

2019-2020 Program Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, meetings are held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 16036 Old 27 N, Marshall, MI. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of the month, except December, January, July, and August. All meetings are free and open to the public.

September 24-DNA 201: What to Do with Your Test Results. You have your test results and don't have a clue what to do with them. Popular CCGS speaker, Jeff Mason will show you how to interpret them.

October 22-Tracing a House History. Thomas Furmato traced the history of his Penn St. home and will share the steps needed to research house histories.

November 26-History of the CCC/Civilian Conservation Corps in Michigan. Jean and Cal Lamoreaux will speak on the scope and impact the CCC programs had on our state, including where the camps were located.

February 25-Fast and Free: Top Genealogy Sites to Search. Brenda Leyndyke will show ten FREE genealogy websites for researchers to use.

March 24-Using the Zhang Legacy Collection at WMU. Sharon Carlson will present how to use, and what is available for researchers at, the Zhang Legacy Collection Archives, WMU, Kalamazoo.

March 28-Visit and Research at the Zhang Legacy Collection. Use what you learned at the Tuesday meeting and research the collection. Time TBD.

April 28-Poor Houses in Michigan. Library of Michigan librarian, Adam Oster, will provide information on the poor house history in Michigan, including the Calhoun County one.

May 23 (1p.m.) & May 26 (7p.m.)-Meet at Fort Custer Museum and Library. Sign up for one of the dates to visit the museum and newly organized library. Sign up beginning May 1, by calling Brenda Leyndyke, 269-275-0462. Registration is required.

June 23-Genealogy Story Slam-This is your chance for fifteen minutes of fame, more like ten minutes, to tell your genealogy or family history related story. So, sharpen your pencils and start writing. (More information on page 5)■

Important: Seeking Michigan Becomes Michiganology

SeekingMichigan.org migrated to Michiganology.org on September 1st. Eventually, all the great content from Seeking Michigan will be placed on Michiganology. This process should be completed in 2020.



The good news is that the 1943 death records are available at Michiganology. The Archives of Michigan staff has been working behind the scenes to provide researchers with an updated website with greater search capabilities. Be sure to visit Michiganology.org for all your Michigan research needs.■

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If you have suggestions for Generations articles, program ideas or speakers or if you have questions, contact us at

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September Meeting on DNA

The society's September meeting topic will be "DNA 201: What to Do with Your Test Results." DNA testing is a hot topic in the genealogy world and our program will help you understand what to do with all those cousins you have found through DNA. Jeff Mason is our speaker and he will help you interpret those results.

Jeff is a popular speaker at CCGS meetings. He brings a combination of humor and knowledge to his presentations. Jeff has been researching his family tree for over 40 years. He has done extensive research in the United States, England, and Wales. Jeff is the administrator and co-founder of the Nason Family Tree DNA project through FamilyTreeDNA.com. When Jeff isn't busy researching relatives he works as a CPA in the Lansing area. ■

Tracing a House History offered in October

Do you have a house you would like to know more about its history? Maybe it is one of your ancestors or even your own. Thomas Furmato traced the history of his Battle Creek Penn Street home and is joining us to share the process he went through to find out more about the home he bought. ■

Civilian Conservation Corps Topic in November

The Great Depression left many men wanting to work, but there weren't any jobs. A successful program called the United States Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was created. Men throughout Michigan worked on Federal and State lands earning experience as well as pay.

Jean and Cal Lamoreaux will discuss the scope and impact these projects had on the men and the communities who benefitted from their work. ■

All About DNA at Fall Family History Event

Diahan Southard will be the speaker at the MGC Fall Family History Event, Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, November 9th from 9 am-4 pm. Ms. Southard will present four DNA programs: Five Tips to Make Sense of Your DNA Testing, Me and My 1,000+ DNA Cousins, Organizing Your DNA Results, and Connecting Your DNA Matches. Other programs will be on Beginning Genealogy, and Poor House History. Complete registration information is available at mimgc.org. ■



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CCGS Members Organize Fort Custer Library

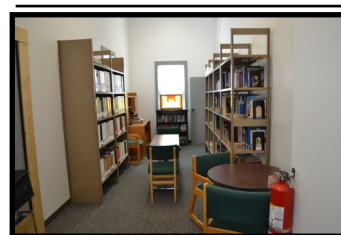
For the past year and a half CCGS members, Jan Gay, Wayne Gay, Cindi Buckley, Brenda Leyndyke, and Kirk Leyndyke have spent numerous hours organizing the Fort Custer Historical Society Library.

Jan and Brenda started by inventorying the collection, looking up classification numbers, labeling books, organizing the books and other materials, and creating a master list of all materials. Wayne and Cindi helped with the master list, and Kirk helped with cleaning shelves and moving furniture and books.

The FCHS library will be a great place to conduct military research when it is finished. Currently, work is being done on the rare books room. Completion of the library, located in the back of Moran Hall, on the grounds of Fort Custer Training Center, should be done by the Spring. Our May 23rd meeting will give attendees a look at the new library ■



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CCGS Thanks Board Members and Seeks More Leaders

Thanks go to all the volunteers who make CCGS a success. The board works to provide the best programs and information that will help you further your family history research. Special Projects Chair, Nominating Committee member, or Website committee member— please contact Nominating Chair Alex VanZanten at MichiganCalhounGene@yahoo.com.

Recently, Brenda Leyndyke resigned as Vice President. We are in need of someone who is willing to serve in this position. The Vice President's job is one that chairs the Program and Publicity committee and fills in if the President is not available. It doesn't mean you have to step into the President's role if you choose not to. The programs are planned for the 2019-2020 year. The publicity would require writing one press release for each month we meet. Luanne Frey has agreed to continue on the committee and does all the online community calendar notifications. The Special Projects Chair finds and organizes special projects that members can participate in. The Nominating Committee finds members to become officers and chairpersons, and conducts elections. The Website Committee works on maintaining and updating the CCGS website. Officers and chairpersons attend a monthly board meeting.

CCGS has room on its board for other leaders. If you can consider serving in the role of Vice President, With no staff, volunteers are the lifeblood of our society. It takes many hours to carry out the important work of an active society, but many volunteers make light work. Consider helping your society in these positions. ■

Support CCGS When Using Amazon.com

If you, or anyone you know, orders anything from amazon.com you can help Calhoun County Genealogical Society at the same time. The Amazon Smile program is offered to nonprofit organizations at no cost to the society or those using Amazon. Selecting Calhoun County Genealogical Society, Marshall Michigan as your organization insures that we will receive a portion of your purchase for our use. AmazonSmile, no changes there. The first time you log-in, you will need to choose Calhoun County Genealogical Society, Marshall, MI as the non-profit you want to benefit. Once you have done this a portion of all qualifying purchases will be donated to CCGS. We have been using Amazon Smile for a few years now and 100% of the money received helps CCGS to keep dues low. Just make sure you use the AmazonSmile.com and not Amazon.com when shopping. Please help us and spread the word.

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Research Tip: Using Archives and Libraries

by Brenda Leyndyke

Michigan is home to many exceptional research repositories. Many of these facilities have extensive genealogical resources. If you are looking for materials on local history, early settlers, maps, church records, newspapers, photographs, and more, check out the many research facilities in Michigan.

This issue of *Generations* will explore what is available in our great state. Think beyond public libraries when researching in an area. Consider using archives, research centers, regional depositories, heritage centers, and special collections throughout Michigan.

Many of these collections can be found at universities and colleges, genealogical societies, historical societies, museums, and heritage centers.

The big two in Michigan are the Archives of Michigan and the Library of Michigan. The Michigan History Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI, includes both of these research gems.

The Archives of Michigan is the repository for primary source records, including state and local government records. Subject guides, found at their website, help researchers find records.

The Abrams Foundation Historical Collection which contain many items of interest to genealogists, is housed at the Archives. States of strength in this collection are those with strong historic ties to Michigan and its early migration

Some Michigan Library Resources

List of Michigan Public Libraries
publiclibraries.com/state/michigan/

Archives of Michigan
www.michiganology.org

Library of Michigan
www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/

ANSWER Catalog
<http://35.8.7.98/search~S37>

Library of Michigan County Guides
https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89996_89997---,00.html

Michigan Genealogical Council
mimgc.org/cstm_societyList.php

Historical Society of Michigan
<http://hsmichigan.org/>

patterns, including New England states, Indiana, Illinois, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Ontario and Quebec, Canada.

Michiganology, the digital platform for the Archives, provides educational resources, indexes, record images, and research guides.

The Library of Michigan serves

researchers throughout the state and nation. The library's newspaper collection is the largest Michigan newspaper collection in the state. It includes papers, both large and small, from all areas in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

Other items of note include the Centennial family certificate questionnaires, Sesquicentennial Pioneer Certificate information, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Collections (1876-1929), and Michigan History Magazine (1917-current).

The State's Law Library holds resources back to territorial days, statues, case law, Michigan Supreme Court Records, and more.

The online catalog ANSWER, is shared by the Archives and the Library. Researchers may limit their search results to the Archives, Law Library or Rare Collections.

Two state councils organizations, Michigan Genealogical Council and Historical Society of Michigan have member societies with resources to help researchers. Check both organizations websites for additional information.

No matter what part of the state your research sends you to, check out these resources.■

Guide to the Michigan Genealogical & Historical Collections at the Library of Michigan and the State Archives of Michigan, published by the Michigan Genealogical Council is an out-of-print book that can be found in some libraries. It outlines what county by county research resources are available at the library and archives.

This book was published before the reorganization of the Library and the Archives. Many items in the guide have been redistributed between the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan-Abrams Collection and you will want to check the **Answer** catalog to find their present location.

REGIONAL DEPOSITORIES

Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202 313-833-1480; detroit.lib.mi.us

Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859; 989-774-3352; clarke.cmich.edu

Archives and Copper County Historical Collections, J. Robert Van Pelt Library, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Dr, Houghton, MI 49931; 906-487-2505; lib.mtu.edu/mtuarchives

Genealogical Resources, Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives, 126 Harden Learning Resources Center, 1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855; 906-227-1225; nmu.edu/archives/genealogical-resources-O

Archives and Regional History Collection, Charles C. and Lynn L. Zhang Legacy Collection Center, Western Michigan University; 1650 Oakland Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49008; 269-387-8490; wmich.edu/library/collections/archives

Kresge Library, Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Rd, Rochester, MI 48309; 248-370-4426 library.oakland.edu

Research Tip: *Using Regional Depositories*

Many records can be found throughout Michigan in regional depositories. These depositories have archival quality collections for the area they serve.

Use the **ANSWER** catalog of the Library of Michigan and Archives of Michigan to search for these resources.

Complete depository information is in the box to the left.

Some of the highlights of these collections include:

Burton Collection houses many of the Wayne county governmental archives, it has 12 million items including personal papers, business and church records.

Clarke Library concentrates on Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, and Midland counties. It has one of the finest Native American collections in the state. Northwest Territory collections are available, too.

Michigan Tech archives serves Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon counties. It houses links to ethnic

groups, Great Lakes maritime research, and mining company history.

You will find information from Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft counties at the **Northern Michigan University archives**. Concentrations are on the central Upper Peninsula.

Western Michigan University Archives covers most of southwest Michigan counties, including Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. Regional government records and manuscript collections can be found here.

Kresge Library in Rochester, MI covers Oakland County and holds governmental records for the county.

Be sure to check out their websites or call the archives to get their current hours before making a visit.

One never knows what can be found at these regional places. Be sure to use the repositories in the area of your research.■

Genealogy Story Slam Scheduled for June Meeting

Do you long to tell your family story? Do you enjoy public speaking? Now is your time to have your 15 minutes of fame, actually more like 10 minutes. The June meeting will be your chance to tell your fascinating family history story.

Anyone can sign up in advance. Eight people will be chosen and each person has ten minutes to captivate their

audience with their story. Preferably no reading of your story, but brief notes are okay. We want this to fun!

*"Sharpen those pencils
and get writing"*

Don't have a story to tell then we need you in the audience to support your fellow family historians.

If you are interested in being considered for our Genealogy Story Slam, please email MichiganCalhounGene@yahoo.com.

If we get so many writers we have to turn you away, we will consider adding a second day of story telling.

Sharpen those pencils and get writing for our 1st ever Genealogy Story Slam.■

Other Michigan Libraries

We all have our favorite library where we like to conduct family history research, but there are a few with extensive genealogy collections worth noting. Researchers can find genealogical collections in public libraries, genealogical society libraries, historical society libraries, college libraries and more.

The **Michigan Historical Collection at the Bentley Historical Library** on the campus of the University of Michigan holds more than 11,000 archival collections, 80,000 printed works, 10,000 maps, and 1.5 million visual images. It has materials from all of Michigan's 83 counties. Mirlyn, its online catalog is the place to start.

The upper peninsula is home to the **Escanaba Public Library**. Its holdings include the Delta County Genealogical Society collection, including considerable Canadian resources.

The second largest open stack genealogical collection in Michigan can be found at the **Flint Public Library**. Information expands beyond Genesee county to New England, New York and Ontario. The Flint Genealogical Society will transcribe records for a nominal fee.

The **Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department of the Grand Rapids Public Library** is home to atlases, books, microfilms, periodicals and more.

Those with Dutch ancestry will be interested in the **Joint Archives of Holland** at Hope College's Theil

Research Center. The Heritage Collection focuses on the history of Dutch American immigration and the Reformed Church. The Van Raalte Institute emphasizes Dutch-Americans and Holland's history.

Those who research in the Saginaw area will need to stop at **Hoyt Library**. Their collection has extensive genealogical resources. Saginaw history, early settlers history, business ledgers, diaries, photographs, and more can be found at the Hoyt.

Mount Clemens Public Library is another library with resources genealogists look for. Check out their locally produced indexes, databases and digital archives.

One historical society, **Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society** in Pontiac, MI houses a large collection focusing on Oakland and surrounding counties. Directories, obituaries, photo's, and items not found elsewhere are included.

Genealogists might not consider a law library when researching, but the **Adams-Pratt Oakland County Law Library** in Pontiac, MI houses the Oakland County Genealogical Society collection. Materials from states important to Michigan's migration, as well as Ontario and Quebec are housed here.

Calhoun County libraries were showcased in Volume 31, Issue 1 and 2. Do you have a Michigan library you would like to tell us about? Email us at MichiganCalhounGene@yahoo.com and tell us why you like it.■



Genealogical Societies in Michigan

Are you wondering if there is a genealogical society in the area where you are researching? One way to find out is to check out the member societies of the Michigan Genealogical Council (MGC) at https://mimgc.org/cstm_societyList.php

The Michigan Genealogical Council has over 75 member societies. MGC doesn't have individual members, they have society memberships. CCGS is one of the member societies.

Check out the list at mimgc.org to see society names, contact information and website address.

Other Collections: A Few More Gems

Archives can be found in many places. Think about your ancestors' heritage, occupation, religion, or criminal record. Archives are waiting to be discovered. Many of the archives and libraries mentioned in this newsletter have finding aids available on their website. Check out these unique specialized archives.

Andrews University-Center for Adventist Research, Berrien Springs, MI. Many Seventh Day Adventist records are available, including Ellen G. White's letters and writings. (<https://www.centerforadventistresearch.org/>)

The Finnish American Heritage Center & Historical Archives at Finlandia College in Hancock, MI houses the largest collection of Finnish-North American materials in the world, including genealogical resources. (<https://www.finlandia.edu/fahc/>)

Jewish researchers will want to know about three archives. The **Gayle Sweetwine Saini Memorial Library** is maintained by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan. It is within the **Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus**, in Farmington Hills, MI. Also, the **Leo M. Franklin Archives at Temple Beth El** in Bloomfield Hills, MI. (<https://jgsmi.org/library/>) (<https://www.holocaustcenter.org/>) (<https://www.tbeonline.org/the-rabbi-leo-m-franklin-archives>)

Grand Rapids City Archives and Record Center serves as the City of Grand Rapids depository. This research by appointment only facility has cemetery records, city directories, court records, public school archives, and fingerprint cards. (<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/City-Archives-and-Records-Center>)

If your ancestor served or traveled aboard Great Lakes ships you will want to check out the **Great Lakes Maritime Collection** at the George N. Fletcher Public Library, Alpena Michigan. It houses one of the largest private collections of 19th century Great Lakes maritime history. (<https://www.alpenalibrary.org/greatlakesmaritime>)

Also of interest to maritime researchers is the **Fr. Edward J. Dowling, S.J. Marine Historical Collection** at the University of Detroit Mercy. Over 58,000 photographs, postcards, sketches and more are included in this collection. Commercial ships and steamship information goes back to 1852. (<https://bit.ly/2ITdWjX>)

University of Detroit Mercy is home to the extensive **Black Abolitionist Archives**. Primary source material is available on

abolitionists lives and other antebellum anti-slavery movement activities. (https://libraries.udmercy.edu/find/special_collections/digital/baa/)

The Henry Ford Archives, Dearborn, MI has millions of items including photographs, scrapbooks, drawings, letters, company reports, including patents, and more. (<https://www.thehenryford.org/collections-and-research/digital-collections/archival-collections/>)

Polish researchers will be interested in **The Polish Mission of Orchard Lake Schools**. Their archives includes databases, cemetery records, jubilee books, funeral home records, and more. (<https://www.polishmission.com/>)

Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne States University, Detroit, MI started as a place to collect original source material on the labor movement in Michigan. Its collection contains information on union and labor related materials, civil rights movement, and women's struggle in the workplace to name a few. (<http://reuther.wayne.edu/>)

No matter what your ancestor did for work, what his religion was, or what nationality he was, there is bound to be an archive or library to help you. If nothing else many of these would make great day trips.■

2019-2020 Membership Due Now

September 1st is the beginning of our membership year. Membership Form is on the back cover.

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archives in this issue!*

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