

Waterford Genie Notes
The E-Letter of the Waterford Genealogical Society
Sue Fann, Editor

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We welcome 2011 and look forward to an exciting year. The 2011 Membership application is at the end of the news letter. You do not have to be a member to join us and contribute to our roundtables. Our meetings are free and hopefully informative.

The next meetings of the Waterford Genealogical Society will be on January 19th
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Community Rooms of the Library.

2011 WGS Meeting Schedule

Date: January 19, 2011
Topic: Secrets of the Dead! Cemetery's
Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: February 2, 2011
Topic: Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about and names for looking up. Your input is important for making a roundtable a success.
Presenter:

Date: February 16, 2011
Topic:
Presenter: Don Simons – Archeologist

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 pm – 8:30 pm. No Meetings: July & Aug. This year's meeting dates are as follows: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8.

GENEALOGY U - 2011

Enroll Today and Let Us Help You Answer the Question:



“WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?”

by

Learning to Trace Your Family History

The Waterford Public Library is offering a series of free classes designed to prepare you to trace your FAMILY HISTORY. This year's classes feature an integrated format of computer and online genealogy subjects within the discussion of information sources and research topics.

- Classes are **FREE** of charge
- All classes run from 9:30 to 1:00
- Light refreshments provided
- **Registration required, either by phone: 248.618.7693 or visit the library's Adult Reference Desk**
- You may attend any or all classes. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending other classes
- Irvin Rabideau is the presenter. Mr. Rabideau has been a genealogist for over 40 years engaged both in personal & professional research, genealogical & historical writing, publications, and teaching. He has spoken at numerous workshops, conferences and meetings
- Additional information (**NOT REGISTRATION**): irabideau@twp.waterford.mi.us or 248-618-7681

CLASS SCHEDULE:

<p>Genealogy 101: Basic Genealogy Part 1 Saturday, January 29, 2011</p> <p>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, and church records.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 350: African-American Genealogy Saturday, February 19, 2011</p> <p>This class will stress the special sources containing African-American genealogical information and the methods necessary to trace ones family back to the Civil War era. Special emphasis will be given to the records of the 1860s. Techniques for identifying slave ancestors and their masters will also be discussed.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 102: Basic Genealogy Part 2 Saturday, February 26, 2011</p> <p>Topics covered include: geographic sources, brick-wall busting techniques, genealogy software evaluation and demonstration, GEDCOM files, creating web pages.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 320: Irish Genealogy Saturday, March 19, 2011</p> <p>This class will emphasize the sources and methods used to determine an ancestor's place of origin, the importance of thorough North American research, and the major Irish sources.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 103: Basic Genealogy Part 3 Saturday, March 26, 2011</p> <p>Among the sources covered are city directories, newspapers, obituaries, biographical sources, probate records, immigration & ship passenger lists, and naturalization records.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 104: Basic Genealogy Part 4 Saturday, April 16, 2011</p> <p>Topics include the location and use of military records, land records, and tax records. Also included is a section on documenting your research using standard citation techniques.</p>	
<p>Genealogy 310: French-Canadian Genealogy Saturday, June 18, 2011</p> <p>Covers the sources and techniques needed to trace your French-Canadian ancestors back to Quebec and France. Materials for Southeastern Michigan and other Great Lakes F-C centers will be covered along with the major sources for Quebec and Acadia</p>	

Volunteers needed for Irv's Genealogy U- 2011 Classes

Irv Rabideau will be conducting genealogy classes over the next few months. He would appreciate having someone(s) volunteer to assist him with the setup the day of the classes. This normally includes putting out the refreshments. You would be needed from about 8:30 am until 1:30 pm. Contact Irv at icr@waterford.twp.mi.us or 248-618-7681 if you can help on any of the following dates: January 29, February 19, February 26, March 19, March 26, April 24. And June 18.

Oakland County Genealogical Society, PO Box 1094, Birmingham, MI 48012-1094

Program Schedule 2010-2011

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

1 February 2011: "Scots-Irish Migrations to Canada and the USA" David Irwin, owner of yourancestralfamily.com, details who the Scots-Irish are and their beginnings in the Lowlands of Scotland from about 1600 to their first migration from Ulster to America after the revolution in the 1790s, and to Canada from about 1830-1870 and their settlement in Ontario. Dave will also review the migrations of Scots-Irish to the USA during their peak immigration decade (1880s) and focuses on those who settled in Michigan, especially in the thumb area (Tuscola Co, etc.).

1 March 2011: "Selected Detroit and Michigan Genealogical Resources at the Burton Historical Collection" Mark Bowden, Coordinator of Special Collections at the Detroit Public Library and President of the DSGR, will focus on some of unique genealogical resources for Michigan and Detroit research found at the Burton Historical Collection including: Detroit Death index, burial transit permits, Wayne County coroner's files, Roman Catholic Church records, naturalization records from Detroit Records Court, Michigan World War II service awards index, Michigan Korean war casualties index, and more!

5 April 2011: "Pushing Up Daisies: Cemetery Research" Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG, will review how to find information about burials through online resources, books, property records, lot ownership cards, and onsite visits. She will review all types of burials, from infant, military and religious, to how to use unlikely sources to follow the trail of your "missing" loved one.

3 May 2011: "The Importance of Staying Organized" Deborah A. Abbott, Ph.D., president of the African-American Genealogical Society in Cleveland, will cover how to not let paper over take your genealogy research. She will discuss inexpensive ways to create file systems, materials needed, genealogy software and other items that will keep your genealogy neat. Learn about how being organized will help you to be more successful when you take research trips, or just visiting libraries/archives.

7 June 2011: "Deciphering Old Handwriting" Family researcher Peggy Brumbaugh will talk about the use of English in colonial documents (dates and trends) and writing utensils and parchment/paper. She will also utilize examples of individual letters and handwriting (starting with Virginia court records dated 1715 and personal letters) and samples of numbers and dates. In addition, Peggy will teach tips on how to read those seemingly unreadable documents.

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

Comments to the Editor

Your news and views are valued. Please send them along to: sue.fann@sbcglobal.net

The Waterford Genealogical Society meets from 1 – 3 pm on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

<p>WGS Meetings: Meetings are Open to the Public. <i>Non-members</i> are welcome to attend. Membership in the society is Available with payment of the annual \$5 membership fee. Membership provides voting rights. Contact Wayne Thom, WAYNETHOM6@aol.com For more information.</p>
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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.

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Check/MO no: _____

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

Surnames you are researching: _____

Send \$5 check or money order payable to: Waterford Genealogical Society c/oTreasurer:
Wayne Thom
8257 Caribou Trail
Clarkston, MI 48348-4515

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

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