

**Waterford Genealogical Society  
E-Newsletter**

Kim Smith, Editor

**Volume 15, Number 1~January 2019**

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2019:**

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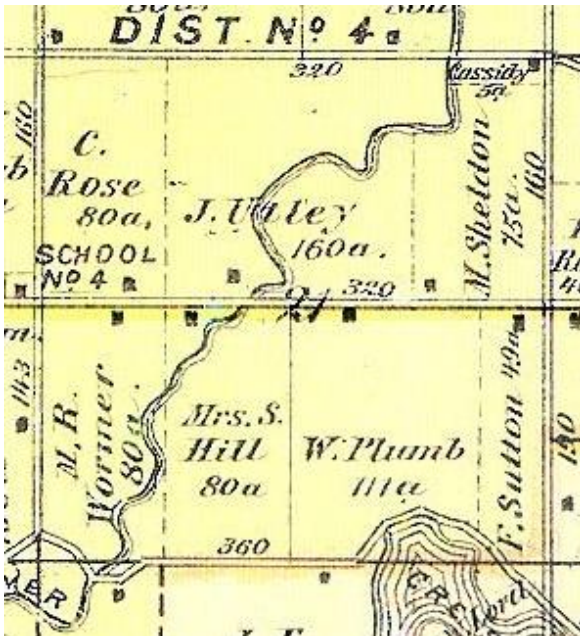
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On the 1872 Waterford Township plat map, M. Sheldon owns a farm of 75 acres located in the northeast corner of Section 21. This is the corner of Highland Road (M-59) and Crescent Lake Road, where currently there is a Kroger store. M. Sheldon was not found in the 1870 census for Waterford Township. The 1860 census, page 389, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, reports a Mercee (sic) Sheldon, age 57, born in New York and her son Edward W., age 21, born in Michigan. The death certificate for Edward W. Sheldon, who died 4 November 1916, Shiawassee County, Michigan, says that his parents were Elisha Sheldon and Mercy Coon. (1)

There is a census entry for E. Sheldon, 1840 census, page 134, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. No further information was found for Elisha Sheldon. He had died before 1850 for his widow, Mercy Sheldon, is found in the

1850 census on page 120, Waterford Township. Recorded with Mercy are her children, Edwin, age 24, Nancy, age 22, Franklin, age 19, all born in New York; and youngest son, Edward, age 12, born in Michigan. Also with the Sheldon family is Hezekiah Coon, age 83, born in Rhode Island. No further information was found for Mercy Sheldon after the 1860 census. In the 1870 census, Edward W. Sheldon is residing with his sister and brother-in-law, Hudson and Nancy Covert, page 589, Waterford Township, so perhaps Mercy was deceased before 1870.

The General Land Office website has a record of Charles Sheldon, of Oakland County, Michigan Territory, purchasing the "East half of the North West Quarter of Section Twenty-one, in Township three North of Range Nine East", 15 October 1835. (2) This is the same property owned by M. Sheldon on the 1872 Waterford Township plat map. Charles Sheldon may be the father of Elisha Sheldon, but research revealed nothing further.

The Hezekiah Coon who resides with Mercy Sheldon in the 1850 census is very likely her father, but, as seemed to be the case with this family, further research could not confirm this. The Oakland County, Michigan Deed Index has a record where Mercy Sheldon, in 1836, is purchasing property from Hezekiah Coon, Deed Book 11, page 252. (3) Unfortunately, Volume 11 has not yet been digitized by the Family History Library. In October 1835, Hezekiah Coon of Orleans County, New York is purchasing two pieces of land located in Sections 17 and 20 of Waterford Township. (2) No further information could be found about Hezekiah Coon.

#### Sources:

1. Death Certificate, Edward W. Sheldon, Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950, Ancestry, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
2. Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, [www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov)
3. Oakland County, Michigan, Deed Index, Volumes 1-1B, 1821-1842, Volume 1, no page numbers, Image 229, Film #0975556, FamilySearch, [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

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  - **January 15, 2019** : The French and Indian War  
**Please note this meeting is moved due to a conflict at the Church.**  
Derek Blount will discuss the war and how it made America. He will discuss records, people and boundaries that changed in early colonial days.
  - **February 5, 2019:** Revolutionary War  
Richard Fellrath will offer tips for researching the Revolutionary War that began on April 19, 1775 in Lexington, Massachusetts.
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  - **January 20, 2019:** 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Admission is \$7 Light refreshments will be served.  
Presented by Tom Nelson, Adjunct Professor at MCCC – Tom will be presenting a slide show of the history of the Confederate States postal system during the Civil War. At first the South used pre-war postage stamps and local provisionals. By June 1861 the System had become centralized in Richmond for the duration of the war. Tom will present the postage in chronological order as they were issued with the particulars behind each stamp.

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  - **January 15, 2019:** Canadian Research  
Grace Wilfong presents Canadian Research. Learn about unique aspects of Canadian research including Home Children, the Provinces of Canada and Canadian Census records.
  
- [Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#): Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
  - **January 12, 2019:**“Library of Michigan Special Collections” The Library of Michigan has been collecting Michigan information since 1826. During that time the Library of Michigan has collected materials that cover almost every aspect of life within the state. From newspapers, books, newsletters to magazines the Library of Michigan has tried to collect it. Join Tim Gleisner, Head of Special Collections at the Library of Michigan, and discover what the Library of Michigan has to offer for anyone interested in Michigan Genealogy and History.
  - **February 9, 2019:**“Revolutionary War Spy Letters” The University of Michigan Libraries have numerous manuscripts and other ephemera which will help genealogists and historians complete their family history. Cheney J. Schopieray, Curator of Manuscripts from the William L. Clements Library will deliver his talk on the Revolutionary War Spy Letters, one of many U of M Library holdings.

✚ [Genealogy & DNA Interest Group](#): Saturday, February 2, 2019, 10:00am at the Highland Twp Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI 48356. There will be a focus on chapter 6 from the book: *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger  
This new special interest group is sponsored by the Oakland County Genealogical Society. Learn more about the society at [ocgsmi.org](http://ocgsmi.org) . [Please register online](#) or by calling 248-887-2218 (x3)

From the organizers: In this meeting on February 2nd, we will review the book ***The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine T. Bettinger***. *Please especially read chapter 6 - Autosomal-DNA (atDNA) Testing*. You are welcome to bring your computer to look at your DNA results and we will help you to download the raw data (if you need help) and the basis of the session will be to help everyone understand the basic concepts and points of what Dr. Sims shared - plenty of time for BASIC questions.

We also encourage to you look at and attempt to work on the fun, easy graphing system for using the cousin matches you have - please see Dana Leeds' website: <https://dnawithdana.com/> Please read through and follow her model of color-coding your various cousin matches here: <https://dnawithdana.com/dna-color-clustering-the-leeds-method-for-easily-visualizing-matches/>

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- ✚ Are you My Cousin blog by Lisa Lisson: [50 FREE Genealogy Websites for Frugal Genealogists](#)
  
- ✚ [DNAExplained – Genetic Genealogy](#) recent blog shares her Top Ten DNA articles from 2018:
  - It's always interesting to look at the most popular articles at [DNA-Explained](#) at the end of each year. Out of millions of page views, these are the Top 10 in 2018, with the \* indicating articles that were in the 2017 Top 10 list as well. If you missed some, now's a good time to catch up or to share with friends.
    - \*[Proving Native American Ancestry Using DNA](#)
    - \*[Concepts – Calculating Ethnicity Percentages](#)
    - \*[Which DNA Test is Best?](#)
    - [Ancestral DNA Percentages – How Much of Them is in You?](#)
    - \*[Ethnicity Testing – A Conundrum](#)
    - \*[How Much Indian Do I Have in Me?](#)
    - [Autosomal DNA Transfers – Which Companies Accept Which Tests?](#)
    - [Concepts – Percentage of Ancestors' DNA](#)
    - [X Marks the Spot](#)
    - \*[Mythbusting – Women, Fathers and DNA](#)
  
- ✚ Worth repeating: An important collection for Michigan is being indexed by volunteers, this video shows you how easy it is to participate.  
<http://seekingmichigan.org/naturalization> as presented by Kris Rzepczynki.
  - New Tutorial for Web Based Indexing FamilySearch has streamlined indexing into a web based portal. This video will demonstrate how to find the Michigan Naturalization Project and index with this new tool.
  
- ✚ By request-where to find “out of copyright” books online
  - [HathiTrust](#) is a partnership of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.
  - Internet Archive found at [Archive.org](#). They pay special attention to books. Not everyone has access to a public or academic library with a good collection, so to provide universal access we need to provide digital versions of books. We began a program to digitize books in 2005 and today we scan 1,000 books per day in 28 locations around the world. Books published prior to 1923 are available for download, and hundreds of thousands of [modern books can be borrowed](#) through our [Open Library](#) site. Some of our digitized books are only available to the [print disabled](#).
  - [Google Books](#) is a service from Google Inc. that searches the full text of books and magazines that Google has scanned, converted to text using optical character recognition, and stored in its digital database.
  - FamilySearch has a free virtual online library of rare historic books from all over the world to help you discover rich, unknown details about the lives of your ancestors. A dynamic, priceless online repository of some of the greatest hidden historic treasures. International, and a growing host of partnering libraries and organizations and volunteers, have announced that they've reached the milestone of publishing 200,000 historic volumes online for free at [books.FamilySearch.org](#). The growing online collection, which began in 2007, is invaluable to genealogists and family historians in finding their ancestors.

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*The society will promote and encourage an interest in genealogy among its members and the general public. Working closely with the Waterford Township Public Library, the society aims to educate and enhance research opportunities.*

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Based on calendar year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you give permission to share your contact information with other members of the society.

This information will not be shared with any other organization or entity.

Check if you would like to be an officer or help on a committee.

Check if you would like to receive a membership card.

Surnames, and their locations, that you are researching:

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Send **\$15** check or money order payable to:

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Date: **May 15, 2019**

Topic: A Fiddler, A Horse Farm and a Harvest of Ice: People and Places along the Dixie Corridor

Presenter: Carol Bacak-Egbo- Special Lecturer, *Oakland University* Historian and Project Advisor, *Oakland County Parks*

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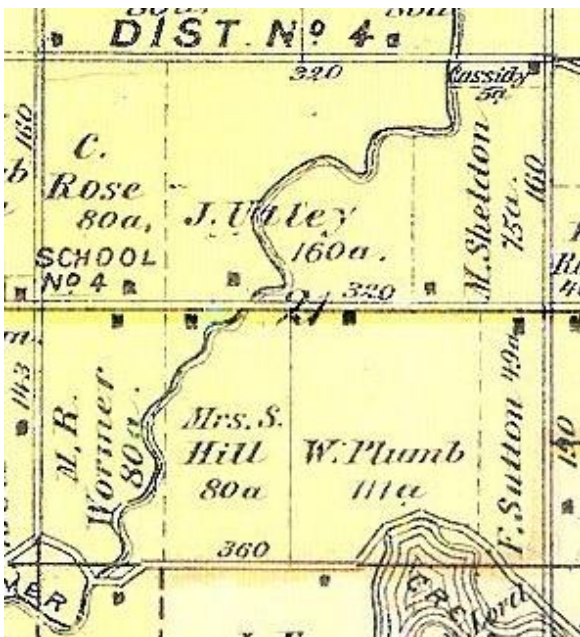
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## James Cassidy

In the northeast corner of Section 21 is a black square with the name "Cassidy" and "5 a" in small letters. The five acres of land, now the southwest corner of the intersection of Highland and Crescent Lake Roads, was owned by James Cassidy. The 1870 census shows James Cassidy, age 27, born in New York; Rosana Cassidy, age 61, born in Ireland; and Anna Cassidy, age 25, a dress-maker, born in Michigan.

The Cassidy family left few records for the genealogist to find. James Cassidy appears in the 1850 census with his parents, James and Rosina Casedy (sic), on page 348, Brandon Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (1) The father, James Cassidy, is age 45, born in Ireland; Rosina, age 44, also born in Ireland. Children are Edward, age 21, born in England; James Jr., age 16 and Mary A., age 14, both born in New York; Rosina, age 11, and Elizabeth, age 8, both born in Michigan. At age eleven, Rosina would have been born about 1839, so the family arrived in Michigan about then.

The 1860 census was too faint to read. The transcription lists R. Cassiday as head of the household. The Cassidy family still resided in Brandon Township. The senior James Cassidy had died before 1860. This family had no cemetery records found online. The Oakland County Deed Index, Volume 5, shows that Rosannah Cassedy, in 1867, is selling 165 acres, located in Section 24, Township 3N Range 8E (White Lake). (3) That same year James B. Cassedy, is purchasing property located in Section 21, Township 3N Range 9E (Waterford). (3)

James Cassidy and his mother, Rosanna, did not reside long in Waterford Township. The 1880 census shows them living on School Street in Pontiac, Michigan. (4) James' occupation is listed as retired and he is only 35 years old. Rosanna's death is unknown. James Cassidy died of typhoid fever, 24 October 1903, in Pontiac, Michigan. (5) He never married.

### Sources:

1. 1850 Census, page 348, Brandon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
2. 1860 Census, page 787, Brandon Township, Oakland County, Michigan
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4. 1880 Census, page 319B, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan
5. Death Certificate, James Cassady, Michigan, Death Records, 1867-1950, Ancestry, [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

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**Elizabeth Denison Forth- Emancipated Woman Presented by Rosie Richardson**  
Lisette Denison Forth was born a slave near Detroit, worked as a maid, became a Pontiac landowner, and philanthropist. Celebrating Black History Month, Rosie Richardson will speak on Lisette's early life, freedom, and her contribution in the building of St James

Episcopal Church in Grosse Ile. Her life story has been documented by Michigan Historic Site Markers, the National Register of Historic Places, Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, and Daughters of the American Revolution Women in American History Honoree.

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Presented by Roz Kelly.
  - **March 19, 2019**: DNA Panel  
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Presented by Ruth Ann Jones, Special Collections
  - **April 13, 2019** - "Archives of Michigan Manuscript Collections, State & Local Government Records" Senior Archivist, Kris Rzepczynski, joins us for an overview of the Archives of Michigan Special Collections. Mr. Rzepczynski will tell us how and where we may access the Archive holdings, and he will be able to direct us to other governmental records still maintained by local jurisdictions.
  
- ✚ **Genealogy & DNA Interest Group**: Saturday, March 16, 2019 and June 22, 2019, 10:00am at the Highland Twp Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI 48356.

<p>DO YOU HAVE A REVOLUTIONARY <b>PATRIOT</b> IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?</p>	 <p>DAR Daughters of the American Revolution</p>	<p><b>DAR Membership Workshop</b> March 2, 2019 10:30 am – 2:00 pm Waterford Twp. Public Library Community Room Presented by Lydia Barnes Potter Chapter of Waterford</p> <p>Anyone interested in joining the DAR is welcome to attend this free workshop. Experienced genealogists will be there to walk you through the process, explain the documentation needed and help you find a connection to your Revolutionary War Patriot. Bring what you know about your family lineage.</p>
<p><b>Who is eligible for membership?</b> Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. DAR volunteers are willing to provide guidance and assistance with your first step into the world of genealogy.</p>	<p><b>How many members does the National Society have?</b> DAR has more than 185,000 members in nearly 3,000 chapters worldwide, including chapters in 14 foreign countries and one territory. Since its founding in 1890, DAR has admitted more than 945,000 members.</p>	<p>Consider membership in the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), a volunteer women's service organization that honors and preserves the legacy of our Patriot ancestors. Nearly 250 years ago, American Patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.</p> <p>As a member of the DAR, you can continue this legacy by actively promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children.</p>
<p>Questions? Contact Bette <u>Twyman</u> <a href="mailto:bettetwyman@att.net">bettetwyman@att.net</a> or (248) 234-2621</p>		

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### **Wednesday February 27**

9:30 a.m.: What's New at FamilySearch? Ron Tanner of FamilySearch

11:00 a.m. : Hear Them Sing! Social History and Family Narrative Join Rebecca Whitman Koford.

1:30 p.m.: Uncovering Family Stories with British and Irish Historic Newspapers (Sponsored by Findmypast) with Myko Clelland

3:00 p.m.: Connecting Your DNA Matches- Diahann Southard

4:30 p.m.: Wednesday General Session and Opening Event-Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch International, will be the featured keynote speaker

### **Thursday February 28**

8:00 a.m.: Making the Leap—Becoming a Professional Genealogist-, Luana Darby, Valerie Elkins, and Anne Teerlink.

9:30 a.m.: Finally! German Church Records and How to Use Them on FamilySearch-Trish Melander

11:00 a.m.: Thursday General Session: Patricia Heaton

1:30 p.m.: What You Don't Know about Ancestry - Crista Cowan

3:00 p.m.: "Jumping the Broom," Oil, Inheritance, and African American Marriage in the South-Kenyatta Berry

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### **Friday March 1**

8:00 a.m.: Why and How to Put Yourself into Your Family History -Curt Witcher, Amy Johnson Crow, Scott Fisher

9:30 a.m.: Essential Considerations for DNA Evidence-Blaine Bettinger

11:00 a.m.: Friday General Session: Saroo Brierley

1:30 p.m.: Getting the Most Out of Billions of Records on MyHeritage SuperSearch - Mike Mansfield

3:00 p.m.: Discover Your Japanese Ancestors- Valerie Elkins

4:30 p.m.: The Research Road Map: Your Path to Success-Amy Johnson Crow

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8:00 a.m.: Trace the Story of Immigrant Ancestors in 3 Steps -Susan Miller, D. Joshua Taylor, and Frederick Wertz

9:30 a.m.: Examining Your DNA Matches with DNA Painter-Jonny Perl

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1:30 p.m.: Leading with Science at 23andMe –Sarah Lashkey

3:00 p.m.: The Silent Language of the Stones: Reading Gravestones through Symbols and Carvings Symbols -Joy Neighbors

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**2019:**

April: Religious records

May: Census records

June: Preparing for summer research trip

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The brochure may be found at the end of this newsletter.

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**New this year:** your comments were heard after the lock-in last year and changes have been made to reflect your wants and wishes. There will be **NO MEAL** offered in order to lengthen the class times and to offer three sessions. Our wonderful desserts will still be available, along with water, coffee and tea.

- WGS Delegates attended the Michigan Genealogical Council meeting. Representative from the Archive of Michigan presented a preview of the overhaul of SeekingMichigan website. The site will sport a new name to go with its new look. An October date is their goal for launching this new and greatly improved site.

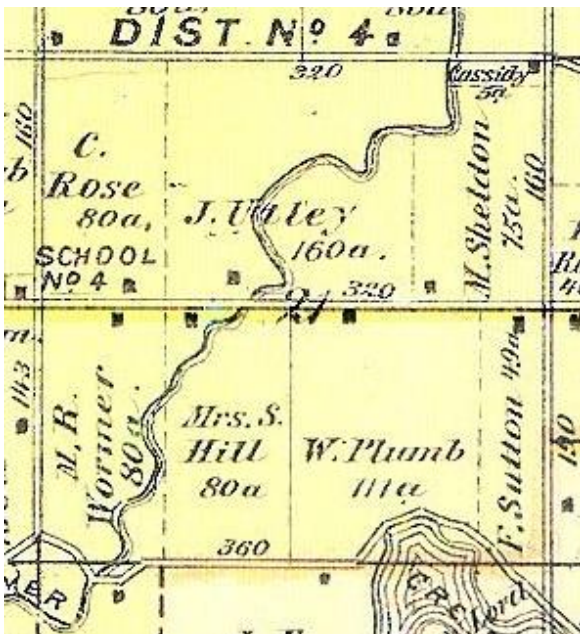
A Representative from the Library of Michigan gave a MyHeritage Library Edition presentation, pointing out its unique resources- FREE to Michigan residents.

THEN.... All had to evacuate for a fire alarm, a little excitement that ended the meeting. It turned out to be a small electrical fire in an elevator- no damage to any of the collections.

- The Waterford Twp Public Library is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

## Of Waterford Interest- Waterford Township Section Biographies

### Section 21



The center of Waterford Township is the intersection of Highland Road (M-59) and Crescent Lake Road. Section 21 is the southwest corner of this intersection. The business corridor, along Highland Road, is the northern boundary of the section. South of that lies the residential part of Section 21, with Elizabeth Lake Road marking the southern boundary of the section. Running through the center of the section is Pontiac Lake Road, which is where the 1872 plat map shows most of the residences were located. The Clinton River runs diagonally across the township on its way to Pontiac.

Matching residents' names on the 1872 plat map to names in the 1870 census was a little difficult in Section 21. Sometimes, as in the case of J. Utley, the name appears on the plat map, but cannot be found in the 1870 census, or in any census. J. Utley is still unknown. Also unknown is the F. Sutton, found in the southeast corner of the section, with 49 acres along Elizabeth Lake Road and the intersection of Crescent Lake Road. No F. Sutton was found in the 1870 census or agricultural census.

# Morgan R. Wormer

## Henrietta Emerson

The Wormer family is found in the 1870 census, on page 593, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. Head of the family is Morgan Wormer, age 42, born in New York; his wife Henrietta, age 41, born in New York, daughter Ida, age 15, born in New York; and son Edwin, age 4, born in Michigan. Residing with the family are Henrietta's parents, (2) Henry Emerson, age 66, born in Vermont and Marietta Emerson, age 65, born in New York. The eighty acre farm of M.R. Wormer was located in the southwestern corner of Section 21, with Pontiac Lake Road on the north side, Elizabeth Lake Road on the south, and Airport Road on the west.

Morgan R. Wormer, or possibly Van Wormer, was born about 1827, in New York. (1) His parents are unknown. Morgan married, 11 June 1851, Henrietta Emerson. (2) He died 24 October 1889 in Walker County, Georgia. (2) Henrietta Emerson was the daughter of Henry Emerson and Marietta Webster, born 30 January 1829, Rodman, Jefferson County, New York (2) and died in 1904. (3)

The Wormer's lived a nomadic life and are found in Waterford Township only in the 1870 census. In the 1860 census, Morgan and Henrietta Wormer are residents of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (1) Morgan's occupation is given as "steward on steam boat". Ancestry's IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918, records Morgan R. Wormer, 1866, living in Holly, Michigan. This time Morgan's occupation is "Keeper of Eating House, Retail Liquor Dealer". (4) Does this mean he was a saloon keeper?! In the 1880 census, Morgan and Henrietta Wormer are residents of Walker County, Georgia, just a little south of Chattanooga, Tennessee. (5) The widow Henrietta Wormer is found in a 1894 Chattanooga City Directory (6) and in 1898 she is in a Seattle, Washington City Directory. (7) The 1900 census finds Henrietta Wormer living in Los Angeles, California. (8)

Henrietta (Emerson) Wormer and her father, Henry, are descendants of Thomas Emerson, an early settler of Ipswich, Massachusetts. (2) Joseph Emerson, son of Thomas, and Henrietta's ancestor, married Elizabeth Bulkeley. Elizabeth Bulkeley was the daughter of Rev. Peter Bulkeley, first minister of Concord, Massachusetts, and a Gateway Ancestor with family ties to kings of England. (9)

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

*Visit these sites- each one has lots of great information and links*

- [Oakland Co. Genealogical Society](#) St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams Rd, Troy, 7:00 p.m.
  - **April 2, 2019:** WWI and WWII Military Records

Cynthia Grostick will present a brief history of both conflicts, the various types of records that are available, alternative sources available if access to the records is not an option, and what we can do to remember these brave men and women who answered their nations call to arms.

- **May 7, 2019:** Remember the Maine - the Spanish American War

Derek Blount will cover the events leading up to and including the war; what kinds of artifacts and records were created and where to find them.

- **June 4, 2019:** Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)/Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Membership Process. Representatives from each heritage organization will talk about their organizations and how to apply for membership.

- **[Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society \(OCPHS\)](#)** 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI  
Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. To ensure that a volunteer will be here to assist you, please call ahead (248-338-6732 ) before visiting. As a general guideline, the office is now open Tuesday- Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 AM-8:00 PM.

- **April 14, 2019: 2:00-4:00 pm.** Mini-lecture, admission \$7.00 : **USS Michigan: Great Lakes Guardian – Larry Hathcock.** For over eighty years the USS Michigan operated on the Great Lakes. When the Michigan was launched in December 1843, it became the first iron hulled ship in the US Navy. Built as a deterrent to British naval strength, the USS Michigan would become involved with stopping timber pirates, the King Strang assassination and the plot to free Confederate POW's on Johnson's Island during the Civil War. This talk will cover the long career of this revolutionary and historic ship.

- **[Farmington Genealogical Society](#):** meets at the Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
  - **March 19, 2019:** DNA Panel  
FGS members will host a panel discussion on their DNA research.
  - **April 16, 2019:** Timelines  
Presented by Dan Earl. Often times researchers fall into the 'gathering information' phase of genealogical investigation compiling dozens of census records, vital records, and other documents about their ancestors without pausing to examine what all of those documents mean. This lecture provides researchers with a method for placing documents into a historical context and to help create the story of their family. Learn how to use new web-based technology to create and use timelines to help them take the next step in their research.
  - **May 21, 2019:** Genealogy Jeopardy  
Join us for a fun night where we have the genealogical answers and you have to come up with the questions. This will be a great way to socialize with fellow members as well as expand your genealogical knowledge!
- **[Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#):** Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
  - **April 13, 2019** - "Archives of Michigan Manuscript Collections, State & Local Government



Records" Senior Archivist, Kris Rzepczynski, joins us for an overview of the Archives of Michigan Special Collections. Mr. Rzepczynski will tell us how and where we may access the Archive holdings, and he will be able to direct us to other governmental records still maintained by local jurisdictions.

- **May 11, 2019:** "Wayne State University's Special Collections and Digital Databases" that aid genealogists in their search for information. Join Cynthia H. Krolkowski, Special Collections Librarian: Rare Books as she explains relevant resources to DSGR members and guests, and the many ways to access Special Collections and other book materials from the Wayne State University Library System.

✚ [Genealogy & DNA Interest Group](#): Saturday, March 16, 2019 and June 22, 2019, 10:00am at the Highland Twp Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI 48356.

✚ **Save the dates! Registration will be available soon. [Check back here](#)**  
Friday, July 12 through Saturday, July 13: 2019 **Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar**  
Michigan Library and History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing, Michigan



Tina Beard is owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is also a genealogy librarian at the Plainfield Public Library in Plainfield, Illinois. She lectures extensively on topics including Scottish genealogy, military research and archival preservation. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists as well as a board directors for the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the Northern Illinois Historic League. Tina is also a commissioner for the Illinois WWI Centennial Commission. She has been published in the National Genealogical Society Magazine and TIARA: The Irish Ancestral Research Association Quarterly. Tina has provided research assistance for over fifteen years and has been researching her family's history, as time permits, for over twenty years.

## SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

✚ DNA expert Blaine Bettinger is always up to date with the latest tools. He just released a free YouTube video- "[New AncestryDNA Tools-ThruLines and DNA Match List.](#)" Below is his introduction and reminder of his newest educational endeavor DNA Central.

"Have you seen the new tools launched at AncestryDNA? The new DNA Match List beta has clustering and filtering options, and the ThruLines offers new relationship possibilities. In this video we'll look at these tools, including the benefits and limitations, and how you can incorporate these tools in your research. To learn more about DNA testing, check out DNA Central: <http://dna-central.com>. Use the coupon code 2019WEBINAR to save \$30 off the normal price of \$99 for a new yearly membership!"

✚ [RootsTech 2019 free online presentations](#) are available for viewing. Watch a wide range of topics from nationally known speakers-including Michigan's own Kris Rzepczynski presentation "Perilous Assumptions: Revisiting Those First Finds"

Other speakers include Blaine Bettinger, Diahn Southard, Crista Cowan and Jonny Perl (DNA Painter creator) to name a few.

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The History Coalition of Oakland County supports and promotes the history of Oakland County by encouraging collaboration among member organizations and the larger community.



Share our resources: Many of us have had or are planning bicentennial celebrations. How can we help you with yours?

Many of us have opportunities to maintain or restore local places and sites. Who's done it before? Is there expertise you can tap into?

History roundtables: What's going on in your area of the county? Let's share stories and experiences. And have lunch!

Let's promote each other! Your organization can help another succeed. Let's talk about how that works!

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The second meeting of the Coalition will be on March 20, 2019 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Oxford Public Library. In the meantime, visit

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*\*Add \$10 for registration after April 29th postmark\*\*\* Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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In order to serve you better and allow time for three classes per attendee, we have eliminated the dinner portion of our program. We will still offer the dessert table with coffee, tea, and water, included in the registration cost, however, you might consider eating before attending the Lock-In. **\* You may bring a bag lunch if you desire.**

**Need Help?**  
**Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach** will be running a Help Desk, when she is not talking about Beautiful Cornwall. **Rich Turbloom** is from Rhode Island all the way back to Roger Williams. He has over thirty years of researching experience under his belt and he is willing to assist you in your hunt for ancestors in the Atlantic states. He has boxes of quality resource books for New England, some well known, & others quite uncommon, that he plans to bring to Lock-In. His personal resources have been indexed and he will bring additional indexes the night of the lock-in. Maximizing your research time is what he is here for.

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Period II (8:00-9:20) \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 3:** Eastern European Research \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 4:** Thinking Outside The Box

Break (9:20-9:50) \_\_\_\_\_ Door Prizes

Period III (9:50-11:10) \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 5:** Color Your Ancestors Alive \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 6:** Researching in Cornwall, England

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**Date:** May 4, 2019  
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*THE EVENING'S SCHEDULE*

**Check-In:** 5:45

**Welcome/Announcements:** 6:15

**Classes:** 6:30-11:10

**Research on Computers:** 6:30-11:00  
Computers with Databases: Ancestry-LE,  
Heritage Quest, Family Search,  
New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Bring a USB flash drive to save information

If you have a laptop or tablet with wireless capabilities, you are welcome to bring it and have access to all the Library's databases.

Period 1 6:30 - 7:50

**Introduction To Military Records Research**

1. *Katherine Willson, Presenter.* How can you determine which major conflicts your ancestor might have served in? Which records may have been generated during that time and where are they held? We'll learn about various places we might look to determine whether an ancestor served in the military and what we might expect to find in his or her military records.

2. **Improving Your Understanding Of Shared DNA Matches Using Clusters**

*Dr. Jim Sims, Presenter.* The use of shared DNA matches, also called in-common-with matches, is one of the most powerful techniques genetic genealogists can use to understand their match lists to help answer their research questions. Clustering provides a visual way to organize shared matches to make it easier to see patterns in the shared matching data. In this talk, three techniques are discussed: Leeds Method, Collins' Leeds Method 3D and AutoClusters.

Period 2 8:00 - 9:20

3. **Eastern European Research**

*Hal Learman, Presenter.* Demonstrating the various aspects of the toolbox website, [www.mpolonia.net](http://www.mpolonia.net) which he co-created. A step-by-step presentation will be provided in search of the home village & parish records of Michal Luszczyc. This power point program will ultimately be available on their website in a PDF & cover the time frame from current day records going back to the early 1800's.

4. **Thinking Outside The Box: Step By Step Family Research**

*Karen Krugman, Presenter.* Using the 5 steps of researching, she will show you how to possibly help break down those brick walls that stand between you and your ancestor.

Period 3 9:50 - 11:10

**Color Your Ancestors Alive! Adding More Than Dates And Names**

5. *Karen Krugman, Presenter.* Discover the ways to fill in the spaces between your ancestors' birth and death dates. These ways are timeless researching tools and can be used during any time frame to research and discover your ancestors' lives.

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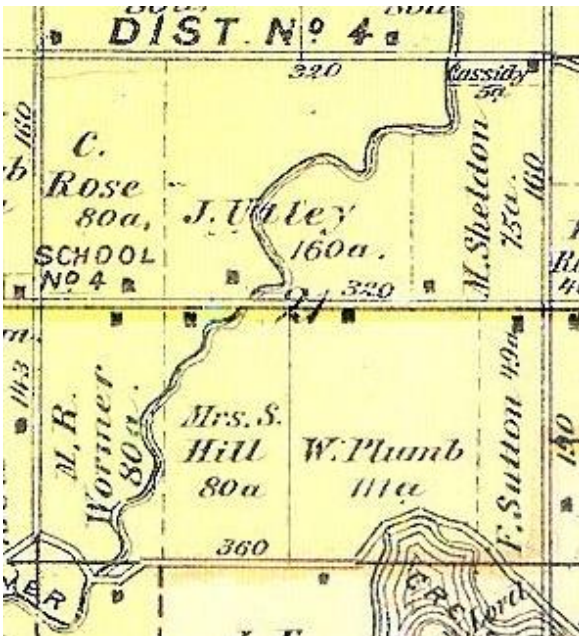
The brochure may be found at the end of this newsletter.

Seating is limited so don't wait to send it in.

**New this year:** your comments were heard after the lock-in last year and changes have been made to reflect your wants and wishes. There will be **NO MEAL** offered in order to lengthen the class times and to offer three sessions. Our wonderful desserts will still be available, along with water, coffee and tea.

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The 1872 plat map of Waterford Township shows the eighty acre farm of Mrs. S. Hill in the south part of Section 21. The southern boundary of the farm is Elizabeth Lake Road and the residence is found in the northern part of the property on Pontiac Lake Road. In the 1870 census, Susan Hill is found on page 593, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. The census entry reports that residing in the household are Susan Hill, age 54, born in Massachusetts; Nelson J., age 38; and Caroline, age 37, both born in New York. Also residing in the Hill household are Leander Birdsall, age 25; his wife, Frances E., age 25, both born in New York; and children,

Ida O., age 2, born in New York; and Julia, age six months, born December, in Michigan. Research will show that Frances Ellen Birdsall was a daughter of Welcome and Susan Hill. (1)

Susan Hayward was born 6 January 1806, in Pelham, Massachusetts, the daughter of Ichabod and Ruth (Hackett) Hayward. (2) She married Welcome Hill, probably in New York since all the Hill children were born there. (1) The Find A Grave entry for Welcome Hill says he was born 23 January 1797, in Rhode Island. (3) But the tombstone picture included with the Find A Grave entry, is not legible and there is no birth record for Welcome Hill in the Rhode Island Vital Records, so this date cannot be confirmed. Welcome Hill died 10 May 1852, in Wayne County, New York. (3) He is buried in the Palmyra Cemetery, Palmyra, New York. (3)

The Hill family is still residing in the Town of Macedon, Wayne County, New York for the 1860 census. (4) In 1869 S. and C.A. Hill are purchasing land in the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 21, Township 3N, Range 9N (Waterford). (5) Susan Hill died in Waterford Township, in 1874, and she is buried in the Waterford Center Cemetery. (6) Through her mother's Hackett family line, Susan is a descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley of the Mayflower. (7)

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

*Visit these sites- each one has lots of great information and links*

- [Oakland Co. Genealogical Society](#) St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams Rd, Troy, 7:00 p.m.
  - **May 7, 2019:** Remember the Maine - the Spanish American War  
Derek Blount will cover the events leading up to and including the war; what kinds of artifacts and records were created and where to find them.
  - **June 4, 2019:** Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)/Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Membership Process. Representatives from each heritage organization will talk about their organizations and how to apply for membership.



- [Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society \(OCPHS\)](#) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI  
Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. To ensure that a volunteer will be here to assist you, please call ahead (248-338-6732 ) before visiting. As a general guideline, the office is now open Tuesday- Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 AM-8:00 PM.
  - **April 14, 2019: 2:00-4:00 pm.** Mini-lecture, admission \$7.00 : **USS Michigan: Great Lakes Guardian – Larry Hathcock.** For over eighty years the USS Michigan operated on the Great Lakes. When the Michigan was launched in December 1843, it became the first iron hulled ship in the US Navy. Built as a deterrent to British naval strength, the USS Michigan would become involved with stopping timber pirates, the King Strang assassination and the plot to free Confederate POW's on Johnson's Island during the Civil War. This talk will cover the long career of this revolutionary and historic ship.
- [Farmington Genealogical Society](#): meets at the Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
  - **April 16, 2019:** Timelines  
Presented by Dan Earl. Often times researchers fall into the 'gathering information' phase of genealogical investigation compiling dozens of census records, vital records, and other documents about their ancestors without pausing to examine what all of those documents mean. This lecture provides researchers with a method for placing documents into a historical context and to help create the story of their family. Learn how to use new web-based technology to create and use timelines to help them take the next step in their research.
  - **May 21, 2019:** Genealogy Jeopardy  
Join us for a fun night where we have the genealogical answers and you have to come up with the questions. This will be a great way to socialize with fellow members as well as expand your genealogical knowledge!
- [Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#): Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
  - **April 13, 2019** - "Archives of Michigan Manuscript Collections, State & Local Government Records" Senior Archivist, Kris Rzepczynski, joins us for an overview of the Archives of Michigan Special Collections. Mr. Rzepczynski will tell us how and where we may access the Archive holdings, and he will be able to direct us to other governmental records still maintained by local jurisdictions.
  - **May 11, 2019:** "Wayne State University's Special Collections and Digital Databases" that aid genealogists in their search for information. Join Cynthia H. Krolkowski, Special Collections Librarian: Rare Books as she explains relevant resources to DSGR members and guests, and the many ways to access Special Collections and other book materials from the Wayne State University Library System.
- [Genealogy & DNA Interest Group](#): Saturday, June 22, 2019, 10:00am at the Highland Twp Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI 48356.

✚ **Saturday, April 27, 2019** [lansingfhc.org](http://lansingfhc.org)

**2019 Lansing Family History Seminar, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Lansing Family History Center, 431 E. Saginaw St., East Lansing, Michigan

An excellent opportunity to learn and to share, the April Family History Seminar has become a local institution within the Mid-Michigan genealogical community. This year's Seminar is another high water mark with 45 Classes and Activities this year's Seminar is sure to be enjoyable and rewarding - Don't Miss It!. Please review our website and discover the new classes and some old friends. We are anxious to see you whether you are a long time participant or a new friend. Join us and learn and share your experiences.

The seminar is free; however, there is a cost with optional producing the syllabus. Seating space is limited in many of the sessions, so please register to reserve your choices. You may register online ([link](#)) or use the mail-in form found on their site.

✚ **Save the dates! Registration will be available soon.** [Check back here](#)

Friday, July 12 through Saturday, July 13: 2019 **Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar**

Michigan Library and History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St, Lansing, Michigan



Tina Beaird is owner of Tamarack Genealogy and is also a genealogy librarian at the Plainfield Public Library in Plainfield, Illinois. She lectures extensively on topics including Scottish genealogy, military research and archival preservation. She is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and the Association of Professional Genealogists as well as a board directors for the Illinois State Genealogical Society, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, and the Northern Illinois Historic League. Tina is also a commissioner for the Illinois WWI Centennial Commission. She has been published in the National Genealogical Society Magazine and TIARA: The Irish Ancestral Research Association Quarterly. Tina has provided research assistance for over fifteen years and has been researching her family's history, as time permits, for over twenty years.

## SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

- ✚ My Genealogy Hound: This website was introduced at the last WGS meeting: [My Genealogy Hound](#) is a free resource provided by Hearthstone Legacy Publications. Hearthstone Legacy Publications publishes a wide variety of early and rare county history books on CD, DVD or as digital downloads. An important genealogy research resource! Maps (including some property owner plat maps) are also available for many areas. It is a completely free site to view thousands of family biographies from early and rare history and genealogy references. These biographies can often be valuable for discovering details about ancestors in your family tree research. In addition, thousands of historic county maps and vintage photographs are also available free to view.

# Waterford Genealogical Society

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## Waterford Genealogical Society 2018/2020– Officers and Committee Chairs:

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- E -Newsletter – [Kim Smith](#)
- Lock-In – Dot LaLone/Kelcey Evans
- German Study Group- [Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach](#)
- Programs –Sandy Kinter
- Webmaster-Chuck Dewey

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Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordGenealogicalSociety>

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Waterford e-newsletter is published once a month by the Waterford Genealogical Society  
Your news and views are valued. Please send them to the [editor](#).



## Welcome to the Waterford Genealogical Society Est.2007

*The society will promote and encourage an interest in genealogy among its members and the general public. Working closely with the Waterford Township Public Library, the society aims to educate and enhance research opportunities.*

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Based on calendar year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you give permission to share your contact information with other members of the society.

This information will not be shared with any other organization or entity.

Check if you would like to be an officer or help on a committee.

Check if you would like to receive a membership card.

Surnames, and their locations, that you are researching:

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Send **\$15** check or money order payable to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Donations Accepted

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

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Please Use Separate Form for Each Registrant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ WGS Member \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ WGS Membership Dues \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Add \$10 for registration after April 29th postmark\*\*\* Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check or money-order payable to the **Waterford Genealogical Society**

**Mail To:** WGS Lock-In  
P.O. Box 300162  
Waterford, MI 48330  
**No Refunds after April 29, 2019**

In order to serve you better and allow time for three classes per attendee, we have eliminated the dinner portion of our program. We will still offer the dessert table with coffee, tea, and water, included in the registration cost, however, you might consider eating before attending the Lock-In. **\* You may bring a bag lunch if you desire.**

**Need Help?**  
**Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach** will be running a Help Desk, when she is not talking about Beautiful Cornwall. **Rich Turbloom** is from Rhode Island all the way back to Roger Williams. He has over thirty years of researching experience under his belt and he is willing to assist you in your hunt for ancestors in the Atlantic states. He has boxes of quality resource books for New England, some well known, & others quite uncommon, that he plans to bring to Lock-In. His personal resources have been indexed and he will bring additional indexes the night of the lock-in. Maximizing your research time is what he is here for.

**OPTIONAL CLASS PREFERENCES** If you would like to attend a class/classes, please place a **CHECK MARK** ✓ for the class of your choice (one class per period).

- Period I (6:30-7:50) \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 1:** Military Records Research \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 2:** DNA Improving Understanding ...
- Period II (8:00-9:20) \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 3:** Eastern European Research \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 4:** Thinking Outside The Box
- Break (9:20-9:50) \_\_\_\_\_ Door Prizes
- Period III (9:50-11:10) \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 5:** Color Your Ancestors Alive \_\_\_\_\_ **Class 6:** Researching in Cornwall, England

*The*  
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*And The*  
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*Invite you to join us at our 16<sup>th</sup>*



*May 4th,*  
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*Enjoy an Evening of*  
*Classes, Research, Discussion*

**WATERFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S  
LOCK-IN**

**CLASS SYLLABUS**

**Date:** May 4, 2019  
**Time:** 6 P.M. - 11:30 P.M.  
**Doors Open:** 5:45 P.M.

**Location:** Waterford Public Library  
5168 Civic Center Dr  
Waterford, MI

**Cost:** Non-Members- \$30.00  
Members- \$25.00  
After April 29th-\$10 more

**Included:** Beverages and Desserts  
Door Prizes

**Deadlines:** No refund after April 29th

**More Information:**  
Kelcey Evans: Kelcey100@gmail.com

**Seating Is Limited So Register Early**

**THE EVENING'S SCHEDULE**

**Check-In:** 5:45

**Welcome/Announcements:** 6:15

**Classes:** 6:30-11:10

**Research on Computers:** 6:30-11:00  
Computers with Databases: Ancestry-LE,  
Heritage Quest, Family Search,  
New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Bring a USB flash drive to save information

If you have a laptop or tablet with wireless capabilities, you are welcome to bring it and have access to all the Library's databases.

**Period 1 6:30 - 7:50**

**Introduction To Military Records Research**

1. *Katherine Willson, Presenter.* How can you determine which major conflicts your ancestor might have served in? Which records may have been generated during that time and where are they held? We'll learn about various places we might look to determine whether an ancestor served in the military and what we might expect to find in his or her military records.

**2. Improving Your Understanding Of Shared DNA Matches Using Clusters**

*Dr. Jim Sims, Presenter.* The use of shared DNA matches, also called in-common-with matches, is one of the most powerful techniques genetic genealogists can use to understand their match lists to help answer their research questions. Clustering provides a visual way to organize shared matches to make it easier to see patterns in the shared matching data. In this talk, three techniques are discussed: Leeds Method, Collins' Leeds Method 3D and AutoClusters.

**Period 2 8:00 - 9:20**

**3. Eastern European Research**

*Hal Learman, Presenter.* Demonstrating the various aspects of the toolbox website, [www.mpolonia.net](http://www.mpolonia.net) which he co-created. A step-by-step presentation will be provided in search of the home village & parish records of Michal Luszczyc. This power point program will ultimately be available on their website in a PDF & cover the time frame from current day records going back to the early 1800's.

**4. Thinking Outside The Box: Step By Step Family Research**

*Karen Krugman, Presenter.* Using the 5 steps of researching, she will show you how to possibly help break down those brick walls that stand between you and your ancestor.

**Period 3 9:50 - 11:10**

**Color Your Ancestors Alive! Adding More Than Dates And Names**

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Kim Smith, Editor

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*Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information*

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Topic: A Fiddler, A Horse Farm and a Harvest of Ice: People and Places along the Dixie Corridor

Presenter: Carol Bacak-Egbo- Special Lecturer, *Oakland University* Historian and Project Advisor, *Oakland County Parks*

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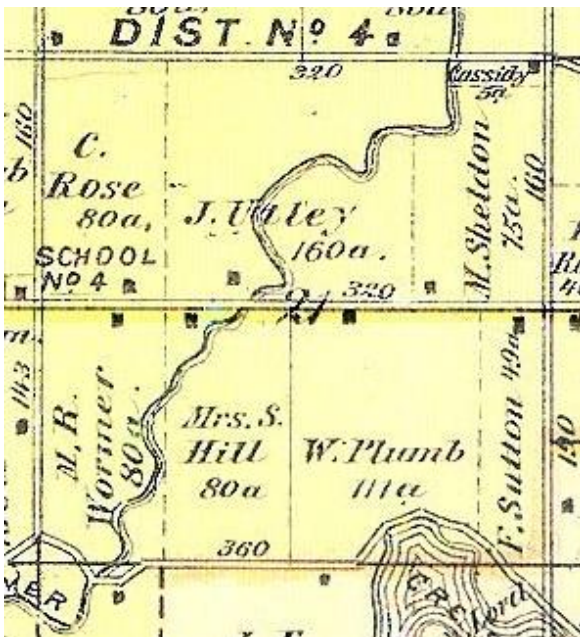
Thank you Kelcey Evans for facilitating the door prizes from Roots Magic [April Heldon], 23 and Me [Barb Frye], Michigan Chiropractor Specialists [Nancy Hunt, Dave Bakos] (2), Family Tree DNA [Kathy Lindsay], Legacy [Carol George, Michelle Hancock] (2), GenealogyBank [Sharon Scott], member donation of DNA Quick Sheets [Bonnie Walendzek]. Congratulation to the winners.

- A big thank you has to go to speaker Karen Krugman. She was scheduled to do two presentations but really stepped up when Katherine R. Willson had to cancel due to illness. Katherine was set to speak at two different venues that day, 140 miles. She was missed but everyone sent get well wishes to her. Karen was entertaining as always.
- Great presentations were given by Dr. Jim Sims, Hal Learman and Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach.
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**Benjamin Franklin Elwood**  
**Harriet Emily Moore**

The 1870 census for Waterford Township, Oakland County reports on page 593 the household of F. B. Elwood, age 32, born in Michigan; wife Harriet, age 23, born in Michigan; and daughter Lucy, age 1, born in Michigan. Residing with the Elwood family are Adrian Ostrander, age 17, farm laborer, born in New York, and Harriet Briggs, age 17, domestic servant, born in Michigan. The census says that F. B. Elwood has \$5,000 in real estate, while the 1870 Agricultural Census reports that F. B. Elwood owns 74 acres. The 1870 census does record Benjamin Franklin Elwood as F. B. Elwood.

There is no B. F. Elwood, who owned property in Section 21, on the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township. By following the 1870 census taker's route, comparing the surnames with the 1872 plat map, it appears that the census taker traveled west on Pontiac Lake Road from Crescent Lake Road to Airport Road. This places B. F. Elwood on the 75 acre property owned by Mercy Sheldon. In 1868, Benjamin F. Elwood is purchasing part of the NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 3, Range 9 (Waterford) (1) and in 1871, he is selling this same land to Morris Sheldon. (2) Perhaps Morris Sheldon is really Mercy Sheldon?

Benjamin Franklin Elwood was born 1 December 1837, in Royal Oak, Oakland County, Michigan. (3)(4) He was the son of Daniel Elwood and Fanny Clark. (4) The Elwood and Clark families were reported under Benjamin's brother, Solomon Clark Elwood, Section 18. Benjamin F. Elwood died 15 May 1902, in Pontiac, Michigan. (3)(4) He is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac.(3) Benjamin was married twice. His first wife was Louisa D. Rundel, married 5 December 1861, in Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan. (6) Louisa died 21 June 1866, in Oakland County, Michigan and is buried in the North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills, Michigan. (7) There seems to have been no surviving children from this marriage.

Benjamin married secondly, Harriet Emily Moore, 4 July 1867, in Pontiac, Michigan.(15) Harriet was born 10 December 1847. Some records report that Harriet was born in Fairport, Monroe County, New York. (3)(9) But her family was in Commerce Township, Oakland County, Michigan for the 1840 census. After the death of Benjamin in 1902, Harriet married secondly, Erastus Horton, 3 July 1916, in Oakland County, Michigan. (10) Harriet died 7 January 1929, in Detroit, Michigan. (9) She is buried with Benjamin, under the name of Elwood, in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (3) Harriet's death certificate is under the name of Harriett E. Harbow, with "(Horton)" following her name.

Harriet Emily Moore was the daughter of Charles T. Moore and Mabel Heath. (12) Charles T. Moore died 11 October 1857, in Milford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (12) Harriet was a minor aged child at the time of his death and it is her guardianship papers that proved her father's name. (12) Mabel Heath was the daughter of Joseph Heath and Sarah Luce. (13) She died 28 August 1853, in Oakland County, Michigan and is buried in the Wixom Cemetery, Wixom, Oakland County, Michigan. (14) Mabel was the sister of Harriet Heath, wife of Carlos B. Plumb, who resided in Section 17 of Waterford Township. Further information about the Heath and Luce families is found under Carlos B. Plumb, Section 17.

Incredibly, there are family trees found online that claim Mabel (Heath) Moore, who died 28 August 1853, was married to Charles Frederick Moore, 4 February 1903, in Newark, New Jersey, and had two more children. The fact that Mable Heath was married fifty years after her death is a feat worthy of mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Thomas Koselka, Michigan Genealogical Council

We have all used the US Population Census in our research. Do you want to add additional information to your family story? Your family may have been enumerated in one of several supplemental census schedules. This presentation examines why they were created and what information may be gleaned from these supplemental schedules.

3:30 – 4:30  
p.m.

F. FREE LAND: Homesteading on the Frontier  
Tina Beaird, MLIS

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed any qualified individual to claim up to 160 acres of free land. Over 1.6 million people rose to the challenge and claimed 270 million acres of land of which an estimated 17 million Americans are descendants. Original homestead claims are a fantastic collection of documents, including applications, land descriptions, citizenship affidavits and more. Learn how to access these great records and how they can fill in the gaps to your research.

**Saturday, July  
13, 2019**

**Barbara J. Brown Family History Day**

Educational programs and family fun activities throughout the Michigan History Center, held concurrently with the Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar, including an oral history recording booth and handwriting station.

As the longtime President of the Abrams Foundation, Barbara Brown's commitment to family history and generous support helped make the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection the destination collection that it is today.

9:30 – 11:00  
a.m.

Welcome & opening comments

G. Recreating the Great War: Finding Military Service Information for Your WWI Veteran  
Tina Beaird, MLIS

Many federal WWI personnel records were destroyed in a National Archives fire in the 1970s. This session will offer ways to locate copies of peripheral federal military records and provides solutions for recreating some of the lost history in these "fire" records by using local government documents, newspapers, base records and more.

11:15 AM –  
12:15 p.m.

H. Seeking Michigan Becomes Michiganology

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Jill Arnold, Archives of Michigan

The Archives of Michigan's digital platform is undergoing major change! By the end of 2019, SeekingMichigan.org will become Michiganology. This session will review what things will stay the same, what features will improve, and why the Archives of Michigan is making these important changes. Attendees will also get a sneak preview of Michiganology during the session.

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I. Records of New York City's Emigrant Savings Bank  
Katherine Willson, Researcher & lecturer

In 1850, officers of New York City's Irish Emigrant Society founded the Emigrant Savings Bank as a safe place for Irish and other immigrants to keep their money. Learn about the types of records kept for borrowers and depositors (containing detailed genealogical information), as well as how and where to access these records.

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J. Township Records: An Untapped Source  
Shirley Hodges, Eaton County Genealogical Society

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1:00 – 2:00  
p.m.

K. Illinois Digital Resources  
Tina Beaird, MLIS

There are several Illinois websites for finding your Land of Lincoln ancestors. From CARLI to IDA, Tina will show you how to find maps, newspapers, phone books, company magazines, yearbooks and more. Illinois has it all! Learn how to dig into these online resources and get to know your Illinois ancestors.

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2:30 – 3:30

L. Juvenile Records & Open Access: State Training School Records at the Archives of Michigan  
Annakathryn Welch, Archives of Michigan

The Archives of Michigan has long held records from the Michigan Boys Training School and the Girls Training School at Adrian. Until recently, these records were closed. However, due to new policy changes, state training school records that are more than 75 years old are available for research. This presentation will cover the types of records found in these collections, the information those records contain, the procedure for accessing these records, and a case study.

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M. Fold3 – Discover Your Family's Military Past  
James Jackson, Professional researcher

With over 500 million images there are records of soldiers serving in every conflict from the American Revolution to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf War. But there is much more than just military records on fold3 and much if is available from home, for free.

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N. Finding Non-Traditional Records  
Jessica Trotter, Researcher & blogger

We all know that vital records, census records, etc. are the go-to's for genealogical information. But what else is out there that might give you those needed bits of information, and how do you find those records?

## SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

- ✚ Dr. Hal Learman was a Lock-In presenter again this year. He and Ceil Wendt Jensen, Professional Genealogists, teamed up more than twenty years ago. They created the website, [Michigan Polonia, Polish Genealogy and Family History](#), with the help of a dedicated group of volunteers. He shared some of the new editions to this often updated site. Also offered is a host of genealogical tools to assist researchers discover records pertinent to their state side and European ancestral history. This is definitely worth another visit.
- ✚ Dr. Jim Sims, another Lock-In presenter, spoke about DNA Clustering, a technique to potentially group your autosomal DNA matches into groups.  
[Leeds Method](#) is a free, manual way to cluster. Creator Dana Leeds explains her method in a multi series blog.  
[Genetic Affairs](#) by Evert-Jan Blom will give you 200 credits to try the program. Then, you can purchase additional credits. It cost 25 credits (25 cents in USD) per Auto Cluster run.  
[The DNAGEDCOM Client](#) offers the Collins' Leeds Method 3D. The DNAGEDCOM Client costs \$5/month. During the month, you can run as many reports as you want.

Note: [GEDmatch Genesis](#), (must register for an account) now allows a cluster report as part of a Tier 1 (\$10 per month) donation. A cluster report groups your individual matches together as they relate to each other – for example, if your mother's nephews, cousins and aunts all tested, they'll be in one colored group, while your father's maternal family will be in a different colored group and his paternal family in a different colored group. Since extended family members will still share a small amount of common DNA between them, this is a good way to categorize people on your match list quickly.

- ✚ Katherine R. Willson is always updating her list of Facebook genealogy related sites. You can download the 351 page PDF file containing 13,200+ links (updated in November 2018) to English-speaking Facebook groups & pages related to genealogy & history here: ["Genealogy on Facebook" List](#)
- ✚ Emmy-winning docuseries **Who Do You Think You Are?** is returning to NBC for a second go-round. The network has ordered 13 episodes of the docuseries from executive producers Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky. Ancestry and Shed Media are producing.
- ✚ Facebook member? A new group ( you will need to request to join ) is **The Genealogy Squad**, administrators are The Genealogy Guys- Drew Smith and George G. Morgan, Cyndi Ingle from Cyndi's List and Blaine T. Bettinger of DNACentral. The mission is to provide a positive space for sharing appropriate and reliable methods and resources that will assist genealogists of all levels. DNA questions will still be answered on the facebook page **Genetic Genealogy Tips & Techniques**.

# Waterford Genealogical Society

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WGS Website: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~miwatgs/index.htm>  
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Waterford e-newsletter is published once a month by the Waterford Genealogical Society  
Your news and views are valued. Please send them to the [editor](#).



## Welcome to the Waterford Genealogical Society Est.2007

*The society will promote and encourage an interest in genealogy among its members and the general public. Working closely with the Waterford Township Public Library, the society aims to educate and enhance research opportunities.*

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Based on calendar year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you give permission to share your contact information with other members of the society.

This information will not be shared with any other organization or entity.

Check if you would like to be an officer or help on a committee.

Check if you would like to receive a membership card.

Surnames, and their locations, that you are researching:

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*Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information*

**During inclement weather, we will not meet if the library or Waterford Schools are closed.**

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Greetings from the [Waterford Genealogical Society](#)!

All **WGS** meetings are open to the Public and take place in the library. **Non-members** are welcome to attend. Membership in the Society is available with payment of the annual \$15 membership fee and provides voting rights. For more information contact Kelcey Evans: [Kelcey100@gmail.com](mailto:Kelcey100@gmail.com) . A membership form may be found at the end of this newsletter.

**Evening Meetings:** For those genealogists interested in an evening meeting, WGS meets on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year from September through June from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

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**WGS Meetings** *If you are ready to reveal to the Society your 'infamous, notorious or just plain amazing, weird, troublesome relatives' and not the ones you have 'unfriended' from Facebook, (because they would be living and we don't do living) please contact Dot LaLone to schedule your presentation..* Contact [Dot LaLone](#)

Date: **June 19, 2019**

Topic: Free Genealogy Websites

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **July 3, 2019**

Topic: Business Meeting followed by group discussions and Q&A time

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **July 17, 2019**

Topic: Cornish Genealogy on the Web

Presenter: Rich Turnblom

Date: **Nov 6, 2019: Annual Luncheon. 1:00-3:00 at Heroes BarBQ&Brew, 998 W. Huron, Waterford**

**SPECIAL EVENT**

**SAVE THE DATE: November 2, 2019** WGS Fall Program is scheduled for 1:00 to 4:00 pm. in the Community Room. A joint program of the Waterford Twp.Public Library & Waterford Genealogical Society  
Our special guest speaker will be **Kris Rzepczynski** from the Michigan Archives.

- 1:00 to 2:00 pm. "Michiganology" site will be presented. This site replaces the SeekingMichigan site. The staff has been working hard on completely revamping this resource and has listened to input from all areas. Kris will demonstrate the new features

- 2:00 to 2:30pm. "Little Used or Forgotten Resources", a mini session

Break

- 3:00 to 4:00pm. Wills, Chills, & Thrills: Digging into Probate Records. An underutilized resource. These presentations are for people from beginners to intermediate levels.

Lite refreshments will be available

This is a free program and open to the public. **Registration with the Library is encouraged**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday EVENING MEETING- 7:00-8:30.** –meeting resumes in the Fall

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## WGS NEWS

WGS has a great **Facebook** page. It is being updated regularly with interesting genealogical related items.

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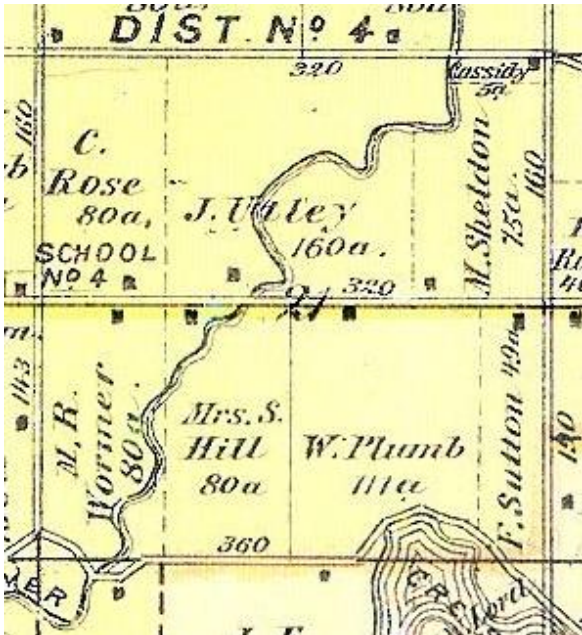
- ✚ Our **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lock-in** took place on **May 4, 2019**. This successful fund raiser means the society will once again be able to make a donation to the library to support their subscription to Ancestry.com Library Edition- a resource that is invaluable to researchers.
- ✚ Member [Rich Turnblom](#) announced at our meeting that he has a microfiche machine. Contact him directly to make arrangements with him to use his viewer.
- ✚ WGS members started their work on the Four Towns Cemetery, reviewing, documenting and noting changes and any damage to stones. A cleaning demonstration will be scheduled in August, date TBA.





# Of Waterford Interest- Waterford Township Section Biographies

## Section 21



**This is the last submission for Section 21, next will be Section 28**

The center of Waterford Township is the intersection of Highland Road (M-59) and Crescent Lake Road. Section 21 is the southwest corner of this intersection. The business corridor, along Highland Road, is the northern boundary of the section. South of that lies the residential part of Section 21, with Elizabeth Lake Road marking the southern boundary of the section. Running through the center of the section is Pontiac Lake Road, which is where the 1872 plat map shows most of the residences were located. The Clinton River runs diagonally across the township on its way to Pontiac.

Matching residents' names on the 1872 plat map to names in the 1870 census was a little difficult in Section 21. Sometimes, as in the case of J. Utley, the name appears on the plat map, but cannot be found in the 1870 census, or in any census. J. Utley is still unknown. Also unknown is the F. Sutton, found in the southeast corner of the section, with 49 acres along Elizabeth Lake Road and the intersection of Crescent Lake Road. No F. Sutton was found in the 1870 census or agricultural census.

Winton J. Plumb  
Martha Vliet

The 111 acre property of W. Plumb was located in the southeast quarter of Section 21. The residence is shown in the northern part of the property, along Pontiac Lake Road. The southern boundary was Elizabeth Lake Road and the northern shore of Crescent Lake. The 1870 census, page 593, Waterford Township, has Winton Plumb, age 25, born in New York and his wife, Mattie, age 23, born in Michigan. Also with the Plumbs are Ettie Cofinger, age 18, domestic servant, born in Michigan, and John Hendrie, age 20, farm laborer, born in Michigan.

Winton J. Plumb was born about 1844, in New York, the son of Carlos B. Plumb and Harriet Heath. (1) He married Martha Vliet, 13 December 1869, in Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan. (2) The Plumbs were newlyweds in the 1870 census. Winton died of typhoid fever, 14 August 1880, in Waterford Township. (3) The Plumb and Heath families were reported under Winton's parents, Carlos and Harriet (Heath) Plumb, who resided in Section 17, Waterford Township.

Martha, aka Mattie, Vliet was born 15 December 1846, in Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan. (4)(5) She was the daughter of William Van Buskirk Vliet and Martha Ann Axford. (4) Mattie never remarried after the death of her husband, Winton Plumb. She died in Clarkston, Michigan on 27 February 1933 and is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (4)(5)

General Land Office records show that William V. Vliet, of Oakland County, Michigan, was purchasing land in Independence Township in 1837. The Vliet family was originally from New Jersey. William Van Buskirk Vliet was born 21 November 1797, in Warren County, New Jersey. (5) He married Martha Ann Axford, 1 July 1821, Sussex County, New Jersey. (6)(7) William V. Vliet died 18 January 1880, in Oakland County. Martha died 17 October 1881, also in Oakland County. (5) Both are buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston, Michigan. (5)

During the War of 1812, William V. Vliet served from New Jersey, with the rank of Captain. (8) His father, William Vliet, fought in the Revolutionary War. (9) The parents of Martha Ann Axford were John Axford and

Eleanor Polhemus. (7) Eleanor Polhemus was the daughter of Major John Polhemus and Susannah Hart. (7) Major Polhemus was with George Washington at Valley Forge, the Battle of Trenton, Battle of Monmouth, and the Battle of Brandywine. (10) Susannah Hart was the daughter of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and his wife, Deborah Scudder. (11)

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Thomas Koselka, Michigan Genealogical Council

We have all used the US Population Census in our research. Do you want to add additional information to your family story? Your family may have been enumerated in one of several supplemental census schedules. This presentation examines why they were created and what information may be gleaned from these supplemental schedules.

3:30 – 4:30  
p.m.

**F. FREE LAND: Homesteading on the Frontier**  
Tina Beard, MLIS

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed any qualified individual to claim up to 160 acres of free land. Over 1.6 million people rose to the challenge and claimed 270 million acres of land of which an estimated 17 million Americans are descendants. Original homestead claims are a fantastic collection of documents, including applications, land descriptions, citizenship affidavits and more. Learn how to access these great records and how they can fill in the gaps to your research.

**Saturday, July  
13, 2019**

**Barbara J. Brown Family History Day**

Educational programs and family fun activities throughout the Michigan History Center, held concurrently with the Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar, including an oral history recording booth and handwriting station.

As the longtime President of the Abrams Foundation, Barbara Brown's commitment to family history and generous support helped make the Abrams Foundation Historical Collection the destination collection that it is today.

9:30 – 11:00  
a.m.

**Welcome & opening comments**

**G. Recreating the Great War: Finding Military Service Information for Your WWI Veteran**  
Tina Beard, MLIS

Many federal WWI personnel records were destroyed in a National Archives fire in the 1970s. This session will offer ways to locate copies of peripheral federal military records and provides solutions for recreating some of the lost history in these "fire" records by using local government documents, newspapers, base records and more.

11:15 AM –  
12:15 p.m.

**H. Seeking Michigan Becomes Michiganology**  
Jill Arnold, Archives of Michigan

The Archives of Michigan's digital platform is undergoing major change! By the end of 2019, SeekingMichigan.org will become Michiganology. This session will review what things will stay the same, what features will improve, and why the Archives of Michigan is making these important changes. Attendees will also get a sneak preview of Michiganology during the session.

**I. Records of New York City's Emigrant Savings Bank**  
Katherine Willson, Researcher & lecturer

In 1850, officers of New York City's Irish Emigrant Society founded the Emigrant Savings Bank as a safe place for Irish and other immigrants to keep their money. Learn about the types of records kept for borrowers and depositors (containing detailed genealogical information), as well as how and where to access these records.

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J. Township Records: An Untapped Source  
Shirley Hodges, Eaton County Genealogical Society

1:00 – 2:00  
p.m.

K. Illinois Digital Resources  
Tina Beaird, MLIS

There are several Illinois websites for finding your Land of Lincoln ancestors. From CARLI to IDA, Tina will show you how to find maps, newspapers, phone books, company magazines, yearbooks and more. Illinois has it all! Learn how to dig into these online resources and get to know your Illinois ancestors.

2:30 – 3:30

L. Juvenile Records & Open Access: State Training School Records at the Archives of Michigan  
Annakathryn Welch, Archives of Michigan

The Archives of Michigan has long held records from the Michigan Boys Training School and the Girls Training School at Adrian. Until recently, these records were closed. However, due to new policy changes, state training school records that are more than 75 years old are available for research. This presentation will cover the types of records found in these collections, the information those records contain, the procedure for accessing these records, and a case study.

M. Fold3 – Discover Your Family's Military Past  
James Jackson, Professional researcher

With over 500 million images there are records of soldiers serving in every conflict from the American Revolution to Iraq, Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf War. But there is much more than just military records on fold3 and much if is available from home, for free.

N. Finding Non-Traditional Records  
Jessica Trotter, Researcher & blogger

We all know that vital records, census records, etc. are the go-to's for genealogical information. But what else is out there that might give you those needed bits of information, and how do you find those records?

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Maps showing changing historic boundaries by year

<https://www.mapofus.org/>

1880 Map of Ontario Canada Counties

<https://digital.library.mcgill.ca/countyatlas/searchmapframes.php>

Library of Congress Maps

<https://www.loc.gov/maps/>

LOC Collections with maps

<https://www.loc.gov/maps/collections/?st=gallery>

LOC Sanborn Maps

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/>

Topo, Aerial, Public, Private land maps

<https://www.mytopo.com/index.cfm>

Historic Map Works <http://www.historicmapworks.com/>

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## Of Waterford Interest- Waterford Township Section Biographies

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### Section 28



Today Section 28 is mostly residential with a handful of small businesses along the northern boundary on Elizabeth Lake Road. Most of the eastern portion of the section is occupied by part of Crescent Lake and the western end of Elizabeth Lake. There are many homes on the shores of both lakes. The Clinton River meanders along the western side of Section 28 on its way to Pontiac. On the 1872 plat map of Section 28 there were only five land owners and one, H.W. Lord, was an absentee owner. Henry W. Lord was a resident of West Bloomfield Township. He also owned land in Section 19 and was reported in that section's biographies.

### David Leland Gitty Stottle

The 1872 plat map of Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan shows, in Section 28, the 160 acre property of D. Leland along the western side of the section. The farm stretches from the section's northern boundary on Elizabeth Lake Road to the southern boundary shared with Section 33. The Clinton River flows south through the whole farm and the still existing residence, is shown as being located on Elizabeth Lake Road, just east of where the road crosses the river. The 1870 census for Waterford Township, page 590, has David Leland, age 55, born in England; his wife, Gertrude, age 63, born in New York; two children, William, age 24, and Sarah, age 21, both born in Michigan; and James Chapman, age 12, born in Michigan, who works on the farm.

If David Leland's age at death is correct, he was born 19 August 1814, in England. (1) David died 5 April 1886, aged 71 years, 7 months, and 17 days, in Waterford Township, (1) and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (2) The website, Find A Grave, says that David Leland died on 6 April 1886, but there is no picture of David's headstone to prove this claim. (2) Online research did not find the names of David Leland's parents.



An Oakland County history contains a biography of William Leland, son of David and Gitty. William claims that his father arrived in the United States in 1840 and “immediately” came to Michigan. In 1845 David returned east to Monroe County, New York, where he married Gitty Stottle on 20 August 1845. (3) The researcher has to wonder, if David came “immediately” to Michigan in 1840, how did he meet Gitty Stottle in Monroe County, New York? Whatever the circumstances, David Leland did marry Gitty Stottle, daughter of Peter and Margaret Stottle. (4) On 5 April 1846, David and Gitty are purchasing land in Section 28, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (5) The Leland family is recorded in the 1850 census on page 119, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (6)

Gitty (Stottle) Leland, died 15 May 1881, in Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, and is recorded in Oakland County death records under the name of Katy Luland. (7) If her age at death, 75 years, 9 months, and 13 days, is correct, then she was born 2 August 1805. (7) In the censuses she is always reported to have been born in New York and the 1870 census is the only one to record her name as Gertrude. Gitty Leland is buried with her husband in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (2)

The parents of Gitty (Stottle) Leland were Peter and Margaret Stottle of Chili, Monroe County, New York. (4) Peter died 28 June 1824 and Margaret died 20 March 1863, both died in Monroe County and they are buried in the Fellows Cemetery, South Chili, Monroe County, New York. (8) Nothing further is known about Peter and Margaret Stottle.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

*Visit these sites- each one has lots of great information and links*

- [Oakland Co. Genealogical Society](#) St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams Rd, Troy, 7:00 p.m.
  - **October 1, 2019- Laura Hedgecock- Better Writing Through Research.** Practical strategies to increase the impact of your family stories
- [Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society \(OCPHS\)](#) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI  
Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. To ensure that a volunteer will be here to assist you, please call ahead (248-338-6732 ) before visiting. As a general guideline, the office is now open Tuesday- Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 AM-8:00 PM.
  - **July 27, 2019- 11:00-5:00. Pioneer Reunion and Social**

- **[Farmington Genealogical Society](#)**: meets at the Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. 6:30 – 8:30 PM
  - **Meetings are September thru May**
- **[Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#)**: Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
  - **September 14, 2019**: "Self-Publishing" - James N. Jackson. There is a book inside of every genealogists, and it may be time for Society publications to be revisited. This talk focuses on CreateSpace to produce economical publications, including free ISBN, bar-coding, listing on Amazon, international pricing, and converting to eBook formats.
  - **September 28, 2019**: DSGR DNA Special Interest Group. They meet in the Media Classroom on the main floor. "With a little help from my friends", will be pairing up our more experienced members with those that have specific stumbling blocks for one-on-one sessions.
- ✚ **[Genealogy & DNA Interest Group](#)**: Saturday, **September 7; November 2, 2019**, 10:00am at the Highland Twp Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, Highland, MI 48356. Pre-Registration is suggested <http://highlandtpl.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>
- ✚ **Save the Date**: Saturday, **November 9, 2019** [Michigan Genealogical Council](#) Fall Family History Event, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan. Details will be available later in July.

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- ✚ Michigan Naturalization Indexing Project is back up and waiting for volunteers to help with this project.
  1. Log on to FamilySearch.org
  2. Click on the Indexing Tab
  3. Find a Project- click on Project-type MICHIGAN
  4. This project is a collection of naturalization records from the state of Michigan, from the period 1812–1985.
  5. [Instructions](#) FamilySearch
  6. Online tutorial <https://seekingmichigan.org/naturalization>

Currently this project is 36% indexed. The more volunteers- the quicker this will be available to all of us.

- ✚ **[RandyMajors.com update](#)**: "But wouldn't it be nice," many people have asked over the years, "to see ALL of the names of the counties on the map rather than just the one that I clicked?" Or something to that effect. Now you can. Just go to the [Historical U.S. Counties on Google Maps](#) tool and check "Show labels..." checkbox in the lower left corner of the map, and your map will be pleasantly filled with the historical county names as of the date you typed.

✚ Member Sandy Kinter presented a two part program on **free genealogical websites**:

FamilySearch [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Michigan eLibrary (MeL), MyHeritage Library Edition <https://mel.org/az.php>

HathiTrust Digital Library [www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org)

Internet Archive <https://archive.org/index.php>

Daughters of the American Revolution, Genealogical Research System (GRS)  
[www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Gravesite Locator  
<https://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

Online Military Indexes and Records – USA [www.militaryindexes.com/index.html](http://www.militaryindexes.com/index.html)

Pennsylvania State Archives, ARIAS, Pennsylvania Military  
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Online Searchable Death Indexes and Records [www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com)

Missouri Digital Heritage [www.sos.mo.gov/mdh](http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh)

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The Massachusetts Vital Records Project <http://ma-vitalrecords.org/Towns.shtml>

West Virginia Vital Records [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)

Pennsylvania Land Records Indices  
[www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Land-Records-Indices.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Land-Records-Indices.aspx)

✚ I-Phone can be used as a scanner or copier with a \$3.00 app. Your smartphone is one of the greatest tools available today. You can find thousands of apps that will perform all sorts of tasks. For genealogists, one of the more valuable tools is that of converting the smartphone into a scanner. Dick Eastman recent blog: **ScanBee: A Scanner and Copier in Your iPhone**

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For our purposes, the important thing to note is that the people who settled Michigan came from this religious and reformist hot-house. Michigan in the years before the Civil War was, to a large extent, a colony of the Burned-over District and it is difficult to fully understand early Michigan without some appreciation of the unique character

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### Joseph Elliott Taylor Caroline Eliza Bradt

The 1870 census, page 590, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan, records Elliott J. Taylor, age 41, born in New York. With him is his wife, Carrie E., age 30, born in New York; son, William B, age 11, born in Michigan; Stanley E. Smith, age 53, born in New York, no occupation is given; and Andrew Gibson, age 22, farm laborer, born in Ireland. On the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township, the farm of J.E. Taylor is located on Elizabeth Lake Road, and on the western shore of Crescent Lake.

Joseph Elliott Taylor was born 20 June 1829, in Saratoga County, New York, the son of William Taylor and Lucy Harger. (1)(2) He married Caroline Eliza Bradt (3) and moved to Waterford Township, Oakland County, in 1850. (3)(4) Joseph died 3 September 1874 and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan.

The Taylor family first settled in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey during the 1690's. (7) Judge John Taylor, and his wife, Chloe Cox, grandparents of Joseph E. Taylor, moved to Charlton, Saratoga County, New York, in 1774. (2)(7) William Taylor, son of Judge John, and father of Joseph, was born in Saratoga County on 7 May 1779 and died 24 September 1836, also in Saratoga County. (2)(8) Lucy Harger, mother of Joseph Taylor died 16 January 1866 and is buried with her husband in the Pine Grove Cemetery, Charlton, Saratoga County, New York. (8)

Caroline Eliza Bradt was the daughter of Garrett and Jane (Van Epp) Bradt. (3)(9)(12) She was born 4 November 1830 in Glenville, Schenectady County, New York. (9)(10) After the death of Joseph, Caroline married secondly, Eleazer Stanley Smith, 21 February 1877, in Waterford Township. (10) This is the same person as Stanley E. Smith who is recorded with the Taylor family in the 1870 census. E. Stanley Smith died 19 March 1890, in Waterford, and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (10)(11) Caroline Smith died 2 December 1905, Waterford Township and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (6)(9)

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**Save the Date**: Saturday, **November 9, 2019** **[Michigan Genealogical Council](#)** Fall Family History Event, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W Kalamazoo, Lansing, Michigan. Registration link not yet available.



Ms. Southard's DNA interest began as a high school student. This interest led her to attend Brigham Young University and receive a degree in Microbiology. She started her career at Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. She is the founder of "Your DNA Guide" (<https://www.yourdnaguide.com/>) and offers a personalized, interactive experience to DNA interpretation. Ms. Southard is an international, as well as national, speaker on all things DNA. She has written numerous Quick Guides about genetic genealogy. Her articles have appeared in Family Tree Magazine, Genealogy Today, and others. You are sure to learn a lot about DNA at this seminar. Her fun, upbeat way of presentation combined with her vast knowledge presented in an understandable way will leave you with the feeling that you really can understand your DNA results.

Ms. Southard's Presentations:

- 5 Tips to Make Sense of Your DNA Testing
- Me & My 1,000+ 4th Cousins
- Organizing Your DNA Results
- Connecting Your DNA Matches

✚ In addition, individual consultations, at an additional cost, will be available on Friday, November 8th

## SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

- ✚ Big news from the Archive of Michigan, **SeekingMichigan.org** becomes **Michiganology.org**. On September 1, 2019 digital collections currently available on SeekingMichigan.org will move to Michiganology.org. Jill Arnold, Archives of Michigan has been hard at work to make this change happen. Read more about the move and answers to some [frequent questions here](#).
- ✚ [Michigan Genealogical Council](#) has updated the Pioneer Certificate program. Click on "Pioneer Certificates" on the left blue sidebar to access the application. This program honors your early Michigan ancestor. Two categories are available, Pre-Statehood includes those in Michigan up to statehood January 26, 1837, the second category is First Families, January 27, 1837- December 31, 1880. Each successful applicant will be presented with the corresponding pin and personalized certificate. Applications will be housed at the Archive of Michigan and available for review.
- ✚ An underutilized Michigan research source is the Michigan Pioneer Historical Collection consisting of forty 600 - 700 page volumes. Each volume includes letters, speeches, memorial reports, private and professional papers of individuals, as well as personal remembrances and historical essays. The bulk of these materials span a period of roughly two hundred years, from 1650 to 1850. However, these dates are not entirely inclusive. For example, the collections contain essays written about Michigan's ancient burial mounds as well as documents from the civil war era. It is also important to note that while most of the MPHC concerns the events and people of Michigan's past, materials pertaining to other parts of the mid-west are included as well. A [research guide is available through MSU Library](#). Note that many these volumes may also be accessed through HathiTrust.org, archive.org, and local libraries. The Allen County Public Library has an index volume created to assist in finding different subjects and people mentioned: Classified Finding List of the Collections of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, published in 1952.

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WGS Website: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~miwatgs/index.htm>

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## Welcome to the Waterford Genealogical Society Est.2007

*The society will promote and encourage an interest in genealogy among its members and the general public.  
Working closely with the Waterford Township Public Library, the society aims to educate and enhance  
research opportunities.*

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Based on calendar year

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you give permission to share your contact information with other members of the society.

This information will not be shared with any other organization or entity.

Check if you would like to be an officer or help on a committee.

Check if you would like to receive a membership card.

Surnames, and their locations, that you are researching:

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*Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information*

**During inclement weather, we will not meet if the library or Waterford Schools are closed.**

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Greetings from the [Waterford Genealogical Society](#)!

All **WGS** meetings are open to the Public and take place in the library. **Non-members** are welcome to attend. Membership in the Society is available with payment of the annual \$15 membership fee and provides voting rights. For more information contact Kelcey Evans: [Kelcey100@gmail.com](mailto:Kelcey100@gmail.com) . A membership form may be found at the end of this newsletter.

**Evening Meetings:** For those genealogists interested in an evening meeting, WGS meets on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year from September through June from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

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Date: **September 18, 2019**

Topic: **Burned-over District:** As most local historians know, the majority of people who came to Michigan (and certainly Oakland County) in the territorial and early statehood periods were from western New York. What is less well known is that this area of New York is often referred to by historians as the Burned-over District.

Western New York in the 1820's experienced an especially intense phase of the religious movement that swept through the United States in the first half of the 19th Century known as the Second Great Awakening. In addition to the religious enthusiasm that developed here, that same religious excitement served as fertile ground for the launching and spread of social and political reforms that were a feature of ante-bellum America. Temperance, abolition, dietary reform, public schools, prison reform, women's rights, etc., were all movements that were over represented, and in some cases begun, in the Burned-over District.

For our purposes, the important thing to note is that the people who settled Michigan came from this religious and reformist hot-house. Michigan in the years before the Civil War was, to a large extent, a colony of the Burned-over District and it is difficult to fully understand early Michigan without some appreciation of the unique character and influence of western New York...a region that had been burned-over with religious and, as a consequence, reformist zeal.

Presenter: Jim Craft

Date: **October 2, 2019**

Topic: Business Meeting followed by group discussions and Q&A time

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **October 16, 2019**

Topic: Using Church Records for your research

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **November 6, 2019: Annual Luncheon. 1:00-3:00 at Heroes BarBQ&Brew, 998 W. Huron, Waterford**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday EVENING MEETING- 7:00-8:30.** October- Searching for your Germanic Ancestors; November- Interviewing Relatives; December- Holiday Customs

## WGS NEWS

WGS has a great **Facebook** page. It is being updated regularly with interesting genealogical related items.

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## SPECIAL WGS EVENT

➔ **SAVE THE DATE: November 2, 2019** WGS Fall Program is scheduled for 1:00 to 4:00 pm. in the Community Room. A joint program of the Waterford Twp. Public Library & Waterford Genealogical Society  
Our special guest speaker will be **Kris Rzepczynski** from the Michigan Archives.

- 1:00 to 2:00 pm. "Michiganology" site will be presented. This site replaces the SeekingMichigan site. The staff has been working hard on completely revamping this resource and has listened to input from all areas. Kris will demonstrate the new features
  - 2:00 to 2:30pm. "Little Used or Forgotten Resources", a mini session
- Break
- 3:00 to 4:00pm. "Wills, Chills, & Thrills: Digging into Probate Records. An underutilized resource". These presentations are for people from beginners to intermediate levels.

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Alonzo D. Baker  
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The 80 acre farm of A.D. Baker was located on the land between Crescent Lake and Elizabeth Lake. On the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township the Baker residence is located on Cooley Lake Road, across the road from the north shore of Elizabeth Lake. Alonzo Baker is reported in the 1870 census, age 48, born in New York. Also in the household is his wife, Sally E., age 37, born in New Jersey, and Dolly, age 6, born in Michigan.

Alonzo D. Baker was born in 1822, Cortland County, New York, (1)(3) the son of Kasson Baker (2) and his first wife, Lucy Coburn. (4) He married Sarah E. Opdyke, (6)(7) 1855-1860, probably in Niagara County, New York since both Alonzo and Sarah were residents of that place in the 1855 New York State Census. (3) The Baker's were still residents of Lockport in the 1860 census. (5) Their daughter, Dolly, was born about 1864, in Michigan, so the Baker's had moved to Michigan sometime between 1860 and 1864. Alonzo Baker died 21 December 1899, in Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan. (2) He is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (1) Alonzo's entry on the website, Find A Grave, reports that he died on 24 December (1), but Alonzo's death certificate says 21 December. (2) The death certificate says Alonzo's cause of death was "Burnt to Death". The story was found in the Bay City Times, Bay City, Michigan. Alonzo was burning marsh land on his farm, and was watching the fire to make sure his fences did not burn. Later that day he was found "burned almost beyond recognition". It was speculated that he may have been overcome by the smoke and heat and lost consciousness. (8)

The Baker family can be traced back to Rev. Nicholas Baker who settled in Hingham, Massachusetts in 1635. (9) Alonzo's father, Kasson Baker, was the son of Elijah Baker and Olive Kasson from Windham County, Connecticut. (9) Elijah Baker was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, serving from Windham County. Both Elijah and Olive received pensions for his service. (11)

Sarah E. Opdyke, also known as Sally, was the daughter of Albert Opdyke and Sarah Case of Hunterdon County, New Jersey and later from Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania. (7)(12)(13) She was born 19 August 1834, in New Jersey. (7)(12) The death certificate for Mrs. Sally Baker says she died 20 August 1909 in Pontiac, Michigan. (12) She is buried with her husband in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac. (1) The Opdyke family can be traced back to Louris Jansen op Dyke who sailed from the Netherlands and settled in Gravesend, Long Island in 1655. (7) Sarah's great-grandfather was Albert Opdyke of Hunterdon County, New Jersey. He was a Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Hunterdon Militia during the Revolutionary War.

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Members can practice the skills they've learned throughout the year - a great opportunity to do the things we've talked about ask questions and collaborate on genealogical best practices! If you're not a member, you can come too and our members will help you with one-on-one help on the computers.
  - **November 19, 2019 -** Researching Polish Family History: Sources and Strategies  
Presented by Patricia Yocum.
  - **January 21, 2020-** What I Wish I Knew When I First Started Genealogy  
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Salvation Army Kroc Center, 2500 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

This year's Got Ancestors?! seminar speaker is Michael D. Lacopo DVM. Dr. Michael D. Lacopo was born and raised in northern Indiana surrounded by extended family always willing to tell tall tales. Intrigued by his maternal family's claim to be kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, and his paternal family's stories of murder and mayhem, he took to genealogical research in 1980 to substantiate these family stories.

Additional information is available from the Western Michigan Genealogical Society at [gotancestors.com](http://gotancestors.com). Registration is now online.

**SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 9AM – 4:45PM**

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**WMGS Sales Table – Network with other Genealogists – Door Prizes**

**✚ Saturday, October 19, 2019 - Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan 41st Annual Seminar**

9:00 am to 4:00 pm, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 East Maple Road, Troy, MI 48083

Coming from Poznan, Poland, is Łukasz Bielecki, Ph.D.

Dr. Bielecki studied biotechnology at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. In 2000 he completed his Ph.D. in the field of molecular modeling of modified nucleic acids. He is the creator of the online marriage database; the Poznan Project, as well as the principal partner of Discovering Roots in Poland, specializing in genealogical tours.

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Ms. Serna has been involved with genealogy researching and writing family stories for over 35 years. She worked on the PBS Genealogy Roadshow program for the first season. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and past Vice-President of the Orange County California Genealogical Society and the Polish Genealogical Society.

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Date: **October 16, 2019**

Topic: Using Church Records for your research

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **November 6, 2019: Annual Luncheon. 1:00-3:00 at Heroes BarBQ&Brew, 998 W. Huron, Waterford**

Date: **November 20, 2019- Joint meeting with Independence Genealogy Group**

Topic: Genealogy by Headstone: guest speaker Carol Bacak-Egbo from Oakland Co. Historical Commission will present a genealogy on families using headstone names and dates. She will demonstrate how one family name can lead to connections of other people buried nearby using census records, land records & documents. This will also be a joint program with the Independence Gen. Group.

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Date: **December 4, 2019**

Topic: Business Meeting followed by group discussions and Q&A time

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **December 18, 2019**

Topic: Holiday Memories- bring an item to share that show the influence your heritage has on the way you celebrate the holidays.

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Date: **January 1, 2020**

Topic: HAPPY NEW YEAR-NO MEETING

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday EVENING MEETING- 7:00-8:30.**

November- Interviewing Relatives; December- Holiday Customs

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WGS Member submission:

- ✚ Book Review by Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach: *We Hope for Better Things* by Erin Bartels, available in Waterford Public Library, Fiction  
When journalist Elizabeth Balsam is asked to deliver a box of old photos to a relative she didn't know she had, the strange request doesn't seem worth her time. But as she explores her great-aunt's farmhouse with its locked doors and hidden graves, she soon discovers just how dramatically some of the most newsworthy events of the previous two centuries shaped her own family. As she searches for answers to the riddles around her, the remarkable stories of two women who lived in the farmhouse emerge as testaments to love, resilience, and courage in the face of war, racism, and misunderstanding. Set in Detroit and Lapeer County, you'll enjoy the references!

## SPECIAL WGS EVENT

➡ **SAVE THE DATE: November 2, 2019** WGS Fall Program is scheduled for 1:00 to 4:00 pm. in the Community Room. A joint program of the Waterford Twp. Public Library & Waterford Genealogical Society  
Our special guest speaker will be **Kris Rzepczynski** from the Michigan Archives.

- 1:00 to 2:00 pm. "Michiganology" site will be presented. This site replaces the SeekingMichigan site. The staff has been working hard on completely revamping this resource and has listened to input from all areas. Kris will demonstrate the new features
- 2:00 to 2:30pm. "Little Used or Forgotten Resources", a mini session

Break

- 3:00 to 4:00pm. "Wills, Chills, & Thrills: Digging into Probate Records. An underutilized resource". These presentations are for people from beginners to intermediate levels.

Lite refreshments will be available

This is a free program and open to the public. **Registration with the Library is encouraged**

➡ **SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2020: ANNUAL LOCK-IN**

# Of Waterford Interest- Waterford Township Section Biographies

## Section 28



Today Section 28 is mostly residential with a handful of small businesses along the northern boundary on Elizabeth Lake Road. Most of the eastern portion of the section is occupied by part of Crescent Lake and the western end of Elizabeth Lake. There are many homes on the shores of both lakes. The Clinton River meanders along the western side of Section 28 on its way to Pontiac. On the 1872 plat map of Section 28 there were only five land owners and one, H.W. Lord, was an absentee owner. Henry W. Lord was a resident of West Bloomfield Township. He also owned land in Section 19 and was reported in that section's biographies.

### Josiah C. Gaylord Matilda A. Seeley

The 1870 census, page 590, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan lists Josiah C. Gaylord, age 52, born in New York; wife Matilda, age 53, born in New York; Ella, age 22, Carrie, age 17, both born in Michigan; and Amos Gaylord, age 82, born in Connecticut. On the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township, the property of J.C. Gaylord is found in the southern part of Section 28, where Cooley Lake Road runs along the shores of Elizabeth Lake.

Josiah C. Gaylord was the son of Amos and Sarah (Chapman) Gaylord, (1) born 20 July 1817, in Yates County, New York, and died 20 March 1897, in Pontiac, Michigan. (1)(2) He is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (2) Josiah married Matilda Seeley,(3) but no marriage date has been found, and it is very probable that the marriage took place in New York. J.C. and Matilda Gaylord are found in the 1850 census on page 117, Waterford Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (4) Their oldest child, Sarah, is four years old and born in Michigan, so the Gaylord's had arrived in Michigan about 1846. (4)

The Amos Gaylord who is reported with Josiah in the 1870 census is his father.(1) Amos is reported in the 1860 census, with William P. Gaylord, page 495, Town of Torrey, Yates County, New York. He is not with William P. Gaylord in the 1865 New York State Census, so Amos may have moved to Waterford Township between 1860-1865. Amos Gaylord was born 11 August 1787, in Hartford County, Connecticut, the son of John Gaylord and Charlotte Hitchcock. (5) Amos married Sarah Chapman, born 24 June 1795 and died in 1859, Yates County, New York. (6) After his death on 8 November 1872, in Waterford Township, Amos Gaylord's remains were shipped to Yates County, New York, where he is buried with his wife in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Torrey, New York. (6)(7)(8) Amos' father, John Gaylord, was a veteran of the Revolutionary War, serving from Connecticut. (5) The Gaylord family can be traced back to William Gaylord who settled first in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1630 and then moved to Windsor, Connecticut in 1638. (9)(10)

Matilda A. Seeley was born 17 February 1817, in Ovid, Seneca County, New York. (2)(11) She died 7 May 1893, in Pontiac, Michigan and is buried with her husband in Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac. (2)(3) Matilda was the daughter of William Pease Seeley and Sarah Harger (11) William P. Seeley was a son of John Seeley and Eleanor

Pease of Ballston Spa, Saratoga County, New York and Ovid, Seneca County, New York. (12)(13) John Seeley served during the Revolutionary War from New York. (13)

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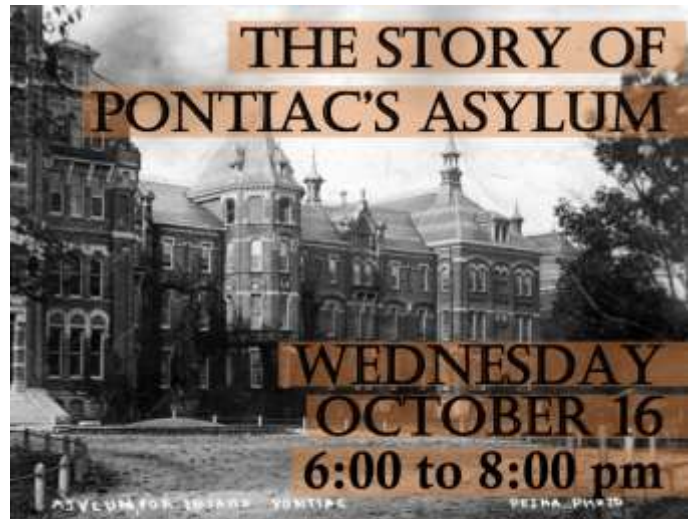
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  - **December 3, 2019, Judy Nimer Chipps Muhn, French-Canadian Research.** From 1604, when the French began settling North America until today, with millions across the continent of French ancestry, learn about the records that will help you find your French connection.

✚ [Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society \(OCPHS\)](#) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI

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- **October 16, 2019**-6:00-8:00 pm- The Story of Pontiac's Asylum, presented by Bruce Annett, author. Special Event held at the Crofoot Ballroom, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac. Call OCPHS with questions (248) 338-6732 or email: office@ocphs.org

One of the most fascinating stories in Michigan's history: The Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane, later Pontiac State Hospital, later Clinton Valley Center. This massive Pontiac complex was tragically demolished in 2000, but the stories remain. — all are welcome and encouraged to share their perspectives and ask questions. Admission is free. Cash bar available.



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✚ [Farmington Genealogical Society](#): meets at the Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

- **November 19, 2019** - Researching Polish Family History: Sources and Strategies Presented by Patricia Yocum.
- **January 21, 2020**- What I Wish I Knew When I First Started Genealogy Presented by Grace Wilfong

✚ [Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#): Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.

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still celebrated today by tens of thousands of residents of southwest Ontario and southeast Michigan. Longue vie à Detroit en Nouvelle-France en Amérique du Nord!  
Dr. Teasdale will have his book available for your purchase and signing.

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Dr. James Sims, an expert in the use of DNA with family research will share basic concepts about DNA, how it is used in researching your family tree, and what to do after you get your results back.

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Coming from Poznan, Poland, is Łukasz Bielecki, Ph.D.

Dr. Bielecki studied biotechnology at the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. In 2000 he completed his Ph.D. in the field of molecular modeling of modified nucleic acids. He is the creator of the online marriage database; the Poznan Project, as well as the principal partner of Discovering Roots in Poland, specializing in genealogical tours.

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2. All newspapers online to search are not free.
3. You have found newspapers available but they don't have the dates that you are looking for.
4. Your search criteria is lacking. Please check the [Newspapers!](#) page on this site for tips and articles on how to search to produce the best results. Don't just search surnames. Vary your spelling. Etc.
5. Are you Browsing? If the OCR process doesn't convert the dots on the newsprint to the proper text, then the word will not be indexed properly.
6. Don't expect Chronicling America, or Google News Archive, or the subscription sites to always have what you need.
7. For your geographical area of interest, check city, county, state, local public library, college and university websites for new online collections.
8. Ask for help. In the [Genealogy and Newspapers Facebook Group](#).
9. Have a plan. Keep track of your searches and ancestors that you are searching for in a log.
10. Be patient. Don't give up.

 [Michiganology.org](#) is up and running. Searching for Death Records, records or collections? Try the Advanced Search option. This will give you choices of searching using Basic, Advanced and Custom.

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The parents of Joseph Briggs could not be found. Rachel's death record says her parents are R.D. and H.E. Smith. (1) The 1850 census reports a Robert D. and Harriet Smith, both born in Canada, are residents of Sterling Township, Macomb County, Michigan. (4) On 1 May 1838, Robert D. Smith, of Wayne County, Michigan, was purchasing land in Macomb County. (5) The Smith family is recorded in the 1840 census as residents of Warren Township, Macomb County, Michigan. Nothing further is known about the family of Rachel Smith.

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The Waterford Genealogical Society presented their first Pioneer Certificates and pins to two of its members, Pam Schmaltz and Carol George. Both worked with volunteers in the Waterford society to insure a successful submission to this committee.



All Michigan Genealogical Council member societies are encouraged to promote and then work with members, and others interested, in submitting a Michigan Pioneer Certificate application. This is a great opportunity to celebrate, honor and preserve the history of your Michigan ancestors, with a goal of having well documented lineages of our pioneers.

Two categories are offered at the nominal fee of \$25.00 per certificate: Pre-Statehood (before January 26, 1837) and First Families (January 26, 1837-December 31, 1880). Each certificate is custom designed and comes with a corresponding lapel pin.

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John Spies was born 9 January 1827 in Switzerland, the son of Michael Spies. (1) He married Mary Ann Roll in Switzerland and their first two children were born there. (1)(3) According to the 1900 census, the Spies family immigrated to the United States in 1845. (2) They were not found in the 1850 census. In 1853 John Spies is purchasing land in Independence Township, Oakland County, (4) and the family is residing there for the 1860 census. (3) By the time of the 1870 census John Spies and family are residents of Waterford Township.

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in Pontiac, Michigan. (1) Both John and Mary Ann Spies are buried in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (5)

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marriage|married|marriages|wedding|wed|nuptial|nuptials|marry|intention  
1860|1861|1862|1863|1864*

Read the article with explanations on RandyMajors.com site:

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