. Thank you. Betty Guziak.

From the Allen County Public Library

Though the unofficial end of summer (Labor Day) is just around the corner, much good weather, many productive days, and nearly innumerable opportunities to enjoy genealogical pursuits are available for the taking. It's all up to you to act! The Genealogy Center is offering an amazing line-up of programs for this October's Family History Month. Put your "house" in order in September and make the Allen County Public Library your second home in October! Amazing numbers of new records have been added to our Genealogy Center database site--www.GenealogyCenter.Info. Have you looked for your late 19th and early 20th century OH, IN, MI, IL and NY ancestors in the more than forty-four thousand entry "Evangelical Messenger" obituary index? Have you visited Roots Television online recently? A lot of new programming and shows are there, and you don't even have to worry about your digital signal coming in clearly.

Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library, No. 66, August 31, 2009

Genealogical Research and the Salem Witch Trials of 1692

The Salem witchcraft hysteria, which took place in what is now Danvers, Massachusetts, in 1692, is one of the most infamous events in the history of colonial America. Nineteen men

and women were hanged, and one pressed to death, after a series of trials that have been depicted frequently in literature and in theatrical and motion picture productions. If you have ancestral connections to the Danvers-Salem area of Essex County in the seventeenth century, you may have a personal tie to one of these unfortunates, to the many others who were accused, acquitted, or died in prison, or to those who entered testimony against them.

There is no definitive genealogical study of all participants in the mania. The work that comes closest, however, is Enders A. Robinson's "Salem Witchcraft and Hawthorne's House of Seven Gables" (974.402 Sa32ro), published by Heritage Books in 1992. Robinson's work summarizes the events of 1692 and includes several chapters on the accused witches together with genealogical information about their families. There are also chapters on many of the accusers and those afflicted by fits of hysteria. While the book is not extensively documented, it is well-indexed and represents a good place to begin a genealogical study of the event. Articles on several of the families involved have also appeared in the "American Genealogist."

A number of well-researched histories of the witchcraft mania have also appeared in print over the last several years. They include Marilynne K. Roach's "The Salem Witch Trials: A Day-by-Day Chronicle of a Community under Siege" (974.402 Sa32px), which gives a daily summary of events, together with an extensive set of endnotes and an index. Also useful is Richard B. Trask's "'The Devil Hath Been Raised:' A Documentary History of the Salem Village Witchcraft Outbreak of March 1692" (974.402 Sa32tra), which includes transcriptions of many primary source documents and several contemporary narratives. Another readable account of recent vintage is Peter Charles Hoffer's "The Devil's Disciples: Makers of the Salem Witchcraft Trials" (974.402 Sa32h). All of the above-named volumes can be found the Genealogy Center. Researchers may find additional relevant information in the genealogies that have been published for the affected families.

John D. Beatty

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October: A Celebration of Family History Month

The Genealogy Center has a true *celebration* planned for October—A Celebration of Family History Month. Every day features a genealogy or local history program. Programs include lectures on online sources and research aids, researching local buildings, the Lincoln family, and scrapbooking. Some of the month's highlights are the Genealogy Center's second annual Military Symposium and the first-ever International Black Genealogy Summit.

See the details of all the events on our Family History Month calendar at <www.ACPL.Info/genealogy/programs.html>. Programs will have limited seating, so we strongly encourage you to register early for all programs at 260-421-1225 or Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

For more information concerning the International Black Genealogy Summit, use the following links: www.BlackGenealogyConference.Info or www.BlackGenealogySummit.com
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Saving the Library of Michigan

From the Oakland County Genealogical Society

There are several actions you can take today to inform your representatives that you want them to save the Library of Michigan.

Read the top paragraphs on the Michigan Genealogical Council Library of Michigan Action page, and write your representatives. The page is here, along with some links to finance committee members e-mail addresses.

<http://mimgc.org/LOM.html>

You can also sign a petition the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society have posted here:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/RPAC2009/petition.html>

You can also call your representatives, and write snail mail letters. Plan to attend the rally at the library on Thursday if you can. Information is posted on the MGC page above.

Thank you.

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- **19 September 2009 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar**
<http://mimgc.org/pdf/2009MGCSeminar.pdf>
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Presented by Stephen P. Morse < www.stephenmorse.org >

On the Lighter Side

Thanks to Jan Morgenstern....

Where Are the Wicked Folk Buried?

'Tell me, grey-haired sexton,' said I,
'Where in the field are the wicked folk laid?
I have wandered the quiet old graveyard through,
And studied the epitaphs, old and new,
But on monument, obelisk, pillar, or stone,
I read no evil that men have done.'

The old sexton stood by a grave newly made,
With his chin on his hand, his hand on a spade:
'Who is the judge when the soul takes its flight?

Who is the judge 'twixt the wrong and the right?
Which of us mortals shall dare to say
That our neighbour was wicked who died to-day?'

'In our journey through life, the farther we speed,
The better we learn that humility's need
Is charity's spirit that prompts us to find
Rather virtue than vice in the lives of our kind.'

'Therefore good deeds we record on these stones;
The evil men do, let it rest with their bones'
I have laboured as sexton this many a year,
But I never have buried a bad man here.'

----- From "Journal of the Association for the Preservation of the
Memorials of the Dead in Ireland," Vol. 2, Part 1 (1895)

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WGS Meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2009

The next meeting of the Waterford Genealogical Society will be on October 7, 2009 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Community Rooms of the Library.

This will be a scanning and indexing session for the WGS Obituary Project. The afternoon will be devoted to scanning and indexing obituaries that are "camera-ready". Scanners and computers will be in the Community Room. If you would like to bring a computer and or scanner that would be helpful. Experience with computers is helpful, but not necessary.

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WGS website

After much hard work by WGS member Chuck Dewey, we are finally online with our own website. The website still needs your input about what should be on the website. Right now, past issues of the Waterford Genie Notes are posted, officers and contact people are listed. If you are looking for blank forms such as census forms or family group sheets, there is a tab on the website to print the forms. If you have a suggestion for the website, bring it to a meeting for discussion, or submit to an officer of WGS. Chuck is the webmaster, and is willing to help us make this a viable website. Check it out at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miwatgs/index.htm>

Annual Luncheon

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Using Encyclopedias in Your Genealogical Research

By Gena Philibert Ortega

FROM: *Family History Bulletin*, September 10, 2009, WorldVitalRecords.com

<http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/news/Volume3Issue49>

Finding aids assist genealogists in obtaining the information they need. According to E. Kay Kirkham's, *A Study in Finding Aids for American Genealogical Research*, "A finding aid assists in locating additional information, it gives reference to more information along a sustained line of searching in a given area." One finding aid valuable to the genealogist is encyclopedias. Now most of us are familiar with a standard encyclopedia, whether it be online or in a series of hardback books on our bookshelf. All types of encyclopedias exist that can help researchers increase their genealogical knowledge, provide information about their ancestor's way of life, and uncover additional clues.

Genealogical Encyclopedias

Sometimes an encyclopedia can provide you with an overview of a subject. Dick Eastman's *Encyclopedia of Genealogy* located at <http://www.eogen.com/> includes genealogical articles of all kinds. This is a place to find out how to conduct research, what different genealogical terms mean, and where to find historical records. This collaborative website allows you to search on a term and then choose the corresponding articles. Searching on the term "Canadian" brought results ranging from specific terms involved in French Canadian research such as dit names, Filles du Roi, and a generalized article on Canadian townships. In addition, there were general articles on sending cash overseas and research facilities.

The web site Family History 101, <http://www.familyhistory101.com/encyclopedia.html>, has several online encyclopedias and glossaries that can assist in your genealogical research. Genealogical Abbreviations; Early Illnesses & Diseases; Early Occupations; Common Nicknames; Tombstone Symbols; Genealogical Terms; and Worldwide Epidemics are all represented here.

Religious Encyclopedias

The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750-1930 is a six-volume work compiled by William Wade Hinshaw from Quaker monthly meeting records. This work provides information on over 400,000 Quakers that lived in New Jersey, New York, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. This collection is available online through

Genealogy.com at <http://www.genealogy.com/192facd.html> . An index of the encyclopedia is located at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~quakers/hinshaw.htm> . The actual encyclopedia is available for purchase through various book retailers. It is also available on microfilm through the Family History Library.

An encyclopedia that can assist you in learning more about the Catholic faith is found at <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/index.html> . While this will not provide information on your specific Catholic ancestor, it will provide you with a better understanding of their faith. Several other faiths have similar online or encyclopedia books that explain tenants of their religion, including *the Encyclopedia of Mormonism* by Daniel H. Ludlow (ISBN 0028796063); *Seventh-Day Adventist Encyclopedia* (ISBN 082800918X); Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online at <http://www.gameo.org/>; and the Baptist Encyclopedia available at http://www.baptisttop1000.com/Baptist_Encyclopedia.html. A web site provides digitized pages of biographies from the Baptist Encyclopedia (1883) at <http://www.wmcarey.edu/carey/reference/ref2.htm> .

Fraternal Orders

Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry can be found at http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/mackeys_encyclopedia/index.htm . Part of the web site for Phoenixmasonry, several e-books can be found here. This encyclopedia is also available as a download for \$6.99 at ebookmall at <http://ebooks.ebookmall.com/title/encyclopedia-of-freemasonry-mackey-ebooks.htm>. For those interested in fraternal and secret societies throughout time there is *The International Encyclopedia of Secret Societies and Fraternal Orders* (ISBN 0816038716). The EH.net Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History has an article entitled Fraternal Sickness Insurance at <http://eh.net/encyclopedia/article/emery.insurance.fraternal> that explains organizations such as Woodmen of the World and the important role they played in the lives of workers.

States

When researching a family it is as important to learn about the time period and locality the family lived as it is to know about the family's biographical information. This can be especially vital in researching places that you are unfamiliar with. Life is different from one region to another. Learning how a region is different can help us better understand our ancestors.

To better understand your ancestor's life, you may want to check out an online state encyclopedia. Not every state has one, but those that do include articles on people, localities, events and history that can assist you in researching and understanding your ancestors. These encyclopedias are different from traditional print or online encyclopedias in that they solely focus on a particular state. I have used The Handbook of Texas Online numerous times to research my family and the cities they lived in. This has made it easier to find out more about cities where my ancestors were from but that only exist as ghost towns in present day Texas.

Some examples of state encyclopedias include:

- Encyclopedia of Alabama
- The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture
- Laptop Encyclopedia of Connecticut History
- Floripedia
- The New Georgia Encyclopedia
- The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis
- The Kentucky Encyclopedia
- Encyclopedia Louisiana
- Maryland Online Encyclopedia

- Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri
- Online Nevada Encyclopedia
- The Encyclopedia of New York
- North Carolina Encyclopedia
- Ohio History Central
- Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture
- The Oregon Encyclopedia
- South Carolina Encyclopedia
- Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture
- The Handbook of Texas Online
- Utah History Encyclopedia
- Encyclopedia Virginia
- History Link, the free online encyclopedia of Washington state
- West Virginia Encyclopedia

Family History Month at the Library of Michigan

Free Family History Month workshops will be held in October at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St. in Lansing.

Sessions will be offered Tuesday mornings, and these sessions will be repeated Wednesday afternoons. The [Family History Month calendar](#) is online.

To register, please fill out the form at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270-100247--00.html and click on the Submit button. You also may register by e-mail at librarian@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300. Seating is limited, so registration is recommended.

If you have any questions, please call the Library of Michigan's Special Collections Services at (517) 373-1300 or e-mail librarian@michigan.gov.

Family History Month:

Beginning Your Genealogy Research
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 10:15 a.m., Library of Michigan

Michigan Vital Records
Tuesday, Oct. 6, 11:15 a.m., Library of Michigan
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 3:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Beginning Your Genealogy Research
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

HeritageQuest
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m., Library of Michigan
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Look @ Seeking Michigan
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 11:15 a.m., Library of Michigan
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 3:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Ancestry Library Edition
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10:15 a.m., Library of Michigan

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

The Ultimate Civil War Resource

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m., Library of Michigan

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 3:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Michigan Roots: Research in the Wolverine State

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 10:15 a.m., Library of Michigan

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Genealogy of a House

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 11:15 a.m., Library of Michigan

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 3:15 p.m., Library of Michigan

Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences

- **6 October 2009 "Genealogy of a House". Oakland County Genealogical Society.** State of Michigan Archivist Mark Harvey will explain how looking at the history of a structure relates to genealogical research. Mark will also share news on what the Archives is doing to make records more readily accessible to researchers.

The Oakland County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. monthly on the first Tuesday of October through June (except January) at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 North Adams Troy, MI 48098 (between Long Lake and Square Lake roads). The Church has a flat entrance and ample lighted parking. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge. All are welcome.

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Our speaker is John Castle, charter member of the Ingham County Genealogical Society in Mason, Michigan, a past president and current chair of publishing and microfilming. A list of several dozen different types of township records will be reviewed and discussed. What is in these records that might provide details of the life of our ancestors, and where do we find it?
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Luncheon Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or email address: _____

Please use a separate form for each person attending.

Menu selection:

Please check the box next to your selection.

No. 1: 3 slices up to four toppings, **tossed or Caesar salad** and beverage. Price is \$10.08 including tax and gratuity.

No. 2: **Lemon Chicken**, salad, roasted redskin potatoes, bread and beverage. Price is \$18.90 including tax and gratuity.

No. 3: **Roast Beef**, salad, roasted redskin potatoes, bread and beverage. Price is \$21.42 including tax and gratuity.

Time is 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Red Knapp's American Grill, 6722 Dixie Hwy. Clarkston, MI 48346.

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There has been a last minute change in the meeting schedule. Irv Rabideau was to be the speaker, but will be unable to do so on Wednesday. Sandy Kinter will do her presentation that was scheduled for November 18. The title of her presentation is "Working Your Way Back: The Research Project."

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Waterford Genealogy and Local History Page Moves

Those of you who either use the Waterford Library's Genealogy Web Page as your web browser's home page, or frequently use the links at the site, may have already noticed that the old page and url are gone. You may now find the site at:

<http://waterford.lib.mi.us/content/genealogy-and-waterford-history>

The new page is titled "Genealogy and Waterford History." In the event you are elsewhere on the library's site (still: <http://waterford.lib.mi.us/>) just click on the Research tab located immediately below the page's header. There you will find four choices, "Ask Our Librarians," "Genealogy and Waterford History," "Search Online Databases," and "Websites by Subject" where you may click on "Genealogy . . ." Remember, using the genealogy page as your login home page, or visiting it often, helps demonstrate your support of the library's efforts to serve genealogists.

Irv

Missing in the Ether

One of the most useful features of the internet is its constant evolution. Web sites are never static. They grow, expand, correct and in other ways alter the information that is supplied. This feature of course can also be one of the internet's most frustrating features. How many times have you attempted to use a bookmark or published link and receive the dreaded 404 Error or "Internet Explorer cannot display the webpage" instead?

Well, you no longer have to accept the situation and live with the idea that the url you are seeking is somewhere off in Boofland never to be seen again. You can now turn to the "**Wayback Machine**" to find those old discarded web pages. It is located at <http://archive.org> and is the home to billions of web pages that no longer inhabit the web because they have been removed from the Internet. Searchers report a high degree of success when using this tool.

Irv

Got Ancestors?! "Guydes to Genealogical Research"

Greetings from the Western Michigan Genealogical Society. We are proud and excited to bring a national speaker team to Michigan for a full day seminar in Grand Rapids. Full details are available at www.gotancestors.com. We hope you will consider joining us in November. George G. Morgan and Drew Smith, co-hosts of "The Genealogy Guys Podcast," are coming to Western Michigan on November 6th and 7th to speak at our 55th Anniversary Conference.

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society is celebrating its 55th anniversary with a banquet on Friday evening, November 6th. George and Drew will be presenting a very special talk for the banquet. The all-day seminar, titled "Got Ancestors?! Guydes to Genealogical Research" will be held on Saturday, November 7th, at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College, beginning at 9:00 AM and continuing until 4:30 PM.

The Genealogy Guys are well-known genealogical experts, authors, columnists, and popular speakers all over the U.S., in Canada, and in the U.K. "The society has selected three of my most popular talks," says George. "Bring 'em back to Life: Developing an Ancestor Profile, addresses creating and using timelines to get past brick walls and to produce biographical

outlines for one or more ancestors. I've used this methodology time after time to help break through genealogical roadblocks, and it really works." He will present a session called The Genealogist as CSI in which he compares genealogical methods with those used by crime scene investigators, such as those shown on the CBS television shows. George is also a master on-site researcher, and he will share his expertise with you in his lecture, Planning a Very Successful Genealogical Research Trip.

Drew is a reference librarian at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He also is a recognized expert in the use of technology in family history research. He says of his lecture, The Family History in Your Cells: Using DNA for Genealogical Research, "Many people are intimidated by using DNA testing as a research tool. They don't understand the basics and how genetics can be used in our genealogy. My goal in this session is to make it understandable, and to explain how researchers can share test results with one another to help make important family connections." He'll remove the mystery of creating and maintaining a blog in Dear Diary: Today I Made a Great Discovery. And if you want to learn about different genealogical database software programs, he'll share up-to-date comparisons of the most popular Windows programs in Kicking the Tires of Popular Genealogy Software.

"One of the things that Drew and I love doing is recording a free genealogy program each week called The Genealogy Guys Podcast," George says. "We've been recording these for over 4 years and have over 185 episodes available online for people to listen to. We're excited to be recording a LIVE podcast episode at the seminar."

Don Bryant, President

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

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New Editors

This publication, *Waterford Genie Notes*, has a new editorial team. Amy Slagle is no longer able to continue in her role as co-editor and with deep regret she is being replaced. Because of the importance of this publication to the society we hope to continue publication. To that end Sue Fann has been added as a co-editor. George Rogers has agreed to be the events editor and contribute to the "Upcoming Meetings, Events, Conferences" section. I will continue in my role as contributor and advisor. It is our hope to maintain the tradition of excellence established by Amy. **Irv**

WGS Meeting Wednesday, December 2, 2009

The next meeting of the Waterford Genealogical Society will be on December 2, 2009 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Community Rooms of the Library.

This meeting will be a work session for the scanning and indexing of Oakland County obituaries. A few work stations will be available for volunteers to use, but you may help by bringing your laptop and scanner so you may also lend a hand. Along with the work participants frequently discuss genealogy issues and problems. Please join us.

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- Pro-Cite: <http://www.procite.com/pcdemo.asp>
- Book Collector: <http://www.collectorz.com/book/>
- LibraryThing: <http://www.librarything.com/>
- LC Catalog: <http://catalog.loc.gov/>

PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE

- Microsoft Office: Try your favorite office or computer store
- OpenOffice Software: <http://www.openoffice.org/>

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

- Google Books: <http://books.google.com>
- BYU – Digital Periodicals: <http://lib.byu.edu/sites/familyhistory/periodicals/>
- BYU – Family History Archives: <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/index.php>

PHOTO EDITING SOFTWARE

- Reviews & Information: <http://photo-editing-software-review.toptenreviews.com/>

GENEALOGY SOFTWARE

- Personal Ancestral File (LDS): FamilySearch.org (Free Download)
- Family Tree Maker: <http://store.ancestry.com> & elsewhere
- Roots Magic: <http://rootsmagic.com/>
- Legacy: <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Index.asp>
- The Master Genealogist: <http://whollygenes.com>

FILE ORGANIZATION

- Clooz: <http://www.ancestordetective.com/index.htm>
- <http://fileyourpapers.com/>

FORMS

- <http://www.censustools.com/>

HELPFUL BOOKS & WEBSITES

- Brady-Blake, Kathy. "Excel for Genealogists," *Digital Genealogist* (May-June 2009): 9-11.
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- Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo. *Organizing your Family History Search* (1999)
- Dollarhide, William. *Managing a Genealogical Project*. Revised and updated ed. (1991)
- Fleming, Ann. *The Organized Family Historian: How to File, Manage, and Protect your Genealogical Research and Heirlooms* (2004)
- McClure, Rhonda. *Digitizing Your Family History: Easy Methods for Preserving Your Heirloom Documents, Photos, Home Movies and more in a Digital Format* (2004)
- Sturdevant, Katherine Scott. *Organizing & Preserving your Heirloom Documents* (2002)
- Taylor, Maureen A. *Preserving your Family Photographs: How to Organize, Present, and Restore your Precious Family Images* (2001)

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