



WMGS

Newsletter

Summer 2012



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 9, 2011

Finding Grandma's Polish Ancestors

This presentation will focus on how to find the vital records for your ancestors in the "old country." Steve Szabados will discuss how he used maps and gazetteers to find his grandmother's birthplace, and then how he found the Polish records for his grandmother's ancestors. He also describes what sources he used to translate the records. He will also discuss sources for the records for a few other countries. He will share some resources that go beyond the traditional documents that have enabled him to gather documents, pictures and information that has enriched his understanding and knowledge of his heritage.

No meeting in July and August

October 12 & 13, 2012

Got Ancestors?! Seminar

Mark your calendar for the our annual Seminar featuring Curt B. Witcher, MLS, FUGA. Curt is best known as the Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library. He is also a Past President of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. We have moved our annual Seminar into Family History Month, and will once again be holding the Got Ancestors?! 2012 Seminar at Prince Conference Center. The topics for the classes and registration information will appear at www.gotancestors.com when it becomes available.

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.

June 9: Image Scanning – The Basics.

During this class we will review how scanners work, the various types and their associated costs, and the parameters around scanning for genealogical record purposes.

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 the suggested topic for the meeting.

June 19: Your own "Ethical Will" (We write wills to leave tangible property to our children. An "Ethical Will" includes intangibles from the things you've learned in your life you'd like to give to them.

July 17: Why I love or hate Summer heat.

August 21: My favorite website for research or the one that has helped me the most in my writing.

The workshops are held at the Dominican Center on the corner of East Fulton and Lakeside Drive. Please call Sister Michael Ellen Carling at 616-643-0208 (home) or 616-643-0225 (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.

Great Lakes Events

June 5, 2012

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors

2006 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award winner Jim Jackson, owner of MichList.com, will offer information on soldiers' military experience and later life that is available from federal, state and local records. Some of these records have been reproduced on CDs or available online. Many useful internet research sites are presented. Presented by the Oakland County Genealogical Society. 7:00 pm St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 North Adams Troy, MI

June 7 & 8, 2012

German Genealogy: A Two Day Mini-Course

The Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana will hold a two day seminar featuring Steve Myers and John Beatty. The seminar will be an excellent introduction for researchers with little or no experience in German records and will cover basic sources and techniques that lead to success. Topics: An Introduction to German Genealogical Research; Using German Church Records; Advancing Your Research with the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI); German Maps, Gazetteers & Other Important Printed Sources; Swiss Genealogical Records; and Palatines Along the Hudson: Researching 18th Century Settlers on Livingston Manor. There will be a tour of The Genealogy Center and assisted research time both days. Space is limited. Please register early to avoid disappointment. Registration is \$50 (Please make check payable to: "ACPL Foundation"). Cancellation after May 24, 2012 will incur a \$20 administrative fee. For more information, see the website GenealogyCenter.org, call 260-421-1225 or email Genealogy@ACPL.Info.

June 18, 2012

Researching the British Isles (Mini Class)

Roger Drong will present a mini-class at the Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society's monthly meeting. The class begins at 6:15 p.m. at the Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane, Portage, Michigan.

July 5, 2012

The Battle at Middleburg

Berrien County Historical Association curator Robert Myers describes a little-known battle the 12th Michigan Infantry fought at Middleburg, Tennessee. A tiny force of 115 men, most of them from Berrien County, defended their post against 5,000 Confederate cavalry. This new PowerPoint presentation looks at a Union victory against the odds that renewed the spirit of the 12th Michigan Regiment. Berrien County History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St, Berrien Springs, MI, Thursday 6:30 p.m.

July 13, 2012

Fading Photos: How to Identify, Scan, Restore & Archive Historical Photographs

This is a half-day History Skills Workshop conducted by the Historical Society of Michigan. The workshop will be held at the HSM Main Office, 5815 Executive Dr., Lansing, Michigan from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$35 for HSM members and \$79 for non-members (includes a 1 year HSM membership.)

Call (800) 692-1828 register or register online at www.hsmichigan.org/programs

July 13 & 14, 2012

2012 Abrams Genealogy Seminar

This year the seminar will be held at the Archives of Michigan on Friday afternoon and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday. Josh Taylor, will be the keynote speaker. More information and registration details will be posted at <http://mimgc.org/> when they become available.

July 15, 2012

Museum Free For All

The Grand Rapids Public Museum, Gerald R. Ford Museum, Grand Rapids Children's Museum and the Grand Rapids Art Museum will participate in the quarterly Museum Free for All from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Four museums with free general admission all day.

July 20, 2012

GRPL Lock-In

The Grand Rapids Public Library will hold their next Lock-In on July 29, from 5:30-10:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for people who are new to genealogy to get help from members of WMGS. As always, printing is free and Ancestry.com, Fold3.com and NEHGS are free. Registration at www.grpl.org/train is normally open 30 days prior to the event. This is a very popular event with a long waiting list. If you register for this event and later learn that you are unable to attend, PLEASE call the GRPL to let them know you won't be attending and give someone else the chance to attend.

August 27, 2012

My Old House: Researching Your Home's History

The Vicksburg Historical Society hosts Robert Myers, Actor/Author/Historian/Lecturer and Curator of the Berrien County Historical Association. He will present a mini-class at 6:00 p.m. about his collection at the Berrien County Center for History. At 7:00 p.m. he will talk about the methods used to research the history of your house. Both presentations will be held at the Van Buren District Library, 200 N Phelps St, Decatur, Michigan.

2012 Membership List

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Family Search Update

The 1940 U.S. Census Indexing project is off and running! Delaware, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia and New Hampshire have been completely indexed, arbitrated and are searchable at www.familysearch.org. Ten more states have been completely indexed. WMGS would like to thank all of the volunteers that have joined the Michigan Genealogical Council indexing team. Your effort has made us the third highest indexing team with an accuracy rating better than 95%. Michigan is 14% complete. At the current pace, all 50 states will be completely indexed by October! Are you wondering what happens after the 1940 census project is finished? You can use your skills to index other projects in FamilySearch's long list of indexing projects.

New British & Irish Genealogy Website

Mick Southwick has started a new website specializing in British and Irish genealogy. It contains news about family history, a directory of services, entertaining stories and newspaper clippings from the world of family history and items for sale. Take a look at what Mick has to offer at www.bi-gen.blogspot.com.

Historical U.S. County Boundary Maps Online

<http://Randymajors.com/p/maps.html> shows the location of the county lines on a current map. It will tell when county lines changed and what legislative action caused it to happen.

Fold3 Discount for WMGS Members

Together with Fold3, we are adding value to your society membership. Fold3 is the Web's premier collection of original military records, hosting online source documents to help with your research. From now until the end of September 2012, you will receive a discount on an Annual All-Access Fold3 membership. The annual subscription is normally \$79.95, but will be reduced to \$49.95 for WMGS members. Take advantage of this offer while it lasts! Are you already a Fold3 All-Access Member? Add a year to your membership with this special offer. Go to www.wmgs.org and click on the Fold3 banner to activate the discount.

Do you subscribe to Ancestry.com? You can get an annual subscription to Fold3.com for only \$39.95. You will need to call Fold3.com at 1-800-613-0181 from 11 am to 6 pm EST on Monday thru Friday to arrange this discount.

Where's My Michigana?

No, your dues didn't get lost in the mail and you weren't deleted from our database. Our *Michigana* staff have experienced some health issues that have prevented us from publishing the Spring issue of *Michigana* on schedule. Please be patient while our staff gets healthy.

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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Make checks payable to: Western Michigan Genealogical Society or WMGS

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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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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

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