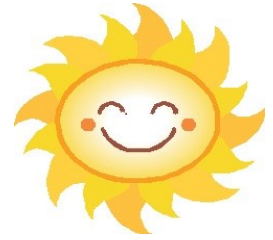




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Thursday, September 10th at 7pm

V.F.W. #3195, 5209 Grand Haven Rd.

"Discovering Your Roots"

a DVD Presentation with Professor John Colletta

In this DVD presentation you'll learn the same skills and methodologies the experts use to solve genealogical mysteries and more. This is just one of his series of 15 DVD lectures.

John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular genealogical lecturers. Knowledgeable, experienced and entertaining, he resides in Washington, D.C. For twenty years, while laying the foundation for his career in genealogy, he worked half-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives.

This DVD has a wealth of information. To name a few: Interviewing Kin and Mining Home Sources; Genealogy Online-Gems 7 Junk; The Library-Shelves Full of Family History and so much more!

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 12

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.

If you call on Tuesday the operator will say they are closed, but key in the extension #240 it will go directly to the Local History & Genealogy Dept.

How About Some Genealogical Trivia!



1. How many immigrants came to the U.S. between 1824 and 1924?
2. What does a "cordwainer" do for a living?
3. What does P.O.E. stand for?

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS

Our August meeting "Common Sources in Uncommon Places" was presented by speaker, Karen Krugman, who revealed surprising sources. Members appreciated her humorous stories!

The door prize of genealogy items went to lucky Sherran Esh.

The ticket winner, Linda Welsh, received the book, "The Guide to European Research". The free draw had JoAnn Osborn getting, "No Easy Day" about the Navy Seals. "The Longest Journey", will inform Ingrid Porritt about our ancient ancestors migrating out of Africa. Sharing her family's 60th reunion photo was Phyllis Slater. The 1954 Retinnhouse surfaced in her mother's closet! Let's see more unlikely ancestral "finds" as jewelry, photos, books, metals and etc., this September. Marcia Wiersma shared a useful experience at the Spring Lake Library with its variety of transferring equipment. You can convert slides, photos, VHS tapes, and etc. Classes or individual tutoring is offered. So let's empty those shoeboxes!

Creative Linda Welsh & Nancy Bassett treated members to strawberry sundaes so appreciated on a hot August evening. Toppings of pineapple, chocolate, and whip were included. The Slaters' brought this much needed water. Thanks go to our volunteers!



NEW BOOKS IN THE LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY DEPT.

Handbook of Genealogical Sources, by George K. Schweitzer

County Historical Material in the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society Library, compiled by Clarence L. Weaver and Helen Mills



Interfaith Engagement In West Michigan: A Brief History and Analysis

Searching American Probate Records, by Fran Carter

Polish Parish Records of the Roman Catholic Church: Their Use and Understanding in Genealogical Research, by Gerald A. Ortell

Scrapbook and History of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of World War I, Barracks 328

Tenor Dick Versalle on the Opera Stage, by Marc Okkonen

American Place Names of Long Ago, by Gilbert S. Bahn

Continue next column

The Warings and Caskeys from New York to Michigan, Both Branches of the Hoagland and Huff Families of New Jersey, New York, by Jean Pendell

The Pendell Family, Emigrating From England to Colonial America, Traveling from Connecticut to New York and on to Michigan, by Jean Pendell

Atlas of Ionia County Michgian 1891

COUNTY CLERK RESEARCH

Muskegon County Building, 990 Terrace St.

MCGS volunteers are there every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

The parking lot and new entry to the county building has been completed, parking by the new county building is for handicap, seniors and other designated parking only. Use the new entrance between the buildings on Apple Ave.



MEMBERS CORNER

Dennis Allen

Ancestry.com has another database, U.S. Society Security Applications and Claims Index 1937-2007.

It's not as big as the S.S. death index, but it has parents and exact birth dates...Dennis

It's a new database, so it doesn't show up on the green leaf click. Here's the shortcut:

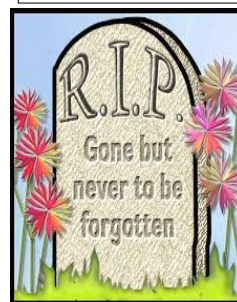
<http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60901>

Like many family tree files, my tree file is riddled by people from other files whose only source was the social security death index. Fortunately, when that was the case, I try to add a 'Not 100% sure' or 'check to confirm' to the notes. Glad I did. Been able to go back and check/correct many of them...Dennis

Tip(s): This database also holds multiple married names for people married multiple times. And as in the new seekingmichigan.org databases, you can find a lot of people by searching on the parents.

(1) More than 34 million (2) Makes shoes (3) Port of Entry

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Update on Oakwood cemetery, Ingrid and I (Dawn) have surpassed our goal for this year. All photos from last year and this year have been uploaded onto Find A Grave. Find A Grave states that we have 27,732 which is at 67% done, looking on the Oakwood cemetery map it looks like we have done 75%.

Oakwood cemetery is the largest in Muskegon County.

October Program

Speaker Richard Mullally

For six years, the family research project of Richard Mullally, a retired Muskegon teacher, has expanded far beyond his family to include men and women from throughout the county who served in World War II. Over 4,000 tribute photos like the one on the flyer have been printed and are being placed on permanent display at the USS LST 393 Veterans Museum. This free tribute has attracted the attention of three local genealogists who are tirelessly searching behind the scenes for family members of the local women who served and the 432 men who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Richard will be our speaker on October 8 and wants each of us to provide to him written contact information of our friends and relatives who have military photos of their deceased WW II veterans.

The only two requirements of this free tribute are that the person must have:

1. been in the military at some time between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946.
2. lived in Muskegon County at some time.

The list of 4,000 veterans already included can be seen at ww2vets.net

BARRY J. EWELL NEWSLETTER



Genealogy: Part 1—Effectively tapping into local, county, state historical societies and libraries

<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-part-1-effectively-tapping-local-county-state-historical-societies-libraries/>

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<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-part-2-strategy-searching-societies-libraries/>
<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-part-3-resources-available-societies-university-state-libraries-archives-special-collections/>

Genealogy: Part 2—Strategy for searching societies and libraries

<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-part-2-strategy-searching-societies-libraries/>

Genealogy: Part 3—Resources available at societies, university and state libraries, archives and special collections <http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-part-3-resources-available-societies-university-state-libraries-archives-special-collections/>

Genealogy; 150 questions to ask your family members about their lives

<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-united-states-library-society-resource-list-50-states/>

Genealogy: United States —Comprehensive library and society resource list for all 50 states <http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-united-states-library-society-resource-list-50-states/>

Genealogy Immigration/Migration: Revealing clues to finding the origin of your immigrant ancestors

<http://genealogybybarry.com/genealogy-immigrationmigration-revealing-clues-finding-origin-immigrant-ancestors/>

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Important Upcoming Dates 2015



Regular Meetings

7:00 p.m.

VFW Post 3195

5209 Grand Haven Road

Meeting Dates

No meeting in July

September 10

October 8

November 12

No meeting in December

Board Meetings

5:30 p.m. at the VFW

Unless stated otherwise

No meeting in July

September 10

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No meeting in December

Genealogy Family

Family History Workshops

Torrent House Local History & Genealogy Dept., 315 W. Webster
2 sessions!

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please preregister online at

1972mcgs@gmail.com

or call 231-722-7276 ext. 240

September 12

October 10

November 14

There are no workshops
in
June, July, & December



What to bring in September

1. Paper and pen for taking lots of notes.
2. Money for drawings.
3. Money for any MCGS store purchases.
4. Bring something to share.

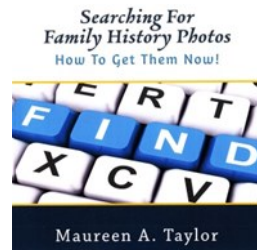


- **FREE** table of genealogical material.

NEW BOOKS BELOW ON SALE

- (2) The Handybook for Genealogies, Published by Everton Publishers, Inc. **NOW \$5 ea. & (1) for \$10**
- The Archives A Guide to the National Archives Field Branches **NOW \$5**
- Beyond Pedigrees Organizing and Enhancing aYourWork—**NOW \$5**
- A Bibliography of American County Histories compiled by P. William Filby—**NOW**
- The Researcher Guide to American Genealogy, by Val D. Greenwood—**NOW \$10**

Ticket Book



"Searching for Family History Photos" by Maureen A. Taylor

TRIP TO ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY

Let's not forget to plan in time for our annual trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We will be gone October 14, 15, 16, & 17, 2015 (Wednesday thru Saturday). More details are coming soon.

If you would like to room with people or alone, please let us know so we can make proper arrangements. A sign-up sheet will be at the meetings or email Dawn at 1972mcgs@gmail.com



NOTE: Make the most of your trip to Fort Wayne by doing all of your prep work ahead of time! If you need help, just ask any of us. We can give you all the help you need.