



WMGS Newsletter



Summer 2013

WMGS Program Schedule

The following programs will be held in the Grand Rapids Public Library in the Ryerson Auditorium. Meetings begin at 1:30 pm, starting with WMGS business and followed by the speaker. Admission is free and everyone is welcome! Parking is free at the Library on Saturdays. Remember to have your parking ticket validated in the Library's main lobby. Refreshments are served after the speaker's presentation. Books and supplies may be purchased from the Sales Table before and after the programs.

June 1, 2013

Researching Your Family History at the Archives of Michigan

An introduction to the Archives of Michigan by Kris Rzepczynski, this program will explore the genealogical collections available there, including both original source records and published resources, and how to best maximize your research time there. One of the larger family history collections in the United States, the Archives' holdings emphasize Michigan, the Great Lakes states, New England, the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as Ontario and Quebec.

No meeting in July and August

October 11 & 12, 2013 Got Ancestors?! Seminar

Mark your calendar for the our annual Seminar, Friday October 11 and Saturday October 12 at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College

WMGS Volunteer of the Year!

Janet Van Wyck

Congratulations to Jan and many thanks for her volunteer work for WMGS. She has helped with the sales table since 1996 including set up, take down, answering questions, and help finding just the right book. And that includes taking the sales table on the road. So stop by the sales table, and let Jan know you appreciate the time, effort, and energy that she expends on our behalf.

Mini Classes

Mini Classes are held in the Grand Rapids Public Library from 12:15 to 1:15 in the Adult Computer Center. They are free to the general public.

1st June 2013 *Planning a Family Reunion*
Speaker: *Jim Rademaker*

Planning a Family Reunion? Ever wonder what it takes to plan and execute a family reunion? Listen to Jim Rademaker explain his approach to preparing for a family reunion and the tools he used. Discover the unexpected benefits and surprises he encountered along the way and enjoy the amazingly positive response from his family.

WMGS Education Class

11 June 2013 *Document Preservation and Storage*
Bill Grinstead Comp Lab 6:45-8:45

Worried about those one of a kind papers or pictures in your genealogy collection and how to preserve and protect them? Our presenter will review the basics in how to care for paper documents and pictures, how to store them, where to get supplies, as well as answer your questions on document care.

Writing Contest Winners - see page 2

Abrams Seminar at Archives of Michigan - see page 5

Washington, D.C. trip - see page 5

FGS Conference, Ft. Wayne August 21-24, 2013
Allen County Public Library www.fgsconference.org

WMGS Family History Writers' Workshops

June 19, July 17, August 21 at 1:30 to 4:45 p.m.
Dominican Center, 2025 Fulton St East

The Writers' Workshops are designed to help and support each other's desire to write about our families with a kind eye and lots of humor. Everyone is welcome. We informally discuss questions relevant to each person's work, provide helpful, non-judgmental feedback on writer's current projects and have fun learning about each other and our research. Everyone is welcome to bring their latest writing project rather than writing on the suggested topic for the meeting.

May: Experiences in cemeteries

June: Things inherited from parents and/or grandparents, etc. (gestures, words, phrases, resemblances, etc.)

July: Empty nest

August: Favorite songs when growing up

The workshops are held at the Dominican Center on the corner of East Fulton and Lakeside Drive. Please call Sister Michael Ellen Carling at 616-514-3231 (home) or 616-514-3340 (office) if you are attending for the first time. You may park in the Dominican Center parking lot on Lakeside Drive. Use the lower entrance on the east side of the large portico. Go down the steps or down the cement ramp to enter the building. The receptionist will direct you to the room. *Note new phone numbers.*

Saturday, 7th Sep 2013

Peggy Brumbaugh

Topic: State of New York Research

The State of New York can be a real challenge to genealogists. We often have to get creative in our effort to find information and records in this state. It helps to know the "New York equivalent" of Michigan courts, towns, and villages. Some of the topics this presentation will address are New York's colonial history, location of vital records, immigration and naturalization records, land deeds, Internet resources, and networking.

Peggy has been involved in family research for over 35 years. She became interested in genealogy as a teenager trying to decipher the handwriting on old family documents. Her personal areas of study are colonial Virginia, New York State, Ohio (Clermont County), and Illinois (Chicago). She holds a Bachelors Degree in Public History from Western Michigan University. When she is not doing historical research she is out in her yard gardening.

2013 WMGS Writing Contest Winners

2 first place winners; 6 honorable mentions!

1st place: Sara Vruggink, *Through the Lens: A Great-Granddaughter's Vision of the Past*

1st place: Betsy VanderVeen Rutz, *Brushie Prairie*

2nd place: Marlene Fabbro, *From Cow Spray to Holy Cards*

3rd place: Gail Snow, *The Decision*

4th place: Cheryl Slaughter, *A Civil War Odyssey of Titanic Proportions*

Honorable Mentions

Kathy Campbell, *Welsh Ancestor Evan Thomas in Pennsylvania*

Kathryn Jackson, *Lonesome Soul in an Alien Land*

Mary Lane, *That's Quite a Story*

John J. Lesjack, *Searching for My Unknown Brother*

Mary Vidro Patrick, *"My Full Circle Aha Moment"*

Betsy Randall, *The Disappearance and Reappearance of Gail Kidney*

WMGS Records Needed!

Are any of our records stored at your home?

Cataloguing has begun on our society's history collection and it is evident we have been sadly negligent in preserving our own records. We have *most* of the early minutes of meetings, but committee, educational and other efforts are grossly underrepresented. A lot of work by dedicated people is not currently a part of our preserved story. We want to change that.

Knowing how genealogists tend to keep every piece of paper forever, we are appealing to our members, and past members, to look through their treasures and see if you have any fliers, notes, newsletters, worksheets, minutes, etc. that are relevant to WMGS. If you know of someone who is no longer active, please contact them for us. Don't worry if the papers might be duplicates, unimportant or messy, our historian will sort them. Give what you have to any board member and we'll find them a home that will assure they are recognized as valued.

Current Board Members

Don Bryant, Bill Grinstead, Bobbi Schirado, Dave Smith, George Bayard, Janet Jensen, Judy Wilson, Lisa Christensen, Lucy Read, Marcia Shears, Marlene Fabbro, Mindy Koole, Roger Moffat, Shirley DeBoer, Sue Irvine, Sue Rabick, Wanda Schottler, Ruth Waybrant

Revised WMGS Publication State Land Patents, Kent County

Originally compiled by Western Michigan Genealogical Society in 1984, this publication was redone and improved in 2010. It includes original land patents given by the Michigan State Government from approximately 1840-1879. These are very important records, as Kent County had more state land for sale than any other county in lower Michigan at that time.

Soft cover, 114 pages REVISED, 2010, \$14.00

2013 Membership List

WMGS is nothing without our Members. Here is the most recent list of those who make us something.

Thank you to all of our 348 new and renewing Members!

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4 Genealogy Series to Air in U.S. Read article at The Huffington Post: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/megan-smolenyak-smolenyak/hbo-family-tree-genealogy_b_3196423.html

Check out the **Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletter** and see what else is happening around the state:
<http://mimgc.org/newsletter.html>

**Abrams Seminar at
the Archives of Michigan
702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing MI
July 12, 12:30 - 5pm & July 13, 9am - 5pm**

The Archives of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council are hosting the 2013 Abrams Genealogy Seminar July 12-13 at the Archives. The featured speaker is Dr. Thomas W. Jones. Co-editor of NGSQ since 2002 and past APG board member, BCG trustee, and president. His interests include "blocked" lineages and genealogical problem solving. Registration of \$50 includes full attendance for the seminar, a boxed lunch on Saturday, and a seminar syllabus loaded on a flash drive. More info/registration: www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/mhc_aom_abramsreg-2013_418133_7.pdf

Vietnam War Book Project

Ionia County Genealogical Society

They want to include all from Ionia County who served during the Vietnam War. For more info: <http://ionia.migenweb.net/ICGS/VietnamWarBookProject.pdf>

**Washington, DC trip, Oct. 14-20, 2013
\$1023 per person/ double occupancy**

Transportation by deluxe Cardinal Motorcoach. Six nights lodging at Arlington Court Suites Hotel, 1200 Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA. For more info, go to the following website & scroll down to October listings:

www.carolynmacktours.com/tours-all.htm

Kent County Area Museums

Did you miss "Spring into the Past" with the Tri-River Museums? May 4th and 5th were the yearly "open house" dates when all these the museums are open for free. But you're in luck!! Most of the museums are open throughout the warmer months. And **WHY?** do you ask are family history people interested? All these museums collect materials on the residents of their specific communities: pictures, articles, family histories and more. Plus, you can't ask for more informed "librarians". The volunteers who docent at these museums are usually well acquainted with area history and family lore. Plus they are friendly and share their knowledge. Check www.commoncorners.com for opening schedules.

**Allen County Public Library
Brochure for Gen Center**

Finding Ancestors in Fort Wayne: The Genealogist's Unofficial One-Stop Guide to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center by Harold Henderson, CG, is now available free on-line as a 26-page PDF at www.midwestroots.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/ACPLGC-April-2013.pdf

More info at <http://midwesternmicrohistory.blogspot.com>

WMGS LINKS. Browse the WMGS website & check out the links found there: www.wmgs.org/links.htm

If you, as a new or renewing member, would be willing and able to hold an office or work on a committee or project, WMGS would appreciate your help very much. You may indicate your area of expertise and/or interest on this membership form. We will be happy to contact you about your desire to help. Thank you!

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What is your level of genealogy experience? (circle one): Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Would you like someone to contact you about volunteer opportunities with WMGS? Yes No

Do you use computer software to manage your genealogy? No Yes _____

list the software you use

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The Western Michigan Genealogical Society is dedicated to gaining knowledge, preserving records and teaching others about genealogy and family history.

Membership: An annual membership to WMGS is \$20 and begins on January 1st of each year. Membership benefits include: 10% discount on all items at the Sales Table, four issues of *Michigana* per year, free queries in *Michigana*, free online brick wall help and leadership opportunities. Your membership in the Western Michigan Genealogical Society will also include use of the private files of the Society and publication of your genealogy online at trees.wmgs.org.

Change of Address: (Temporary or Permanent) If you will be permanently moving to a new address or going on an extended vacation, please notify WMGS before your address change occurs. Be sure to include the date your address will change or the dates when you will leave and plan to return. Email your address change information to the Society at membership@wmgs.org

or write to: WMGS – Membership
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