



# Oakland County Genealogical Society

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## 2024-2025 Program Schedule

The Oakland County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, October through June (except November). Our usual meeting place is St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N. Adams Rd. (between Long Lake and Square Lake Roads), Troy, MI 48098. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge; all are welcome. The October 9 Help Night meeting will be in person only, at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Township, MI 48302. The Zoom joint meeting with the Detroit Society of Genealogical Research (DSGR) will be on Saturday, November 11th at 11 a.m. Zoom only.

**October 9, 2024 - Help Night.** Members of the Society will assist you with your research. Bring laptops or paper records with your questions. The location is the Bloomfield Township Public Library, see the address above.

**November 9, 2024 - A Nation of Stories: Connecting Local Legacies to America250** - Our November Joint meeting **Zoom** only the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research is November 9, at 11 a.m. The speaker is Elizabeth Hodges, genealogy librarian at the Allen County Public Library. Discover the diverse and interconnected stories that shape our nation's history as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This presentation will equip you with the tools to uncover, document, and share your community's contributions to American independence. Discover strategies for public engagement through collaborative projects, educational programs, and community events that spotlight the unique stories of your area, fostering a meaningful connection to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A Zoom registration link will be sent to members in advance, and posted on Facebook a few days before the meeting.

**December 3, 2024 - Kris Rzepczynski - Researching Your Family's History at the Archives of Michigan** - An introduction to the Archives of Michigan, this program will explore the genealogical collections available there, including original source records, published resources, and online tools at Michiganology. One of the larger family history collections in the United States, the Archives' holdings emphasize Michigan, the Great Lakes states, New England, the Mid-Atlantic region, as well as Ontario and Quebec.

**January 7, 2025 - Mark Bowden - Selected Detroit and Michigan Genealogical Resources at the Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library** - This presentation focuses on some of the unique genealogical resources for Michigan and Detroit research found at the Burton Historical Collection including: Detroit Death index, burial transit permits, Wayne County coroner's files, Roman Catholic Church records, naturalization records from Detroit Recorder's Court, Michigan World War II service awards index, Michigan Korean war casualties index, and more!

**February 4, 2025 - TBD**

**March 4, 2025 - TBD**

**April 1, 2025 - David and Janeen Lambert - Bloomfield Hills Family History Center** -The talk will begin with an overview of the FamilySearch website and the Bloomfield Hills FamilySearch Center. The solution to a genealogical identity problem will also be discussed – Michael and Ann Wolf living in New Jersey from 1760 to 1800 are proved to be the same as Michael and Ann Wolf living in Ohio and Indiana from 1810 to 1843. The solution involved a visit to the Allen County Public Library and finding family records collected by Lyla Spelbring, president of the Livingston County Genealogical Society when she died in 2011.

**May 6, 2025 - Lisa T. Milton, Esq - Daughters of the American Revolution** - Do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your Family Tree? Lisa Milton, member of the Piety Hill Chapter of NSDAR will help you discover some of the methods for tracing your heritage back to the Revolutionary War. Lisa will also provide information on how to join lineage societies such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution and Children of the American Revolution.

**June 3, 2025 - Pam Warren - Oakland County Genealogical Society - What it has to Offer** - Learn how to effectively use the Society website, databases, and Society reports. All questions will be answered. We hope you have suggestions for records to digitize and add to our website or print in *Acorns to Oaks*.