

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

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The next meetings of the Waterford Genealogical Society will be on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the Community Rooms of the Library.

**2011 WGS Meeting Schedule**

**Date:** February 16, 2011

**Topic:** "A Selection of Prehistoric and Historic Archaeological Survey & Research Projects  
With A Focus on Sites in Holly and Grand Blanc Townships."

**Presenter:**

**Don Simons**, current President of the Michigan Archaeological Society, has conducted archaeological research in the greater Saginaw Valley for the past forty-five years. Much of it was not far from his home in Grand Blanc. Surveys for sites and several excavations were located in northwest Oakland and southern Genesee counties. Simons will present slides of many of his most interesting sites and artifacts including Late Ice Age Caribou and Mastodons, several Indian sites including 2 over 11,000 years old. A 1820-30's pioneer site, digging in a civil war outhouse with his neighbor's, and worked at the Holly Heritage Farm Site.

**Date:** March 2, 2011

**Topic:** Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about and some names for looking up. Your input is important for making a roundtable a success.

**Presenter:**

**Date:** March 16, 2011

**Topic:**  
**Presenter:**

**Date:** April 6, 2011

**Topic:** Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about and some names for looking up. Your input is important for making a roundtable a success.

**Presenter:**

**Date:** April 20, 2011

**Topic:**  
**Presenter:** Dr. Richard Stamps

**Date:** May 4, 2011

**Topic:** Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about and some names for looking up. Your input is important for making a roundtable a success.

**Presenter:**

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Date: May 18, 2011  
Topic: Genealogy and DNA  
Presenter: Roberta Estes, DNA explained

### 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: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 8.

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

<p style="text-align: center;">WGS Meetings:</p> <p>Meetings are Open to the Public. <b>Non-members</b> are welcome to attend. Membership in the society is Available with payment of the annual \$5 membership fee. Membership provides voting rights. For more information contact Wayne Thom, <a href="mailto:WAYNETHOM6@aol.com">WAYNETHOM6@aol.com</a></p>
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### Officers & Committee Chairs:

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**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](mailto:sue.fann@sbcglobal.net)

# 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](mailto:irabideau@twp.waterford.mi.us) or 248-618-7681

#### CLASS SCHEDULE:

<p><b>Genealogy 350: African-American Genealogy Saturday, February 19, 2011</b></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><b>Genealogy 102: Basic Genealogy Part 2 Saturday, February 26, 2011</b></p> <p>Topics covered include: geographic sources, brick-wall busting techniques, genealogy software evaluation and demonstration, GEDCOM files, creating web pages.</p>	
<p><b>Genealogy 320: Irish Genealogy Saturday, March 19, 2011</b></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><b>Genealogy 103: Basic Genealogy Part 3 Saturday, March 26, 2011</b></p> <p>Among the sources covered are city directories, newspapers, obituaries, biographical sources, probate records, immigration &amp; ship passenger lists, and naturalization records.</p>	
<p><b>Genealogy 104: Basic Genealogy Part 4 Saturday, April 16, 2011</b></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><b>Genealogy 310: French-Canadian Genealogy Saturday, June 18, 2011</b></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](mailto: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.

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## 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 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 Recorders 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.



34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY, MI  
SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2011

at the Monroe County Community College  
(directions on other side)

*A Day with J. Mark Lowe*

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Welcome (coffee and donuts)
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am **Focusing on Pathways of the Kentucky and Tennessee Frontier**  
Learn more about the historic trails that lead early settlers to and from Kentucky and Tennessee.  
Get specific clues that might help you solve difficult research questions.
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 am – 11:45 am **Using that Brick Wall as a Foundation**  
Feel like you are at a dead end? By reviewing our research, and taking a fresh approach, we can often see new opportunities for finding our family. Use the very evidence that stops you in your tracks to spring over the wall.
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm Lunch (bring a brown bag lunch)
- 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm **Finding your Landless Ancestors**  
Since land is the key in many ancestral discoveries, tracking those individuals who did not own land often becomes a daunting task. Learn to use Trust Deed Chattels and Tax Release Books to help locate those individuals without deeds and estates.
- 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Break & Raffle
- 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm **Finding the Hidden Manuscripts of Kentucky and Tennessee**  
Discover the wonderful letters, diaries, family histories and documents that tell the story of Kentucky and Tennessee families. Learn how and where to find these items to further your research.

VENDORS – GENEALOGY BY COMPUTER DEMONSTRATIONS ALL DAY – RAFFLE

Mail registration and \$25 (US) to: GSMC Seminar, 721 Strawberry Street, Dundee, MI 48131-1042  
If you have questions, please e-mail [larry@dundee.net](mailto:larry@dundee.net) or phone (734-529-2216).

Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Registrations received by March 8th will be included in the Surname Index. Please PRINT surnames.

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NO REFUNDS AFTER Mar 20, 2011



**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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