



# Got Ancestors?! 2021

Annual Fall Conference Western Michigan  
Genealogical Society

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## Sessions:

**9:15 to 10:30**

**Free Online Genealogy Resources:** Discover how to find and use information found on free genealogy websites such as Family Search, RootsWeb, US Gen Web, Chronicling America, [Archive.org](http://archive.org) and others.

**10:45 to 12:00**

**Effective Search Strategies on Family Search:** Learn tricks to find your elusive ancestors in the historical records and catalog on Family Search.

**12:45 to 2:00**

**Tricks of the Trade- Effectively Using Genealogy Websites:** Knowing how to use the tools on the most popular websites can help you find your family. Come learn the tricks of the trade.

**2:15 to 3:30**

**Chronicling America: A Newspaper for Everyone:** Using online search engines can be tricky! Learns some techniques to find elusive ancestors in the newspapers on Chronicling America.

Conference fee is \$25 and you can register at <http://gotancestors.com/>