



WMGS Newsletter

Summer 2014



WMGS Program Schedule

These programs are held in the Grand Rapids Public Library in the Ryerson Auditorium, beginning at **1:30 pm** with WMGS business, followed by the speaker. Free admission — 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 presentation. Books and supplies may be purchased from the Sales Table before and after the program.

14 June, Saturday

Presenters: Sue Rabick & Janet Jensen What Will Become of All This Stuff?

As genealogists and family historians we become caretakers of our family narratives and memorabilia. This presentation will discuss some ways to keep them safe, share them, and pass them on to future generations.

Sue Rabick will show strategies for documenting family heirlooms and recording stories about them. Janet Jensen will talk about using scrapbooks and other archival materials to preserve stories, documents, photographs and ephemera.

6 September, Saturday

Presenter: Karen Krugman Common Sources in Uncommon Places

Think you've looked everywhere for that marriage date or birthdate? Think again. This talk can help you locate dates in some uncommon places.

10 June, Tuesday

6:45-8:45pm

WMGS Education Class French-Canadian Research

This class will provide you with a strong foundation to improve your French-Canadian research. Nicole Jewell has had quite a bit of experience dealing with French-Canadian church records, understands French, and has studied some of the history of Quebec. The class will be held in the Grand Rapids Public Library, Adult Computer Training Center, lower level from 6:45 to 8:45pm.

**Welcome to Linda Guth!
Our new Education Coordinator**

**WMGS Volunteer of the Year:
Nancy Guzzo! see page 2**

Oak Hill South Cemetery Walking Tour 2 Aug 2014, Saturday 10am to noon [rain date; Sunday, 3 Aug]

Thomas R. Dilley, local historian and cemetery history expert, will lead WMGS members on a walk through the wonders of Oak Hill Cemetery. Oak Hill offers fine examples of late 19th and 20th century design in both its layout and design, & the many beautiful monuments and structures found there. It is at Oak Hill where the often ebullient taste for elaborate memorial design of the late Victorian age is most openly expressed, and it is here that many of the leaders in the early growth of Grand Rapids chose their final resting places. During the walk, the art and architecture of Oak Hill, as well as some of the stories of those interred will be discussed. Questions during the entire walk are encouraged.

Possible boxed lunch picnic to follow the tour. Check the WMGS website and watch for upcoming eNews and flyers for more information.

*WMGS supports this continuing series of
African-American genealogy planned
by the Grand Rapids Public Library*

Tilling the Soil

African American Genealogy Series Main Library, 111 Library St NE, Grand Rapids

14 June, Saturday — 2-3:30pm

Genealogist Jessica Trotter will explore the basics of genealogy research, basic genealogy resources, and sources particularly useful for African American research. Learn more about DNA research and sharing research. Jessica has been researching her family for the past sixteen years and during that time she's come across some fabulous resources, made a few colossal mistakes, and still made progress—even if it wasn't always the way she intended. www.grpl.org/event/tilling-soil-african-american-genealogy-series-2/

16 August, Saturday — 2-3pm

Curious about family rumors? Does your family have skeletons? Scandals?! Dissect your family stories to solve the mysteries lurking in your roots. Teens and young adults: bring your best witness or family member to record their account.

Nancy Guzzo
WMGS 2014 Volunteer of the Year!



Nancy Guzzo has a very willing and giving spirit, a smile on her face, and a knowledge base that she is willing to share. In her personal life she and her husband have shared an interest in working in the medical field and in the lives of their 4 children and now their grandchildren.

AND for the past 20 years she has spent much of her spare time working on the search committee for WMGS. She has looked up countless obituaries, indexed many newspapers, worked on the Women's WWI census project as well as doing local research for those who request help in our area. Nancy Guzzo, thank you for all the work you have done on behalf of Western Michigan Genealogical Society.

**Early Grand Rapids papers
now available at GRPL**

Newly digitized volumes contain early versions of newspapers that preceded today's Grand Rapids Press. The newly-digitized volumes are:

- The Semi-Weekly Press: Sep 1858-May 1859
- The Morning Press: Sep 9, 1890-Mar 10, 1891
- The Morning Press: Mar 11, 1891-Sept. 8, 1891
- The Morning Press: Sep 10, 1891-Mar 8, 1892
- The Morning Press: Mar 11, 1892-Dec 25, 1892

The project was paid for by the city's Historical Commission. The material is not hosted online, but keyword-searchable digital copies of the newspapers are available at the Grand Rapids Public Library main branch at 111 Library St. NE, and the Community Archives and Research Center at 223 Washington St. SE. This facility houses much of the museum's collections not on display, as well as the city and county archives.

If you are not able to visit the library or archives in person, the WMGS search committee will accept hourly search requests for specific criteria @ \$15.00 per hour. Send your request to: wmgs@wmgs.org

Next Bus trip to Ft. Wayne—Sep 10-11 2014
Check our website for more details: wmgs.org

**Genealogical Meetings around the
State, the Nation, and Canada**

14 June, Saturday - 10:30am
Detroit Society for Genealogical Research
Whither Thou Goest:

Tracing Your Female Ancestors
Shirley Gage Hodges

Explorer's Room, Detroit Public Library
5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI

20-22 June, Friday - Saturday - Sunday
65th Annual Upper Peninsula History Conference
Manistique, Michigan

Hosted by the Schoolcraft County Historical Society
The Historical Society of Michigan's Upper Peninsula
History Conference will be held this year at
Manistique High School in Manistique Michigan
June 20 – 22, 2014. For details visit
www.hsmichigan.org

18-19 July, Friday - Saturday

Abrams Foundation
Family History Seminar

Michigan Historical Center, Lansing, MI

Michael Leclerc will be the keynote speaker at the
Abrams Foundation Family History Seminar July 18-19.
Finding Your Family in Canada

Reading and Understanding Old Documents
More info at: <https://seekingmichigan.org/events/2014-abrams-foundation-family-history-seminar>

11 July - 29 August, St. Ignace
Friday Night at the Museums

Special activities every Friday night from 5-7 pm
July 11 through August 29 in Downtown St. Ignace
Museum of Ojibwa Culture hosts native drumming and
singing and an historic guided walking tour.
Fort de Buade hosts live music.

Stroll downtown and enjoy music and special activities
such as face painting, sale items, and kid's games,
walking tours and more.

Every week will be something different!

22-24 August, Friday - Saturday - Sunday
SGGEE Convention 2014
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Info about SGGEE (Society for German Genealogy in
Eastern Europe) as an organization, plus a Convention
registration form, and a detailed list of speakers and
topics will be posted on the Convention link at
www.sggee.org

27-30 August, Wednesday thru Saturday
Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)
San Antonio, Texas

The Federation sponsors a national conference each
year for genealogists of all levels of experience. Anyone
with an interest in family history is invited
www.fgskonference.org

WMGS Family History Writers' Workshops, third Tuesdays

1:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Dominican Center, 2025 Fulton St East

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.

17 June: Your greatest success

15 July: Your worst mistake

19 August: Favorite custom or tradition

16 September: How would you like to be remembered?

21 October: What do you like the most about getting older?

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.

31 May, Saturday, 10am - 4pm Family History Fair 2780 Leonard St. NE ~ Attendance is free ~

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Grand Rapids is presenting its first Family History Fair on Saturday May 31, 2014, from 10am to 4pm. Much has changed in family history work over the past few years and this interactive event will help you make the transition from the family history center to your own home as you learn to index, search and record your family history and prepare names for the temple.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned genealogist, the fair offers something for you. Presenters include church members, community members, and the West Michigan Genealogical Society. Classes include using Family Search, indexing, Michigan-specific research tools and the genealogical resources at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

Bring your own laptop to take advantage of interactive sessions and labs.

To register, please visit lds.org/familyhistoryfair. We are requesting all to register so that we can provide enough materials and lunch. Food will be provided & there are no fees. If you have any questions, please contact Brother Jeff Coltrin at jeffcmich@comcast.net.

Helpful Hints

Women's History info can be found:

<http://www.nwhp.org>

<http://womenshistorymonth.gov>

Ebay as a Research Source

Ebay can be a great source for photographs as well as family information. Find postcards by entering the town AND the state with all the ways the state (MI, Mich, Michigan) may be written—it will broaden your search and give you more results.

[VanBuren Regional Genealogical Society of SW Mich]

Do you have Muskegon ancestors?

The Muskegon County Genealogical Society has finished updating the 1884 & 1894 Muskegon County State Census. Check their website:

<http://genealogymuskegon.com/>

The **Polish Genealogical Society** of Michigan has a new website. Check it out!

www.pgsm.org/

Gravestone Symbolism

This website explains the meaning behind dozens of symbols that can be found on a gravestone.

www.graveaddiction.com/symbol.html

[Northville Genealogical Society Newsletter]

Google Genealogy Searches Using Your Family Tree

This free genealogy site helps you use Google for your research. It creates a series of different searches using tips or "tricks" that will likely improve your results using Google to find ancestry information on the Internet.

www.genealogy-search-help.com/

[March 2014 issue of Twig Talk]

To find "fill-in-the-blank" genealogy forms online, google the key words "genealogy" "fill-in-the-blanks" "online forms"

Facebook pages for genealogy offer both location and family pages. <http://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list/>

[Midland Genealogical Society newsletter]

And speaking of **Facebook**, have you looked at the WMGS Facebook page?

<http://facebook.com/wmgs.org>

Check it out — "Like" the page — Add a comment

RPAC, the Records Access and Preservation Committee, is sponsored in part by FGS. It works to advise the genealogical community on issues surrounding access to records of genealogical value. They watch for legislation that threatens to remove our ability to consult historical and public records. Check out their site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mm9blo>

Michigan moves records to the cloud

The Archives of Michigan is using a state-of-the-art and inexpensive option — the Internet — to store and preserve a growing collection of digital records that includes everything from 40 years' worth of election results to an index of thousands of proposed designs for the state's quarter released 10 years ago.

The public can search to find what records have been archived, but to actually view the documents will have to get a state archivist to retrieve them. A public viewing component will be added later.

The new public viewing capability will be restricted to read-only access. The use of tabs can manage whether documents or parts of documents are viewable. Confidential information, like a Social Security number, can be hidden from public view. Tabs can likewise be matched to different roles and security levels once the new component comes online.

[*The Detroit News* website, 20 April, 2014]

NOTE: The requirement is to store electronic records. There is no plan at this time to go back and digitize older paper records and make them available online.

Occupational Titles

Titles of jobs have changed many times over the years. Here are some of the occupations that you might come across in reading or genealogy.

- Colporteur—peddler of books
- Peruker, peruker maker—wig maker
- Scrivener—copier, writer, notary public
- Schrieve—sheriff
- Tide Water—customs inspector
- Tipstaff—policeman
- Whitesmith—tinsmith, worker of iron—finisher or polisher
- Whitewing—streetsweeper

[Cheboygan County Genealogical Society newsletter]

Family heirlooms What should I keep?

Family heirlooms a thing of the past? The items we own now just don't seem to mean as much to us as those our grandparents worked so hard to acquire. Our country has so much wealth that we don't have the same sense of value as our ancestors. But heirlooms can be important and they tell the history of our family. Read the rest of the article at

<http://mimgc.org/newsletter.html>

Click on the Spring 2014 newsletter link and scroll to page 12

Genealogists are time travelers.

A great genealogist is a time unraveler.

Can a first cousin once removed be returned?

If you are the last living link between your grandparents and your grandchildren—don't break the chain.

If you don't want your descendants to put a twisted spin on your life story, write it yourself!

To get your family tree done the fastest, run for political office!

A genealogist's filing system usually incorporates the floor.

<http://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-101-funny-quotes-sayings-for-genealogists.html>

2014 is the 200th Birthday of "The Star-Spangled Banner"

Major co-sponsors in Michigan of the "Happy 200th Birthday to 'The Star-Spangled Banner'" project include the Historical Society of Michigan, the Michigan Council for History Education, and the Star Spangled Music Foundation.

Francis Scott Key wrote the poem after seeing the American Flag still waiving over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor following a British attack in September 1814.

Additional information is available at
www.michigan.gov/war1812
and www.starspangled200.com

**Save the date for the October 2014
Annual Seminar
A Celebration of our 60th anniversary!
Dick Eastman will be our speaker at
~ 2014 Got Ancestors ~
Friday and Saturday, 10-11 October**

We've lined up a great speaker for this year's GotAncestors?! It has been ten years since Dick Eastman of Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter helped us celebrate our golden anniversary and he'll be here again to help us celebrate our 60th! Save these dates NOW for an exciting and informative weekend.

**I researched my family tree
and found out I don't exist!**

2014 WMGS Membership List

WMGS is nothing without our members. Here is the most recent list of those who make us what we are.

Thanks you to all of our new and renewing members!

(If your name is NOT on this list, please check the expiration date on your newsletter label and send in your renewal. Thank you!)

Sheryl Ackerman, Grand Rapids, MI
Susan Addleman, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Sharon & Scott Adrian, Fremont, MI
Sally Hutcheson Akehi, Grand Rapids, MI
Becky Allard, Grand Rapids, MI
Linda Allen, Stockbridge, MI
Evelyn Allering, Freeport, MI
Mary A Alt, Marne, MI
Meredyth Althaus, Wyoming, MI
Barbara Anderson, Sacramento, CA
Jana Baker, Grandville, MI
Donald & Jane Barsema, Grand Rapids
Vicki Bartlett, Mesa, AZ
Raymond D Bates, Ludington, MI
George Bayard, Grand Rapids, MI
Lynnette Bean, Shelbyville, MI
Hattie Beenen, Grand Rapids, MI
Eleanor Benz, Kalispell, MT
Shirley A Bergman, Plymouth, IN
Mary Bernthal, Grand Rapids, MI
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Jim Biener, Grand Rapids, MI
Phyllis Bieri, Lowell, MI
Cheryl Bignall, Grand Rapids, MI
Susan Billow, Dorr, MI
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Fred Boogaard, Grandville, MI
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Marta Brechting, Comstock Park, MI
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Mary Bruining, Jenison, MI
Donald & Mindy Bryant, Grand Rapids
Skip Bryant, Kewadin, MI
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Fred Cole, Hudsonville, MI
Nancy Collins, Grand Haven, MI
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Kathy Cook, Grand Rapids, MI
John Cosgrove, Ada, MI
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Roger Cotner, Grand Haven, MI
Allan Couch, Grand Rapids, MI
Steven Crum, Grand Rapids, MI
John Dale, Fenton, MI
Linda Damstra, Grand Rapids, MI
Dale & Claudette Darling, Comstock Park
Sharynne Davey, Rockford, MI
Dona David, Muskegon, MI
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Robert DeFer, Chesterfield, MO
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Lori Demmink, Marne, MI
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Sue Dombrowski, Grand Rapids, MI
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Paul Droeke, Middleville, MI
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Christine Evans, Carlsbad, CA
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Joanne Fast, Comstock Park, MI
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Norma J Fick, Grand Rapids, MI
Kaye L Fish, Grand Rapids, MI
Denton W Fitzgerald, Royal Oak, MI
Linda Fleming, Blacksburg, VA
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Lori L Fox, Portland, MI
Susan Frasier, Grand Rapids, MI
Karen Frazier, Fruitport, MI
Dana Freas, Wyoming, MI
Cindy Skiles Frie, Stevensville, MI
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Charles Gates, Lake Worth, FL
Patricia Gemmen, Allendale, MI
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Karen Grant, Grand Rapids, MI
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Barbara Greene, Caledonia, MI
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Joan E Hansen, Grand Rapids, MI
Patricia Gruse Harris, Michigan City, IN
Carolyn Hart, Jenison, MI
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Becky Haywood, Grand Rapids, MI
Jane Hesselschwerdt, Grand Rapids, MI
Megan and Jim Heyl, Holland, MI
Ann Hole, Comstock Park, MI
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Tarianne D Holtslander, Kentwood, MI
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Patricia Hornbeck, Jenison, MI
Bobbe & Roger Horton, Grand Rapids
Linda Huffaker, Rockford, MI
Janice K Hulbert, Sand Lake, MI
David C Husted, Jenison, MI
Connie Ingham, Grand Rapids, MI
Shirley Ingraham, Grand Rapids, MI
Laurel Ingram, Grand Rapids, MI
Sue Irvine, Grand Rapids, MI
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 Carol Kroll, Grand Rapids, MI
 Jay Kruiuzenga, Allendale, MI
 Gail Kukawski, Grand Rapids, MI
 Alan Landheer, Jenison, MI
 Jeri Landheer, Jenison, MI
 Mary M Lane, Dearborn, MI
 Rick & Kim Lanting, Byron Center, MI
 Louann Larsen, Grand Rapids, MI
 Kathlyn Larson, Grand Rapids, MI
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 Lacie Latimore, Charlotte, MI
 Marlene Leistico, Comstock Park, MI
 Frederick W Leonard, Alto, MI
 Martha "Marti" Lind, Clarksville, MI
 Vicki Lindquist, Wyoming, MI
 Jae Loucks, Grand Rapids, MI
 John Kevin MacAulay, Grand Rapids, MI
 Margaret K Maksymowski, Grand Rapids
 Laurel Manning, Portland, MI
 Jerilyn Marshall, Cedar Falls, IA
 Olga Matteson, St Johns, MI
 Harriet McCarthy, Lansing, MI
 Janet McFarland-Idema, Wyoming, MI
 Lynne McHoskey, Holland, MI
 Patricia McIntyre, Grand Rapids, MI
 Zane Mead, Nashville, MI
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 Susan Merizon, Walker, MI
 Don Meyer, Covington, KY
 Linda Meyer, Grand Rapids, MI
 John J Miller, Rockford, MI
 Pat Minnema, Grand Rapids, MI
 Gordon Mitchell, Hickory Corners, MI
 Mary Julia Mitchell, Lansing, MI
 Shirley Mitchell-Jones, Three Rivers, MI
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 Deb Moore, Grand Rapids, MI
 Helen C Morey, Belmont, MI
 Andrew Morgan Sr, Grand Rapids, MI
 James R Moses, Lansing, MI
 Paula Naujalis, Grand Rapids, MI
 Phyllis A Neitzel, Wyoming, MI
 Julia Nellet, Grand Rapids, MI
 John Nelson, Comstock Park, MI
 Maureen Nelson, Cedar Springs, MI
 Joan Nielsen, Grand Rapids, MI
 Virginia Norberg, Portage, MI
 Judy Nyman, Grand Rapids, MI
 Laura O'Brock, Grand Rapids, MI
 Pam Olsen, Ada, MI
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 Barbara Parker, Greenville, MI
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 Wanda Schottler, Grand Rapids, MI
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 Jenny Shangraw, Rockford, MI
 Caroline J Shearer, Ada, MI
 Marcia L Shears, Grand Rapids, MI
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 Rick Simkins, Lowell, MI
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 Arthur G Souter, Cooks, MI
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 Julie A Steere, Jenison, MI
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 Jessica Trotter, Lansing, MI
 Theresa Tuttle, Grand Rapids, MI
 Daniel Van Meurs, Grand Rapids, MI
 Mark VanAllsburg, Grand Rapids, MI
 Marion VanderVeen, Grand Rapids, MI
 Trena VanderWoude, Lowell, MI
 Ann VanDusen, Rockford, MI
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 Janet C VanWyck, Alto, MI
 Judy Vezzetti, Wayland, MI
 Sara Vrugink, Walker, MI
 Robert B Walsh, Bothell, WA
 Ruth Waybrant, Grand Rapids, MI
 Ruth Wayer, Big Rapids, MI
 Gretchen Weaver, Grand Rapids, MI
 Maryrita Weiss, Grand Rapids, MI
 Johanna Welke, Grand Rapids, MI
 Barbara Wenger, Belding, MI
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 Dawn Westfall, Great Valley, NY
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 Dorris White, Coral, MI
 Linda Wieck, Rockford, MI
 Judith A Wiers, Hudsonville, MI
 Jan Williams, Fountain, MI
 Judith Wilson, Walker, MI
 Sondra Loucks Wilson, Grand Rapids, MI
 Loyd Winer, Grand Rapids, MI
 Gerald L Wisner, Lowell, MI
 JoAnn Wisner, Jenison, MI
 Vivian Wittkowski, Wyoming, MI
 Jean Woltjer, Holland, MI
 Sue & Ron Wortley, Wyoming, MI
 Kathleen Wortman, Jenison, MI
 Pat Wright, Spring Lake, MI
 Marilyn Young, Yuma, AZ
 Marjorie Young, Byron Center, MI
 Julie Ann Zenk, Fremont, MI
 Charlene Zoet, Spring Lake, MI
 Mitch Zoet, South Lyon, MI
 Margie Zylstra, Hudsonville, MI

~ Reminder ~
**Undocumented genealogy
 is mythology**

**Next "Lock-in" - 8 August, Friday
at the Grand Rapids Public Library**

<http://www.grpl.org/events/>

→ Registration is required

The History and Special Collections department is holding another *free* after-hours program just for genealogists! Learn to use the microfilm reader/scanner/ printer, save images, and take advantage of free copying and printing during the event. Use the time to search databases — computers will be available or bring your own laptop and use the library's WiFi network. Also bring your questions about genealogy, about Ancestry, about Heritage Quest. Volunteers from WMGS will also be on hand to help.

Leadership Opportunities — WMGS

WMGS has opportunities in society leadership, education, accounting, and social media. Although we don't have term limits per se in our bylaws, we do need to prepare for the future by aligning the right people to move into some key leadership positions. Our goal is to make sure transitions are smooth and we have plenty of time to train and prepare you.

Please consider how you can serve this year. We need your help to fill these openings: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. Please email Mary Alt, Nominating Committee Chair, if you have questions or want more details about these areas: altm7@aol.com

NC Genealogical Society webinars

The North Carolina Series of webinars is produced by the North Carolina Genealogical Society for all interested in the history and genealogy of this state and its people. New webinars are free to the public for three days. After the third day the webinar will only be available on the website to NCGS members as a member benefit. It may also be purchased as a CD from the NCGS online bookstore. New webinars are released about five times a year. For more info, check:

ncgenealogy.org

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now open 2nd Saturday of month
10am - 5pm Monday - Friday
10am - 4pm 2nd Saturday of the month
Visit their Web site at
www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan

Michigan Historical Museum
9am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday
10am - 4pm Saturday
1pm- 5pm Sunday
Visit their Web site at
<http://michigan.gov/michiganhistory>

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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\$20 in the USA US\$25 Outside the USA

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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 _____

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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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