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What's the Deal with Evernote?

Speaker, Karen (Page) Frazier

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 3195 corner of Grand Haven Rd & Porter Rd.

Note: Due to the January meeting cancellation of bad weather, we will present this program in February.

Do you wonder about all the talk in the genealogy community regarding note-taking and organization applications? Cloud storage? Need to understand why people are going digital? Evernote is the #1 note-taking and archiving application that is sweeping the globe with its capabilities, including genealogical research and organization. Evernote keeps all your devices in sync, so files are available wherever you are researching. It remembers your favorite things, including text notes, web clipping, photos, audio, and video files. You can also share files with others to collaborate together. This session will review the how-to of Evernote, with both basic and advanced tips, and suggestions for Genealogy use. Included will be a comparison of similar apps, such as OneNote, SpringPad, and Dropbox.

Karen (Page) Frazier is a Muskegon native. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Baker College, with a major in Human Resources and minor in Psychology. She is a certified Senior Professional of Human Resources (SPHR) via the Society for Human Resource Management, and has worked in the Human Resources field over 25 years. Her work experience includes the design and classroom instruction of corporate training programs for numerous organizations.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 8, 10:30am – 12:30pm or 2pm – 4pm

Space is limited so please pre-register either online at **1972mcgs@gmail.com** or call the Torrent House, Local History & Genealogy Dept. at 231-722-7276 ext. 240 to hold your spot.

Look at the new listings on the back page. Exciting news in 2014!



Historical Michigan Trivia MCGS

Quaker settlers named what present-day Detroit suburb for their hometown in New York in 1824? When Battle Creek was incorporated as a city in 1859, what new name was rejected by the electorate? North Manitou Island and South Manitou Island share an Indian name having what meaning?

MEMBERSHIP

Beth Lyons, Kenai, AK **Surnames** correction—Antisdale

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MCGS BOOKS VOLUME 2

We Need your stories for the Muskegon County History Book Volume 2 book. Please let us know if you need any photos scanned, stories edited, or help of any kind. Let's make this volume 2 just as great as volume 1! Also, We need space in our office so please help us by purchasing your copies of Volume 1 now!

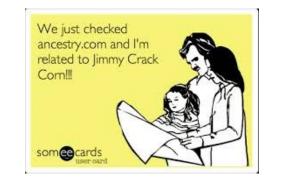


HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS

Since we did not meet in January, Jane didn't have anything to add here, but that just gives us much more to share next issue!

We will be sharing stories and photos of ancestor's marriages, plus Victorian

Valentines.



My computer came with a font called Dingbats. Perfect for writing the relatives.



<<< Photo free clipart online from Pinterest





COUNTY CLERK RESEARCH

Muskegon County Building 990 Terrace.

Our volunteers are there on Wednesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Update on our progress of the

marriage indexing, we are done with Libers 1 / 1859 thru 27 / Jan 1943 and will be uploaded on our website very soon. The indexing consist of: Groom, Bride, Maiden Name of Bride, Liber, Record No., Date Marriage

We would really appreciate more help of indexing the marriage & the death records. Contact us at **1972mcgs@gmail.com**

NEW BOOKS AT HPL

One-Room Schoolhouses in Newaygo County Volume 3 last of the series



Using Tools of Science to Trace Family History

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GREAT BOOKS

Finding Your Ancestors Through DNA

In this book author Darvin Martin shows that DNA testing is a reliable way to gather information about one's forebears. In understandable

language, Martin shows how DNA testing works, and how it can lead into one's deep ancestry. "In other words, we can now go far beyond where the paper trail ends to discover our own family histories," says Martin, a scientist who has tested nearly 300 individuals in a DNA pilot project.

The Genealogist's U.S. History Pocket Reference

Unlock records in your family historv research by understanding the historic events of your ancestors' eras. This quick and convenient guide outlines the major political, military and social events in the United States from the colonial era through 1940. lt also includes immigration trends and census dates to help you narrow your



research focus and find genealogy records faster.

Use *The Genealogist's U.S. History Pocket Reference* to find timelines, charts, quick lists and maps of major events; popular foods, songs and books of each era; timelines of wars and other military events; dates for federal, state and special censuses; and immigration data including major ports and countries of origin.

Can Black Sheep be Good Sheep?



"Black sheep" are more common than vou might think: Whether you have some moonshiners or something as simple as a divorce in your family history; these types of clues may lead you to much information.

Here are a few clues that you may have a black sheep ancestor on your hands:

Family stories: They aren't always true, but there's often a grain of truth behind them. If you have heard any stories, listen to them, but don't take them at face value. Spend time with your living relatives to learn more if you can. Take notes, and if possible, record the Ask for proof (documents conversations. or photographs) to back up the story. Look for birth, marriage, death records, censuses, immigration records, court dockets, wills, coroner's records, military pensions and draft registrations. Look for the details (names, dates, places) to confirm the story or debunk the myths. Be sure to properly cite your sources. If everyone has passed away, see if you can find friends, neighbors, or others who may have known your family.

An unexplained disappearance from the family. It could indicate an unrecorded death or migration for work, or it could mean the person deserted the family.

The ancestor no one likes to talk about. The secrecy alone may indicate there is something to be found.

If you have an ancestor who is listed in prison on a census you may see the institution listed at the top of the form, and he/she may be listed as an "inmate" or a "prisoner." Not all inmates were in prisons however. From time to time you may see a child listed as an inmate in an orphanage. Also, those who were hospitalized or institutionalized were listed as inmates. If you know or suspect your ancestor was imprisoned, you can find some records or indexes online. For federal institutions, check the National Archives' Online Public Access search. For state prisons, check that state's archives website. Also look for prison records you can borrow on microfilm through interlibrary loan.

You may find newspaper articles about a divorce filing, desertion, (wives would sometimes post newspaper ads for missing husbands), arrest, or a court action. If you find one article, look for more in other area newspapers. Look for future and past occurrences as well.

Also consider all options and names when looking into court records. One case may lead to something entirely different. Check all levels of court records as well. Many times old newspapers posted notices of legal actions. The public also posted legal notices in newspapers too, i.e. not being legally responsible for debts owed, etc... Scandals are not always identifiable in terms of black and white. Our ancestors did not live in a vacuum, and their choices were often influenced by their own personalities, cultural values, and their environment. As genealogists, it's important to understand the time period during which our ancestors lived, and explore town and local histories to get the social context. Every person experiences events differently, so it helps to gain as much perspective as possible.

If you discover something unsavory about your past, accept the reality, but don't dwell on it. Also, be mindful when sharing information with others. The bad thing your ancestor did somehow impacted those around him or her (sometimes for generations). Use caution, if you're planning to share the story in print, or online.

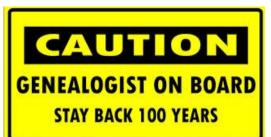
Let's face it; bad things happened to many of our ancestors. You may discover that the troublemakers are often more interesting than those who lived a boring, undocumented life.

So where can you find information on the black sheep in your family? Try some web searches to places like blacksheepancestors.com or check with the International Black Sheep Society online.



5 GOLDEN RULES OF GENEALOGY

- 1. Leave no stone unturned unless it is a headstone.
- 2. Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a document's importance.
- 3. The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours will be.
- 4. The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
- 5. Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.



WEB NEWS	FamilySearch.org has more	Other Access Sites: (Google by name)
	updates which are free to	The Historic Pittsburgh Census Project allows users to
access including the following		search early 1850 to 1880 censuses of the city. The records
UK records - a large new collection of indexes for births,		can be searched by a variety of means, including by name,
marriages and deaths that cover England and Wales		by street, by city of birth and by occupation.
from 1837 to 1920. There are 65.6 million births, 35.1		1.4 million images have been added (now totaling over 5
million marriages, and 40.6 million deaths. These		million records) to the collection of Washington State
indexes will point you to the exact location of each		county records. This collection spans the years from 1856
record.		to 2009 and includes various types of records such as vital,
Portugal records – They have significantly increased		probate, school, tax and naturalization records. The images
their collection of Catholic Church records from the		are organized by county then record type.
district of Santarém, Portugal. The collection now		The New York Public Library has a service called Direct
consists of some 650,000 images of baptism, marriage		Me NYC 1940. You look up your ancestor's New York
and death records spanning the years from 1544 to		address in the online 1940 NYC telephone directory. The
1911. The images can b	e searched by municipality,	website then converts the address into the appropriate
parish, type of record and year.		census enumeration district.
Denmark records – Added a new collection of		The Troy Irish Genealogical Society of Troy, New York
approximately 100,000 civil marriages from Denmark		has added to their collection of interment records. Included
from 1851 to 1961. These records can be searched by		are new interments from St. Mary's Cemetery (1952 to
	e records cover the small	1970). Also new to the website are marriage, death and
	lid not get married in the state	miscellaneous news stories from the newspaper West Troy
	f Denmark). Most Danes were	Advocate (1837 to 1860) and a list of local casualties from
	This collection likely includes	World War II.
	ng in the country at the time.	Australia – The National Library of Australia has added
	w image collections of ship	53 more historic newspapers to Trove. The largest additions
passenger lists for Baltimore (1820 to 1897), Boston		are from New South Wales and Victoria.
(1899 to 1940), and Philadelphia (1800 to 1906).		Ireland – The National Library of Ireland has begun to put
Baltimore has been partially transcribed but the other		some of their historic photographs online via the Google
	NARA roll numbers so it will	Cultural Institute. Currently, there are three online exhibits:
take some time to search through the images. One thing		Witness to War; Dubliners - The Photographs of JJ Clarke;
to note is that ship passenger forms were typically filled		Power and Privilege – The Big House in Ireland. The
out by ship's pursers before the ship docked (and not by		National Library of Ireland's photographic collection consists
customs officials upon arrival). Ship's pursers were not		of some 5.3 million images. It is expected the online
the best spellers. Also added are a collection of New		collection, although currently small, will grow over time.
York City passenger records. About 28.3 million		Scotland – The Scottish College of Physicians has put up
additional records have been indexed and put online		an index of doctors in Scotland during World War I. All
from two different time periods: 1820 to 1891 and 1909		doctors in the country at the time were required to register
	n to free online records from	as part of the war effort. The indexes contain a surprising
Ellis Island.		amount of detail, such as the full name of the doctor,
-	dded a variety of indexed civil	educational qualifications, current address, age and
registration records from various regions of Belgium.		specialties. In total, some 2,150 doctors are listed. The
Included is Antwerp (1609 to 1909), Brabant (1582 to		records are listed alphabetically by name and can also be
1912), East Flanders (1598 to 1906), Hainaut (1600 to		searched by keyword.
1911), Limburg (1798 to 1906), Liége (1621 to 1910) and		Wales – The National Library of Wales has launched a
West Flanders (1582 to 1910). In total, some 850,000		new website called Cymru 1914 The Welsh Experience of
indexed records have been added to the collection.		WW1. It commemorates the impact the First World War had
		on Wales. The website contains a collection of newspapers,
records of passenger lists from various Canadian ports.		images, sound and archival material from the era.
This collection shane the ve	are from 1881 to 1022	New Zealand – Has launched their commemorative website

This collection spans the years from 1881 to 1922.

El Salvador records – Newly added are civil registration records. The collection spans the years from 1704 to 1977. These are primarily birth, marriage and death records.

Brazil records – Just created a new collection of images of cemetery records from the four municipal cemeteries in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. The collection consists of some 151,000 images organized by cemetery and then by family name. The collection spans the years from 1897 to 2012.

devoted to remembering the events of World War 1. It is full

involvement in the war, including the fact that 10% of the

World News - 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the

start of WW1. There will be many websites launched to

commemorate this event. A good place to follow the action

is the First World War Centenary website. It has a very

useful guide for genealogists wanting to research soldiers

Information on updated records is courtesy of Genealogical

country's population at the time was serving overseas.

excellent information concerning New Zealand's

Helper.

from WWI.

of

Why We Should Be Thankful We Live in Muskegon!

As many of you know I am down in Englewood, Florida for a few months this winter. While I am here I have been checking out the local libraries, cemeteries, and museums. I have so much to show you when I get back. It will all make for an amusing and informational slide show some day. The picture below is at the Elsie Quirk Library here in Englewood. It is a very nice, new library but when I was directed to the second level genealogy department this is what I found. That is it. Nothing more. It reminded me of how very lucky we are to have the resources we do in Muskegon.



And Why You Don't Want to Be Buried in Florida.

I have a great bunch of pictures of some very interesting graves here in the Lemon Bay Cemetery. I am gathering some stories to go with them and will share

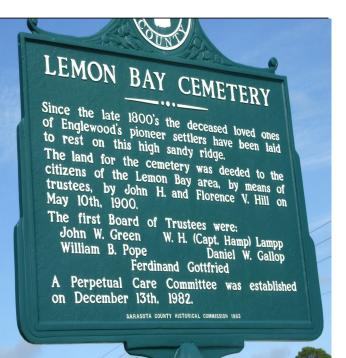


them with you at a meeting when I get home. I have seen graves here that tugged at my heart strings, from baby graves covered with sea shells to hand carved headstones.









The Pony Express



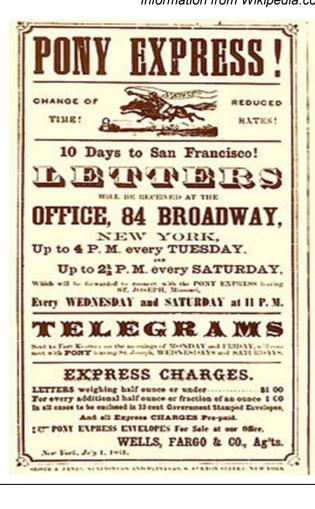
With stamp prices on the increase again, maybe you would like to know a little history of how mail used to criss-cross the nation.

The Pony Express was founded by William H. Russell, William B. Waddell, and Alexander Majors.

Plans for the Pony Express were spurred by the threat of the Civil War and the need for faster communication with the West. The Pony Express consisted of relays of men riding horses carrying saddlebags of mail across a 2000mile trail. The service opened officially on April 3, 1860, when riders left simultaneously from St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. The first westbound trip was made in 9 days and 23 hours and the eastbound journey in 11 days and 12 hours. The pony riders covered 250 miles in a 24-hour day.

Eventually, the Pony Express had more than 100 stations, 80 riders, and between 400 and 500 horses. The express route was extremely hazardous, but only one mail delivery was ever lost. The service lasted only 19 months until October 24, 1861, when the completion of the Pacific Telegraph line ended the need for its existence. Although California relied upon news from the Pony Express during the early days of the Civil War, the horse line was never a financial success, leading its founders to bankruptcy. However, the romantic drama surrounding the Pony Express has made it a part of the legend of the American West.

Information from Wikipedia.com



What Are Your 2014 Genealogical Goals?

Now that the new year has arrived, you may want to take time to make a genealogical resolution. Here are some fellow genealogical resolutions:

Document the story of your home sources, share family history and conduct a review of your research.

Catch up on publishing family newsletters, write research reports for ancestors, continue learning Russian and Hebrew, and several other languages.

Write more, apply for membership in several military-related lineage organizations, focus research efforts on Polish families from two places with hard-to-access records, and others.

Scan more photos, get each grandparent's birth and/or baptismal records, use technology tools to create family timelines, tour the Indiana State Library's Genealogy Collection and research at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Start digitizing genealogy materials and weed out what you don't need.

Complete an application for membership in the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, continue regular data backups, attend two genealogy conferences, finish a project to photograph stones in a local cemetery, and several others.

Document DAR papers and apply for membership.

Complete a generational chart or two.

What Genealogical Play Are You Hoping to Do in 2014?

Try to make a list of 5 things you would like to accomplish this year with your genealogical research. Then share your list with us at a meeting!



Thought Everyone Might Like Some More	Q. What is the name of the Henry Ford estate in Dearborn?
Michigan Trivia!	A. Fair Lane.
Q. When the Territory of Michigan was created on January 11,	Q. What river connects Lake Erie and Lake Saint Clair?
1805, what town was selected as its capital?	A. The Detroit River.
A. Detroit	Q. What is greatest distance east to west in the Upper Peninsula? A. 334 miles.
Q. Michigan has how many international seaports?	Q. The world's largest limestone quarry is in what Michigan
A. Five Port Huron, Bay City-Saginaw, Muskegon, Sault Ste.	community?
Marie and Detroit.	A. Rogers City.
Q. What is the highest range of mountains in Michigan?	Q. Lapeer and Lapeer County derive their names from a corruption
A. The Porcupine Mountains. Q. What is Michigan's northernmost community?	of what two French words?
A. Copper Harbor	A. La Pierre ("the stone")
Q. What is the meaning of the German place named	Q. What actress, born in Detroit in 1965, appeared in the TV series Twin Peaks?
Frankenmuth?	A. Sherilyn Fenn.
A. "Courage of the Franconians."	Q. What suspense thriller was the first feature motion picture to be
Q. Whitefish Point is a portion of what county?	made solely in western Michigan?
A. Chippewa.	A. Blind Faith.
Q. What is the origin of the place named Detroit?	Q. What Michigan-formed band went to number one on the charts
A. French. D'etroit (city "of the straits") Q. What bridge connects Michigan with Canada at Detroit?	with the 1973 hit single "We're an American Band"?
A. The Ambassador Bridge.	A. Grand Funk.
Q. What is the meaning of the Indian words michi-guma, from	Q. What character did Detroit-born actor Harry Morgan play on the
which Michigan is derived?	long-running television series M*A*S*H? A. Col. Sherman Potter
A. "Big water" or "great lake."	Q. Flint-born Bob Eubanks became best known for hosting what
Q. The finding of a broken ax by a survey party led to the	successful game show?
naming of what Michigan community?	A. The Newlywed Game.
A. Bad Axe.	Q. An Academy Award nomination went to what Detroit native for
Q. Every Simplicity sewing pattern in the world is produced in	Best Supporting Actress in the 1976 suspense film Carrie?
what Michigan city? Niles.	A. Piper Laurie.
Q. Lake Erie is named for an Indian word having what	Q. What Detroit vocal group had a 1964 hit with their first Motown
meaning?	recording, "Baby I Need You Loving"?
A. "Cat."	A. The Four Tops. Q. In what city was supermodel and actress Christie Brinkley born
Q. Through what narrows does Lake Michigan empty into Lake	on February 2, 1953?
Huron?	A. Monroe.
A. The Straits of Mackinac.	Q. What was the original name of Saginaw native Stevie Wonder?
Q. Near what present-day city was the last great Indian battle in	A. Steveland Morris.
central Michigan fought in 1830 between the Chippewa and Sauk tribes?	Q. In what Michigan city was actor Lee Majors born?
A. Midland.	A. Wyandotte.
Q. What Dickinson County community is named for the Roman	Q. What internationally known singer-guitarist, born and raised in Detroit, first played in the band Last Heard?
god of metalworkers?	A. Bob Seger.
A. Vulcan.	Q. What 1959 motion picture, filmed entirely in the Marguette area,
Q. What is the Michigan state motto?	was the first to be shot "on location" in Michigan?
A. si quaeris peninsulam anoenam, circumspice (If you seek a	A. Anatomy of a Murder.
pleasant peninsula, look about you.)	Q. What Detroit-born actor starred in the 1982 movie "Fighting
Q. How does Lake Michigan rank in size among the lakes of the world?	Back"?
A. Fifth (behind the Caspian Sea, Lake Superior, Lake Victoria	A. Tom Skerritt.
and Lake Huron).	Q. Michigan native Ed McMahon first teamed with Johnny Carson
Q. Eddie Murphy portrayed a streetwise Detroit detective in	on what ABC daytime show? A. Who Do You Trust? (1958-62)
what 1984 movie filmed in Detroit?	Q. In what 1984 film co-starring Steve Martin did Detroit native Lily
A. Beverly Hills Cop.	Tomlin play a wealthy spinster?
Q. What Traverse City native played Dr. Amos Wetherly on the	A. All of Me.
television series House Calls?	Q. Thirtysomething actor Timothy Busfield was born in what city on
A. David Wayne. Q. Michigan native Danny Thomas starred as nightclub	June 12, 1957?
entertainer Danny Williams in what television sitcom?	A. Lansing.
A. Make Room for Daddy (The Danny Thomas Show).	Q. In what light adventure series did Detroit native Robert Wagner
Q. What political party was formed at a convention held in	star as the suave crook Alexander Mundy? A. It Takes A Thief.
Jackson in July of 1854?	Q. What was the birthplace, on January 20, 1929 of Arte Johnson,
A. The Republican Party.	who appeared in the TV series Laugh-In?
Q. What former governor of New York and presidential	A. Benton Harbor.
candidate, defeated by Harry Truman, was born in Owosso?	Q. Spencer Tracy starred with what Port Huron native in the widely
A. Thomas E. Dewey	acclaimed 1933 film The Power and the Glory?
Q. The weekend after Labor Day, the town of Holly commemorates what 1908 street fracas with a festival?	A. Colleen Moore.
A. The battle that erupted after Carry Nation lectured on	Credit for the Michigan Trivia found in this section by Ernie & Jill
"Demon Rum."	Couch.
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Upcoming Events Dates 2014

Regular Meetings

Starts at 7:00 p.m. 2nd Thursday VFW Post 3195 5209 Grand Haven Road

> <u>2014</u> January 9 February 13 March 13 April 10 May 8 June 12

No meetings in July& December

> August 14 September 11 October 9 November 13

Board Meetings

Meet at 5:00 p.m. Same place and dates as regular meetings.

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Answer from page 1: Farmington, Waupaskisco, Spirit

Genealogy Family History Workshops

Torrent House Local History & Genealogy Dept., 315 W. Webster 2 sessions! Morning or Afternoon. 2nd Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You must preregister online at 1972mcgs@gmail.com or call the Torrent House, Local History & Genealogy Dept. at 231-722-7276 ext. 240.

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2014 PROGRAMS

Mar 13 "Preserving Documents & Photo's" Webinar by Family Tree

Preservation Basics

• Preservation strategies for: Paper documents, newspapers, books, and Bibles, photographs, scrapbooks and photo albums, jewelry, dolls and toys, clothing, quilts and needlework, and flags

Part 1 will be part of March program "Organize Your Genealogy Life" by Family Tree Magazine

1. Conquer the Chaos

Choose the best genealogy filing system for vou

Decide what to keep and what to toss Keep a neat genealogy space (no matter large or small)

2. Organized Research Habits Organize your hard drive Stop losing important e-mails Track your online research

Apr 10 "**Discovering the Real Story of Your New York Ancestors**" Speaker, Jane Schapka Using her own family history, Jane shows you how to find the real story of your ancestry lives in New York state.

COOK BOOK PICTURES TO BE IDENTIFY

If you submitted any of these pictures below for our cook book. We need to identify them, please contact us at: 1972mcgs@gmail.com or call 231-









