



Oakland County Genealogical Society

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Meeting Schedule 2021-22

Currently, meetings are conducted virtually via Zoom. Zoom registration information will be posted one week before each meeting. Check the Society website (ocgsmi.org) or Facebook (ocgsmi) for updates about future in-person meetings. Only registered attendees will be admitted to the virtual meeting. Our in-person meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, October through June (except November) at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N. Adams Rd. (between Long Lake and Square Lake Roads), Troy, MI 48098. The church has a flat entrance and ample, lighted parking. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge; all are welcome. The joint meeting with the Detroit Society of Genealogical Research (DSGR) will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 11 a.m.

October 5, 2021 – Laressa Northrup - “Researching the Old Northwest” - Were your ancestors in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin prior to 1850? This area was commonly referred to as the Old Northwest in the early 1800s. Find out what these states have in common and what records are unique to each state. This talk will cover early records, who settled them, and various websites to help you with your research.

November 6, 2021 (Saturday) - This is our joint Zoom meeting program with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR). **John Beatty** from The Genealogy Center, Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana will make a presentation on Ethnic & Religious Group Migrations to Michigan.

December 7, 2021 – James Craft - “The 19th Century History of Oakland County” - The first history of Oakland County was produced in 1877. It was part of a nationwide phenomenon that led to the writing of hundreds of county histories over a 10-year period following the 1876 centennial of America's birth. Largely a collection of oral histories assembled by the publisher, L. H. Everts and Company of Philadelphia, the History of Oakland County, Michigan provides a very personal, township by township description of life in Oakland County during the lives of the first and second generation of pioneer settlers.

January 4, 2022 – Kris Rzepczynski - “Michigan Online: Family History Tools for the Great Lakes State” - This session will explore key Michigan online genealogy resources, including both popular and lesser-known sites, as well as effective search strategies for Michigan research.

February 1, 2022 – Katherine R Willson - “And There I Take My Stand: Women's Suffrage in Michigan” - A celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage with an overview of historical contributions from Michigan's passionate and determined citizens.

March 1, 2022 – Tom Koselka - “Finding Records of Your Detroit and Wayne County Ancestors” - Many of us have ancestors who migrated through Detroit and Wayne County, Michigan. What records did they leave behind – and how can I access them? We will explore who created them, what information is in them, where they are held, the reason why they were created, when they begin and end, and how these records can advance our research.

April 5, 2022 – Gary Wilkes - “Helpful Sources for African-American Genealogy” - Searches for African American ancestors on most of the well-known genealogy platforms such as Ancestry.com and MyHeritage.com often lead to dead ends, particularly for those who lived only in what became the Confederate States of America. However, there are records from the Freedman's Bureau, AfriGeneas.com and even Canadian records that can be extremely helpful.

May 3, 2022 – Derek J Blount - “Where are the Early Dead of Detroit?” – A review of the early cemeteries of Detroit and what happened to them, and the people buried there.

June 7, 2022 – Shirley Hodges - “Michigan-Ontario Migration” - This lecture provides information on migration between Michigan and Ontario and how it affected both countries. The lecturer will share ideas on ways to find these individuals and explain possible reasons people migrated between Michigan and Ontario in both directions, including factors such as employment and business opportunities, new transportation routes and cheap land.