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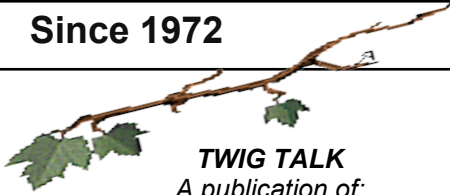


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Thursday, November 10, 2016

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

VFW Post 3196, 5209 Grand Haven Rd

“ANNUAL MEETING “

“HOLIDAY GATHERING”

We are voting for a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Don't stay away though, there will be more fun than business.

Join us for our yearly tradition of getting together for an evening of fun-filled games, stories, and some wonderful food! Bring a dish to pass. We will supply the meat, utensils and water. If you would like to bring your own beverage, that's fine too!

Jane Weber has something special up her shelves this year that you don't want to miss. We will also be sharing ancestral stories, show and tell us what genealogical goodies you found this past year and much more! Give away prizes.

2017 MEMBERSHIP

You can **Renew & New Membership** can pay at the gathering or send it in by mail. Membership Jan—Dec 2017

2017 SPECIAL EVENTS

There are many special events coming up in **2017**, because **Muskegon County Genealogical Society** is turning **45 years old**. Find out the special events! So keep your eye on **2017** Twig Talk and on our website, etc.



GENEALOGY FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 12, 2016 - 10:30am – 12:30pm or 2pm – 4pm

Space is limited, so please pre-register by calling the Local History & Genealogy Dept.

NEW PHONE # 231-722-8016 for the Local History & Gen. Dept.

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS



Our October meeting featured the last of John P. Colletta's series, "Extending your Family Tree Over Seas." He explained the challenges of acquiring historical, language and political data for understanding your ancestors in Europe. He offered many sources with emphasis on the LDS Family History Center's World records.

Two door prizes of scarecrows holding genealogical items helped enhance Autumn's research for winners: Sheri DeMuro and Jim Harkness. The free draw will enlighten Monica Smith about her DNA with the book, "Genome" by Matt Ridley. It didn't take a rabbit's foot for Jim Harkness to be a double winner. He will find researching easier winning "Secrets of Tracing Your Ancestors, by David Quillen. There were 5 winners of notebooks with a Halloween pencils donated by Joan Gawron. Sheri DeMuro, Randy Stenholm, Pam Harrison, and Joan (Herself) thank her for the prize! Being Family History month means a special recognition by issuing gift certificates that lend to our genealogy hobby! Pat Straley's card from Barnes & Noble will enable getting a useful book. Randy Stenholm, can use his Meijer's card to make research trips.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPT.

Fostering Family History Services: A Guide for Librarians, Archivists, and Volunteers
by Rhonda L. Clark & Nicole Wedemeyer Miller

Historic Michigan Travel Guide, 7th Edition

Congressman Bird J. Vincent 1880-1931
by Bird John Vincent

NOMINATIONS



Elections for new officers for all positions, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you would like to take a position please let Phyllis & John Slater know of the Nominating Committee at 1972mcgs@gmail.com that you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions mentioned above.

COUNTY CLERK RESEARCH

Muskegon County Building
990 Terrace St.
MCGS volunteers are there every
Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 p. m.



Direct phone # 231-724-7140

GENEALOGY NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ALLEN CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY Fort Wayne, IN



L to R is Jennifer Lamkin, Dawn Kelley, Nancy Spoon, Barb Martin. Back l to r Karen Frazier, Marie Payne and Kathy DeCormier

We had a great time researching at our favorite library. The second largest research library in the United States. They have putting 1,000's of more books on the shelves. So If you find the last time you were there, they had moved some of the books around to make more room.

All of us found more to add to our families history at Allen Co. Public Library, Genealogy Center. Everyone is excited to go back next year.



GREAT IDEA Ingrid!

Thanks Ingrid for having the awesome signs made for the many projects when using the camera especially at the cemeteries.

1. Teamster 2. Lavender 3. Millner 4. Tinker

Are You a Meme?

Yes, if you have shared the work of others for your genealogy projects. Take for instance "We are the Chosen," This most copied poem by Della Maxine Cummins-Wright is noted as Author Unknown. A "meme" is the passing on of information, altered or not, by a cultural group. We are the cultural group of genealogists, whether hobbyists or professional, that must always respect the original works of others. That means we must give our sources of information in keeping with the standards of the field. Taking time to track down the author of a submitted item will save problems with the copyright laws. As for Della Wright and others, protection lasts a lifetime plus 70 years. Let's give credit where it is due for our use of "memes!"

Source: Federation of Genealogical Societies, Vol 28, No. 3—Fall 2016

Judy G. Russell, JD,CG, CGL (She is a Certified Genealogist with a law degree and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.)

PROCLAIM THE RECORDS

Founder is Brooke Schreier Ganz

Below are 5 recent and upcoming records requests.

1. Pilot Project: Index to New York City Marriage Applications, Affidavits, and Licenses, 1908-1929
2. Index to all New York City marriage records, 1930-1995
3. Index to New York State Deaths (Outside of New York City), 1880-1956
4. New York City Birth Certificates, 1910-1915
5. New Jersey birth, Marriage, and Death Indices, 1901-1903 and 1901-1914

Reclaim The Records: Lecture at the August 2016 IAJGS Conference in Seattle, WA

This is a must see video lecture on "Proclaiming the Records".

https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/deck/?utm_source=FGS+Newsletter&utm_campaign=bf20b461de-Voice+September+2016+9+2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1f1c05046e-bf20b461de-38135973

aph The Life Story People
Association of Personal Historians

The APH have been preserving stories since 1995.

We tell the stories about our ancestors, but we don't take the time to tell the story about us. So take the time out of your busy schedule and tell your story. Telling you're your story will help preserve the memoir for generations to come.

<http://personalhistorians.org/>



The War of 1812 pensions are some of the most frequently requested records. At the 2016 national conference of the Federation Genealogical Societies, it was announced that the 1812 Preserve the Pension fund raising project was fully paid. Fold 3, NARA, Ancestry, FamilySearch plus 115 societies and over 4,000 individuals have contributed to the pension effort. FGS got a welcomed surprise from an anonymous donor with a \$500,000 contribution to complete the funding goal! Ancestry.com will match this amount to make a total of \$1 million. Now we can look forward to the future FREE access of the digitized 1812 War records. The War of 1812 pensions are some of the most frequently requested records. At the 2016 national conference of Federation of Genealogical Societies, it was announced that the Preserve the Pension.

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, websites, and more. There are more top collections at the Archive, so check it out at: <https://archive.org/>

New Partnership between Digital Public Library of America and FamilySearch International.

From the FamilySearch.org blog June 22, 2016

In concert with the American Library Association national conference in Orlando, FL this week, the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and FamilySearch International, the largest genealogy organization in the world, have signed an agreement that will expand access to FamilySearch.org's growing free digital historical book collection to DPLA's broad audience of users including genealogists, researchers, family historians, students, and more.

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2017 Dates to REMEMBER

MCGS Meetings

2nd Thurs at 6:30 p.m.

VFW Post 3195

5209 Grand Haven Road

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9 -**Starts at 6 p.m.**

NO meetings in Jul & Dec

Genealogy Family History Workshops

Torrent House Local History & Genealogy Dept., 315 W. Webster
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please pre-register by calling
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Jun, Jul, Aug & December

ONLINE and FREE, GENEALOGY HOW-TO VIDEOS

Family Search

FamilySearch.org has many videos to help genealogists with their research skills. The video library collection has something for everyone and for every ones level of experience. There is a course for beginning genealogists that is broken down into 21 mini videos that are 5 minutes each in length.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoTHIAYRMU4>

“A family tree can wither if nobody tends to it’s roots”

WHAT TO BRING!



⇒ Any genealogy items you would like to donate for the FREE table.

⇒ Money to buy 15 Generation Charts—\$3 ea.

⇒ November, your items, stories, photos, and re-search discoveries.

FREE FAMILY TREE VIDEOS

In our How-To video series, we break down specific genealogy tasks into short, instructional demos and step-by-step tutorials. These videos will appeal to customers who aren't looking for a full hour-long presentation on a family history topic, but want to explicitly see how a function on Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.org, Google and more can be used in their ancestor search.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/familytreemagazine>

1891 Census of Norway

The 1891 Census consists of one sheet per person and one sheet per house/residence. These sheets have all been scanned and published in ordered series for the 559 cities and municipalities (herred) that existed in Norway at the time of the census. Apart from name and occupation, most of the information in the census sheets is in printed letters. You need to access the information from the house lists. In these lists you will find reference to the person lists.

For Kristiania/Oslo, the address book of 1891 is scanned and available to simplify the information retrieval. Access is free. <http://goo.gl/W8a4Aa>

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With this new partnership, DPLA will incorporate metadata from FamilySearch.org's online digital book collection that will make more than 200,000 family history books discoverable through DPLA's search portal later this. From DPLA, users will be able to access the free, fully viewable digital books on FamilySearch.org.

GENEALOGY TRIVIA

1. Drove team of horses that haul cargo?
2. Washing other people laundry?
3. Made or sold hats?
4. Mended tin pots and pans and sold items?

