

**Waterford Genealogical Society
E-Newsletter**

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The Waterford Genealogical Society meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
in **the Waterford Twp Public Library Community Room**

Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information

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

Greetings from the Waterford Genealogical Society!

All **WGS** meetings are open to the Public. **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 Bette Twyman: bettetwyman@att.net. A membership form may be found at the end of this newsletter. Now accepting **2023 DUES**- Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

WGS Meetings location Waterford Twp Public Library

Date: **June 7, 2023**

Topic: Ohio's Major Land Surveys - Land development in Ohio was a hodgepodge of confusing land surveys. Both Connecticut and Virginia claimed parts of Ohio. The Symmes Purchase was a surveyor's nightmare. Come and hear the story about Ohio's early land woes.

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Date: **July 5, 2023**

Topic: Genealogy 101 - This program will be about beginning your genealogy research. What information are you looking for, what sources are available, and where can you find family information. Are you an experienced genealogist? Come and share your invaluable research knowledge. We can all learn from past mistakes and success stories.

Presenter: Sandy Kinter

Tuesday Evening Zoom meetings with Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

First 30 minutes is for any Germanic questions

Topics subject to change.

Tuesday 7:00 pm - June 13: Using German databases

We do not meet July and August, we return on Tues Sept.12

Below is the ZOOM LINK

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86892019114?pwd=a3AzcnpoL2FrUjVCNmd3dkcrVWNCUT09>

Please register at the Waterford Public Library website. Look for Adult programs, then click on the calendar, and click on the WGS Tuesday night meeting. This will bring up the free registration form that is easy to fill out.

WGS NEWS

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

Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordGenealogicalSociety>.

Find our news and announcements in our newsletter or on FaceBook.

NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

[Waterford Genealogical Society Website](https://waterfordgenealogicalsociety.com/)

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Are you stuck? Don't know where or how to start? Call on Carol for some help. Send us your research questions and queries to our email address:

waterfordgenealogicalsociety@gmail.com

Members have volunteered to help with research questions and possibly look-ups. Email us and we will try to help.

A Note from our President

Hi everyone. This WGS member is so proud of our members. Especially Barb Frye who took control of our lock in and did an excellent job, as did all that were one her team. The query cards were positive and had an interesting mix of comments and requests for speaker topics. Since we have all oiled our "lock in" mechanical brains we hope to have a lock in next year also. A couple of comments were regarding the time frames and the board will take a look at that along with our partner the Waterford Public Library to see if any accommodations can be made for an earlier time.

Again, thank you to all that worked to make our lock in a success.

Kathy Stricher, President

Vice President and Lock-In Chair Barbara Frye

We did It! The 17th WGS Genealogical Lock-in was scheduled for April 25, 2020. You all know what happened there. We rescheduled it to August of the same year with the same result. We tried again for 2021 with the same line up of speakers... You guessed it, cancelled again. Curse You Rona! This year we pulled it off!

The 17th WGS Genealogical Lock-in was successfully completed April 29, 2023. It was a scaled down event due to many reasons. Our well-seasoned Lock-In Crew had other projects this year, so we assembled a new crew. Our original line up of speakers was not available this year, so we sought out new speakers. What did we do the last time? We had not done a Lock-In for three years! Well, we persevered!

Some might say we muddled through, but with the Board's efforts, research, and a lot of advice from past committee members, we got it done! Attendance was down, but we understand that is a problem many organizations are dealing with. Those members and friends who did attend were satisfied with the class selections offered and would come again. We had enough door prizes donated that every person who stayed for the drawing went home with a prize. The Committee pitched in and with the help of Jonathan (our stalwart library guy) we were all cleaned up, packed, and on our way home by 11:30!

The Committee wishes to express our gratitude to our speakers:

Grace Wilfong, who shared her knowledge of Canada and how to find those relations.

Laura Hedgecock, who taught us that context is the best way to tell your family story.

Derek J. Blount, who showed us how our families got here

Barbara Frye, who showed us there is more than one way to date an old photograph.


Dave Decker, whose knowledge of maps and records puts us the right path.

And certainly last but not least:

Carol Egbo, who stepped in last minute to show us how to weave a story of a farm, and its family.

The Committee also wants to thank all those persons who helped us put this event together. We could not have done it without your support, your advice, your suggestions, your donations of time, money, and “stuff”. We also want to thank all of you who come to the Lock-Ins for your continued support. We do this for you. The Lock-In is the only fundraiser the WGS holds, and the proceeds go to support the LE Ancestry account you get to use at the WTPL for free.

We also want to express our gratitude to the Waterford Township Public Library, and in particular to Joan Rogers (Director), Jean Hansen (Adults’ & Outreach Services), and Jonathan Deahl (Circulation Services), for the partnership WGS has enjoyed with the Library since 2007, and their belief that Genealogy is important to share.

 **WGS MAY PROGRAM:** Sandy Kinter shared a list of popular newspaper portals.

Google News – <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

Small Town Papers – www.smalltownpapers.com

Elephind – www.elephind.com

Library of Congress – <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>

Arizona – Arizona Memory Project, <https://azmemory.azlibrary.gov>

California – California Digital Newspaper Collection, <https://cdnc.ucr.edu>

Colorado – Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection, www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

Connecticut – Connecticut Digital Archive, <https://collections.ctdigitalarchive.org>

Florida – Florida Digital Newspaper Library, <https://newspapers.uflib.ufl.edu>

Georgia – Georgia Historic Newspapers, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>

Illinois – Digital Newspaper Collections, <https://idnc.library.illinois.edu>

Indiana – Hoosier State Chronicles, <https://newspapers.library.in.gov>

Kentucky – Digital Newspapers, www.kentuckynewspapers.org

Maine – Newspaper Project, www.digitalmaine.com/newspapers

Michigan – Digital Michigan Newspapers, <https://digmichnews.cmich.edu>

Minnesota – Minnesota Historic Society, www.mnhs.org/newspapers

Missouri – Digital Newspaper Project, www.shsmo.org/collections

New York – NYS Historic Newspapers, www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org

North Carolina – North Carolina Newspapers, www.digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers

Ohio – Ohio Memory, www.ohiomemory.org

Oregon – Historic Oregon Newspapers, <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>

Pennsylvania – Pennsylvania Newspaper Archive, <https://panewsarchive.psu.edu>

Virginia – Virginia Chronicle, www.viriniachronicle.com

Washington – Washington Digital Newspapers, <https://washingtondigitalnewspapers.org>

West Virginia – West Virginia Newspapers, Potomac State College

<https://wvnewspapers.advantage-preservation.com>

Michigan Genealogical Council news:



- **The Archives of Michigan** shared news with the council:
 - June 23, 24, 2023: Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar. [Drew Smith](#) is the featured speaker. See more information under **MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA**
 - Online catalog. The Archives' online catalog is nearly ready for primetime. <https://archivesofmichigan.on.worldcat.org/discovery> The catalog is great, it offers many search perimeters including format, author and the ability to save your search and copy the citation.
- **The Library of Michigan** reminds researchers to take advantage of the digital resources they offer through remote access. You must have a Library of Michigan library card, easily obtained by applying online at www.Michigan.gov/LibraryCard.

Of Waterford Interest- Waterford Township Section Biographies by Sandy Kinter

Section 5



On the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township, Section 5 is all farmland. The northeastern corner was the boundary with the village of Waterford. The Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad cut across the section. The railroad tracks are still there, and trains do occasionally make their way along the rails. In 1872 the eastern side of the section was Depot Road, which, at some point in time, became the northern extension of Airport Road. Now the area is mostly residential with businesses along Airport Road and the railroad tracks.

Phineas Huntoon owned most of the southeastern corner of the section. He was included with the Huntoon Family biographies included in Section 8. John Windiate was a resident of Section 12, and he will be included with those biographies. In the northeastern corner is the 40 acre property of J.G. Owens. John G. Owen resided in the village of

Waterford and his biography is found there. And finally, at the top of section 5, on Andersonville Road, is the residence of J. Lawrence. Joseph Lawrence purchased $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in March 1864 (Volume 81, page 67, Image 40) and he was a resident of Independence Township.

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Miscellaneous Families, Part 2

The following three families resided on Depot Road (now Airport Road), south of the village of Waterford. Unlike the three families who were reported on in Part 1, these three families did own the land where they lived. Their residences were among those shown on the 1872 plat map clustered around the Depot and the railroad tracks.

Henry Anganey Jane Newton

The 1870 census for Waterford Township has on page 690, Henry Angony, age 30, laborer, born in Pennsylvania; Jane, age 24, born in Canada, and Ella, age 4, born in Michigan. The census taker did not record any money value in the column for value of real estate. But the 1872 Oakland County plat map, on page 61, has a close up view of the area of Section 5, at the railroad crossing on Depot Street. This shows that Henry Angony owned ½ acre of land along the railroad tracks, opposite the depot. On 16 December 1869, Henry Angany purchased ½ acre of land from Phineas Huntoon. (1) Henry Anganey and family are not located again until the 1900 census when Henry is a resident of Dowagiac, Cass County, Michigan. (2)

According to Henry Anganey's death certificate, he was born 25 March 1837, in Pennsylvania, the son of David Anganey and Catherine Wiedman. (3) Henry "Auging" married Jane Newton, 6 June 1861, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. (5) He died 15 October 1905, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. (3) and is buried in the Lakeside Cemetery, Decatur, Van Buren County, Michigan. (4) Jane (Newton) Anganey is also buried in the Lakeside Cemetery, with a headstone that says 1843-1883. (4)

William R. Jones Elizabeth D. Davis

The next entry on page 690 in the 1870 census is for the household of William R. Jones, age 62, farmer, born in Wales; Elizabeth, age 45, born in Wales; E. Dickinson, female, age 13, born in New York; and James W. Davis, 78, born in Wales. E. Dickinson is unknown, but James W. Davis is the father of William's wife Elizabeth. (9) On the 1872 Waterford plat map, in the cluster of squares on the north side of the railroad, is a square marked Jones.

The zinc metal headstone of William R. Jones says he was born 16 June 1806, in Monmouthshire, Wales. (6) Exactly when William married Elizabeth Davis is unknown. William and his wife, Elizabeth, may have been newlyweds in the 1850 Waterford census for they have no children, (7) but in the 1860 census there is a son John, age 10. (8) William R. Jones died 3 March 1891, and he is buried in the Drayton Plains Cemetery, Waterford Township. (6)

Elizabeth D. Jones has the same zinc metal headstone as her husband and it says she was born 23 April 1827, in Monmouthshire, Wales. (6) Her death certificate says she was the daughter of James Davis, no mother's name is given. (9) The 1860 census says the wife of James Davis was named Susan. (8) Elizabeth died in Pontiac, Michigan, 19 November 1915 and she is also buried in Drayton Plains Cemetery. (6)(9)

James Davis first purchased land in Section 24, Waterford Township, on 27 August 1834. (11) He then received two land patents in Brandon Township, Oakland County, both dated 2 November 1837. (10) One of the Brandon Township properties was sold to William Jones in January 1841. (12) The land in Section 24, Waterford Township was sold to William R. Jones in January 1854. (13) William purchased the property in Section 5 on 13 March 1866 and sold the land in Section 24 on 3 April 1866. (14) James Davis is recorded in the 1860 census with his

wife, Susan, (8) and then in 1870 when he is residing with his daughter and son-in-law. Nothing further is known about James and Susan Davis.

Alvin B. Watson Mary Jane Morris

The last entry in this group of six households from the 1870 census is Alvin B. Watson, age 48, carpenter, born in New York, and his wife, Mary J., age 46, born in New York. Alvin and Mary Jane appear in the 1850 census as residents of Springfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. (15) By the time the 1860 census had been taken, the Watson family were residents of Waterford Township. (16) On 18 March 1864, Alvin purchased his property in Section 5, Waterford Township. In the 1880 census Alvin and Mary Jane are residents of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan. (18)

Alvin B. Watson was born 7 June 1821, in New York, the son of James Watson and Mary Burrows. (19) The marriage date of Alvin and Mary Jane Morris is unknown. Alvin's death certificate says he was 22 years old when he was married, (19) so married about 1843, most likely in Oakland County since Mary Jane's family were residents of Oakland County in 1840. (21) Alvin B. Watson died 3 July 1900, in the village of Holly, Oakland County, Michigan. (19) He is buried in Waterford, probably in the Waterford Center Cemetery since that is where his wife is buried. (19)(20)

Mary Jane (Morris) Watson died 24 December 1899, in Holly, Oakland County. (20) Her age at death is given as 76 years 3 months and 5 days. If this is correct, she was born 19 December 1823 in New York. (20) Mary Jane's death certificate says her father was Lewis Morris. (20) Lewis Layton Morris is recorded in the 1840 census residing in White Lake Township, Oakland County. (21) Mary Jane's siblings were Cordelia Morris, wife of Solomon Clark Elwood, reported in the biographies of Section 18, and Joan Morris, wife of Francis W. Fifield, reported with the Waterford Village biographies.

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Guest article submitted by a member, thank you! Thank you Anita, she is a research specialist from Marshall Co. Indiana and granted permission to include this in our newsletter.

Common Genealogy Errors – Have You Made These, Too?

Anita Watts Kopetski
Marshall County Genealogist
April 18, 2023

Even the most experienced genealogist can make mistakes. We know what we should do but we have done it so often that sometimes we just don't do it.

Thanks to a lead by Lacey King of our Marshall County Genealogy Society, I found a document on the Virginia State website for my Revolutionary War ancestor Benjamin Cruzan that I had not seen before. Saw his name, printed it off, made a copy for my sister and set it aside to be put in my file. What had I not done? My sister e-mailed me to comment on the exciting find of his leave of absence. What? I had not read it. She then called me to talk about it. I still had not read it. When I got off the phone, I grabbed that document and finally read it. It was his discharge from service, saying that he had enlisted for the duration of the war and had leave of absence until he was ordered to report again. Exciting indeed. But I did not know what I had because I had not read the document. I had found it, printed it, shared it and nearly filed it, but I had not read it. I knew better than that. I have even made that mistake before. So thrilled was I to find the document, I didn't bother to pay attention to what it said.

That is the first genealogy mistake. Not reading the document. How do you correct this error? Easy. Read the document. Read the entire document. Read the whole deed. Read the entire land description. Read the entire thing.

Read the whole page. Your ancestor's name may appear on it more than once. More than once I have found a second deed at the bottom of the page that I didn't know was there because I had stopped looking once I found the first deed. Especially for my Railsbacks. Their family hobby was buying and selling land and they often filed more than one deed at a time.

Read the whole probate file. Family names pop up on receipts, inventory sales sheets, court documents and all through the file. Read the whole guardianship file. In indexing newly acquired guardianship files at the museum, I found a guardian father who adopted his daughter out after her mother died. It gave the girl's birth name, her new adopted name, her adopted father's name, and the place where she moved with her adopted family. Not my family, but the file contained a wealth of information for someone.

And that leads to the opposite error: Reading every word of everything you find while you are out researching. Once you determine that it is your family, copy it and move on to something else. Use your time at the facility to find as much as you possibly can. But be sure to read it all when you are back home.

Another error I have made: copying the wrong page. Check what you are copying to make sure you have the right page and that you copy all the pages. I copied the wrong page when I was at the Fort Wayne library. I did not discover the mistake until I was back home. Winter happened and I didn't get back there for months. I then had to locate the book again, find the page again, and this time to make sure to copy the right page. And would you believe – it was also something on Benjamin Cruzan and his Revolutionary War service.

Other mistakes that are commonly made in genealogy, including errors of omission:

Not getting every census available for your family. My mother talked about her father's Aunt Caroline's son. The only son we knew she had died at the age of six. But when we concentrated on getting every census, lo and behold, there was Aunt Caroline with her son Arnold. Each census contains different information and it's the one census you don't have that may hold the clue. Which census is the most perfect? The 1890 census, the one that was destroyed. I just know it would have held all the answers to all my questions.

Not researching our ancestors' siblings. Sometimes there is very little about your ancestor, but a lot about a more prominent brother. Taking the time to get information on the siblings very often leads into finding things on your own direct line. Remember: that sibling's parents are also your ancestor's parents. By researching our collateral lines, we have extended several of our own direct lines.

Not searching thoroughly when you are at a place. Make sure you get all there is to get. An obscure book or a dusty volume in a courthouse may be just the one with that elusive find.

One that has caused difficulty for us is assuming that the facility is open when it is not. Fort Wayne has a Three Rivers festival that shuts down the downtown (and the library) every year. Ask me how I know. Ashland, Kentucky has a similar event, again closing the downtown and the library. Our museum here is closed over Blueberry weekend, Labor Day, every year. Call the place you plan to visit to make sure they are open. While a website can be helpful, it may not have been updated to reflect new hours, or even a new location. We have also been burned when a place arbitrarily decides to close after we have called and they said they would be open. There is nothing that can be done about that.

Not taking the item when you find it. I made this error on my first solo genealogy trip 28 years ago. That's how long I have been making genealogy mistakes. I was at the South Bend library looking up Railsbacks in Wayne County, Indiana when I came across the Stephens family in the same location. But my Stephenses had not come to Wayne County – I thought. I went home for lunch, continued to think about it and was bothered enough to return in the afternoon to copy the information. Yes, it turned out the Stephenses had also come to Wayne County. Thankfully I lived only fifteen minutes away so I could easily come back. But I had to find the information all over again.

The worst example I have seen of this particular error is when a man from Texas came to the museum to research. He had a list of several of his families. I knew we had the original will for one of his ancestors which named all 23 children. When I brought it to him, the man did not even look at it. He said he was not working on that family that day and left without it. He has not been back since and still has never seen that will. While we don't want to fly off on tangents, neither do we want to refuse anything when it is being handed to us on a silver platter.

Accepting what someone else tells you as gospel. If it is not in the Bible, it should not be automatically accepted as the truth. Do your own research. A lot of what is on the internet is being picked up and copied over and over and over again. And there is no reference as to where the information originally came from. There is one glaring error in each of my family lines that shows up over and over again. I know when I see it that those people have not done their own research.

Not knowing where you got the information. Be sure to document your sources. It also helps to know how good the source is.

Not using common sense. My brother always said that common sense isn't common. If it does not make sense, it probably isn't true. There is something wrong when you read that a woman has had children for 120 years or that she has had a child twenty years after she died.

Automatically accepting family legend. "My grandmother said this." "My aunt said that." Now check it out. Usually there is a grain of truth in the legend but the story has gradually been changed or the time period has become fuzzy.

Not keeping that time period in mind can also cause mistakes. When I was just starting out, we found a Benjamin Cruzan in the cemetery and the tombstone stated he had been in the War of 1812. But our Benjamin Cruzan was born in 1813. By knowing the birthdate of our guy, we knew this one was a different man. Turned out they were father and son.

Not researching the area where you are going so you don't know where to go when you are there. We start with a call to the local library and then ask where the records are. Do you have them here at the library? Are they kept at the courthouse or have they been moved? Is there a museum, archives or other place that might have something?

What makes a successful field trip? Preparation beforehand. No matter how much I try to get ready, when I get there, I realize that I have made the mistake of not doing more.

Not being able to find things again in your own files. When I started out, I had one big pile and I knew about how far down in the pile a certain thing was. Eventually I realized I had to organize what I had but my mistake was not doing it in the first place, making more work for myself when I finally did no it.

Not preparing family group sheets and ancestor charts. I have been lax on this, so I don't always have that information at my fingertips. I am better at making timelines for a person, place or family, but then my mistake is the opposite. I tend to put too much information in the timelines, making them bulky and awkward.

It is human nature to make the same mistakes over and over. I hope that I have learned from these so that I will not do them again – or at least not as often.

MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

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

+ [Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar](#) Look for the Friday evening Lock-In registration too

June 23 at 1:00 pm – June 24 at 5:00 pm EDT. Registration is required, the fee is \$45 with the additional option of a boxed lunch.

Drew Smith is the featured speaker at the 2023 Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar on **Friday, June 23, through Saturday, June 24, 2023**. The Archives of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council's annual seminar promotes family history awareness and teaches research skills. This year's seminar will be offered as a hybrid event (onsite and virtual) with multiple offerings from a variety of speakers.



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NOTE: Drew Smith released a NEW BOOK in February. **Generation by Generation: A Modern Approach to the Basics of Genealogy**. (Maybe he'd sign your copy for you!) More about Drew on his [Genealogy Guys website](#).

Program Schedule

Friday, June 23, 2023

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Remarks-*Mark Harvey, State Archivist and Rozlyn Kelly, Michigan Genealogical Council*

1:40 - 2:40 p.m.

2A. Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Researching Corrections Records at the Archives of Michigan- *Annakathryn Welch, Archives of Michigan*: This program will help researchers navigate prison records held by the Archives of Michigan to uncover information about your ancestors' past misdeeds, including how to get started, and using prison records to find even more genealogy resources.

2B. A Million Ways to Die in the Colonies: Death and Burial in Colonial America

Daniel Earl, Professional Researcher- Death was a part of life for our ancestors. This lecture will teach the different attitudes our colonial ancestors, from Newfoundland to Jamaica, had toward death, different funeral and burial practices and what records you would expect to find from this period.

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

3. Crowdsourcing Your Brick Walls- *Drew Smith, Featured Speaker*-Online genealogy forums provide an opportunity to ask others questions about brick wall problems. Learn how to find and search through relevant mailing lists, message boards, and social networking groups, and how to craft the perfect online research query.

4:20 - 5:00 p.m.

4. Tour of the Archives of Michigan and Research Workshop

Saturday, June 24, 2023

8:50 – 9:50 a.m.

5A. Empire State Roots: New York Family History Research-*Kris Rzepczynski, Archives of Michigan*. New York was by far the most important state in the early growth and development of Michigan and the Midwest. This session will explore New York's migration patterns and provide an overview of the fantastic genealogical resources available in print and online.

5B. Orphan Trains 1854-1929

Derek Blount, Professional Researcher-What were the social conditions that prompted the

orphan trains? What records were generated on the children and how can we find them?

10:10 - 11:10 a.m.

6. Your Ancestor's FAN Club: Using Cluster Research to Get Past Brick Walls-Drew Smith, Featured Speaker

Our ancestors were each surrounded by family, associates, and neighbors. By researching them, we discover additional records pointing to our own ancestors.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

7A. City Directories: More than Basic Facts -Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski, Professional Researcher. City directories provide more than just a name and address for a particular year. Discover the stories held within these volumes.

7B. Native American, First Nations, Indian: Researching Indigenous Peoples-Judy Nimer Muhn, Professional researcher. Family legends often tell of an ancestor who was the daughter of a chief or some other Indian relationship. Come and find out the truth, myths, facts and information about how to determine if your family descends from Native or First Nations people. This presentation will provide information about Michigan tribal peoples as well as an overview of others.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

8. Introduction to GEDmatch-Drew Smith, Featured Speaker

GEDmatch is a free website that allows uploading raw DNA data from DNA testing companies so that the test data can be compared with data from tests taken at different companies. It also provides tools that may not be available at the original testing company. This presentation will focus on the basics of using GEDmatch to match relatives.

2:50 - 3:50 p.m.

9A. Yes, They Could Own Land: The Homestead Act and African American Homesteaders-Jessica Trotter, Researcher & Blogger. Learn about the Homestead Act of 1862, African American families who managed to take advantage of the legislation, and the possible gems in Homestead files.

9B. Digitizing My Family Tree: Formats, Software, and Techniques-Adam Oster, Library of Michigan. Explore the digital options for saving your family history research. Explore the variety of desktop and web-based applications researchers can use for organizing their data. Review best practices for both using these applications and uploading digital scans of records to the software.

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

The Carriage House (Office, Research Library and Pioneer Museum) is currently open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 4 PM. Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. (248-338-6732)

- GENEALOGIST ON BOARD Starting May 9, 2023, OCPHS Member Barb Hofmann (and WGS member), an experienced Genealogist, will be available on Campus to assist visitors to the Oakland History Center discover the history of their families. Barb has been well versed in researching family histories for DAR, Colonial Dames, and Mayflower Families, all lineage societies that require direct line research and proofs. Barb will be available, by appointment, during regular business hours, in our Research Library to assist you to find what we can in house, and on line. Please call the office to set up an appointment. 248 335-6732
- Outdoor Spring Flea Markets Saturdays in May, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Ice Cream Social is July 28, 2023, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm





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- **June 6, 2023: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Early New England Research by Laessa Northrup** will present an overview of immigration to New England prior to the Revolutionary war. Coverage will include general statistics, information on various jurisdictions in New England, and types of records to search for. Find out where immigrants to New England came from and unique records that were kept during this time period.

SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

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

-  Library of Michigan Programs for the Public will take place over **Zoom**. All programs **require registration** to attend.
 - **History of the Library of Michigan – Celebrating 195 Years of Service**
Thursday, June 1, 2023 6:30PM - 7:30PM, Zoom [Register For This Program](#)
The Library of Michigan has been serving the people and government of Michigan since 1828. Come learn about our “origin story” that started during Michigan's territorial era. Celebrate the key figures that shaped Michigan’s state library. See the evolution of the library’s services as we continuing to collect and preserve the story of our state.

-  Michigan History Center, from the Archives of Michigan. Guides of County Records are being updated. In addition to the Archives’ extensive holdings of Michigan state government records, their collections also include local government records from all of Michigan's 83 counties. These county records can include tax assessments, naturalizations, probate files, poor house registers, chancery case files, occupational certifications, and more. Holdings may vary widely from county to county. On the site you will find a listing of Michigan county guides, detailing what records are available for each county. The records listed are available at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing or housed at our repository partners closer to the county. (Records held elsewhere are noted on the guides.)

To the right is a small sample from the [Oakland County Guide](#):

Records are organized by Record Group (RG) with a number assigned to that collection.

MILITARY RECORDS

- **Account book of Civil War bounty**, from **1863 to 1865** – RG 57-16
- **Draft quota enlistments (Troy Township)**, from **1863 to 1885** – RG 57-18
- **Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) post records**, from **1876 to 1945** – RG 63-19
 - *Oakland County GAR posts: Post 147 (Pontiac), Post 181 (Milford), Post 183 (Holly), Post 187 (Oxford), Post 197 (Ortonville), Post 267 (Farmington), Post 333 (South Lyon), Post 363 (Clarkston), Post 373 (Leonard), Post 377 (Rochester), Post 456 (South Lyon)*
- **Register of volunteers**, from **1862 to 1865** – RG 57-16

See also Guide No. 4: War Records, Guide No. 7: Post-War Records, Guide No. 4 c: Spanish American War, and Guide No. 4 d: World War I

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

- **Certificate stubs**, from **1959 to 1984** – RG 2004-14
- **Court orders denied**, from **1929 to 1986** – RG 2004-14
- **Court orders granted**, from **1929 to 1987** – RG 2004-14
- **Declarations of Intention**, from **1843 to 1978** – RG 2004-14
- **Final papers**, from **1843 to 1906** – RG 2004-14
- **Petitions**, from **1906 to 1984** – RG 2004-14
- **Repatriations**, from **1940 to 1960** – RG 2004-14

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Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month @ 1:00-3:00 pm in the
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