



Waterford Genealogical Society

E-Letter

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The Waterford Genealogical Society meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Community Room of the [Waterford Twp Public Library](#).

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 \$5 membership fee and provides voting rights. For more information contact Wayne Thom: WAYNETHOM6@aol.com. A membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Evening Meetings: For those genealogists who cannot attend the afternoon meetings, WGS meets on the second Thursday of each month during the school year from September through June in the evening from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. No meetings in July and August.

WGS Meetings

Date: **December 21, 2011**

Topic: Some Underused Online Recourses: by Gary R. Toms. This is an online Webinar from the Midwest Genealogy Center. Mr. Toms discusses some general methods of online researching to help yield more results.

Presenter: Cathy Barry-Orth

Date: **January 4, 2012**

Topic: Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about.

Your input is important for making a roundtable successful.

Date: **January 18, 2012**

Topic: "Odds and Ends". Exploring funeral home records, newspapers, tax records, county histories, and church records.

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

WGS NEWS

- Elections were held at the December business meeting. Congratulations to Dot LaLone, our new President. We also extend congratulations and thanks to Lois Hague as our new Vice President, Secretary Sandy Kinter and Treasures Wayne Thom.
- Mark your calendar: **WGS GENEALOGY LOCK-IN** on **APRIL 28, 2012**. Please note that this is a Saturday. The Waterford Twp Public Library is currently closed on Friday-hence the new date. Planning is underway and suggestions are always welcomed. If you are interested in presenting a program or know someone who might be- please contact [Kim Smith](#) or [Sandy Kinter](#).
- The new WGS E-Letter editor is [Kim Smith](#). If you have any comments please let me know. Open to all suggestions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

- **7 January 2012: "And the Rockets' Red Glare: Online Resources for War of 1812 Research"** Joint meeting of the [Oakland Co. Genealogical Society](#) (OCGS) and the [Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#) (DSGR) featuring Curt Witcher from the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Please note, this meeting is held at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church St. (at Lone Pine Road), Bloomfield Hills. Refreshments are served at 1:30 pm, and the speaker begins at 2 pm.

- **GENEALOGY U**: presented by Irvin Rabideau, B.S., M.A., M.S.L.S., A.B.D. Mr. Rabideau has been involved in genealogical research, teaching, and lecturing for over 40 years. He is also our past library liaison and member of WGS. Classes will be held at the Waterford Twp. Public Library.
 - A series of free classes designed to prepare you to trace your FAMILY HISTORY.
 - **Genealogy 101, Saturday, January 7 (if you hurry you can make the OCGS meeting)**
An introduction to the basics of genealogical research including basic techniques, reference tools, and strategies; library research, the U.S. census as a source, the use of Ancestry and HeritageQuest, vital records, church records, and city directories.
 - **Genealogy 102, Saturday, February 18**
Topics covered include: geographic sources, brick-wall busting techniques, genealogy software evaluation and demonstration, GEDCOM files, creating web pages.
 - **Genealogy 103, Saturday, March 3**
Topics covered include: newspapers, obituaries, biographical sources, probate records, probate records, immigration & ship passenger lists, and naturalization records.
 - **Genealogy 104, Saturday, March 24**
Topics covered include: military records, land records, tax records and source citation techniques
 - All classes are from 9:30am to 1:00pm on the dates listed above. Coffee, juice and sweet rolls are provided
 - Registration is required. Call 248.618.7694 or come to the Adult Reference Desk to register. You may attend any or all classes. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending other classes.
- **Farmington Genealogical Society:**
 - **Pre-meeting at 5:45: Jan. 17, 2012 “Getting Ready for the Debut of the 1940 Census in April”** FGS member, **Clare Mallon**, will present reasons for preparing now for the release of the 1940 census as well as ways to find where one's ancestors were living
 - **Jan. 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. “Beginner German Research”** Genealogy Speaker, Terry Stollsteimer, will give us the insight we need in researching the various German states and where to find the source of those records.

SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

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

- [1940 U.S. Census to be free on Ancestry.com](#) - announced that both the images and indexes to the 1940 U.S. Federal Census will be made free to search, browse, and explore in the US when this collection streams onto the website in mid-April 2012. When completed, more than 3.8 million original document images will be available to search by more than 45 fields, including name, gender, race, street address, county and state. Ancestry.com is committing to make the 1940 Census free from release through to the end of 2013.
- [Zombie Borders](#). This 12 Dec 2011 New York Times article (Opinion Pages) by Frank Jacobs, discusses the now almost completely erased border between the former East and West Germany.
- [Walk in Their Footsteps](#). A fantastic site to gather information about the Civil War battles in Virginia. You can track a soldier's history across Virginia's Civil War sites, see summaries of your ancestor's unit, videos about the battlefields and interactive maps. You can also create a personalized plan to walk in the footsteps of your ancestor. This is part of the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War



Commission and the Library of Virginia partnering in the Civil War 150 Legacy Project. Make sure you check their home page too.

WELCOME TO THE WATERFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY EST.2007

Our mission is to promote interest in genealogical research and assist members by providing meetings and workshops that will further this goal.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Check no: _____ Money Order: _____

Surnames you are researching:

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WGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miwatgs>

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Your news and views are valued. Please send them to the [editor](#).

