



Oakland County Genealogical Society

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2025-2026 Program Schedule

The Oakland County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, generally October through June (except November). The November Joint meeting with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research is on Saturday, November 9 at 11 a.m. Our usual meeting place is Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Township, MI 48302. Some meetings are hybrid, in that case a Zoom registration link will be sent to members and posted on Facebook about a week in advance. Check individual program descriptions for alternate locations. All locations are handicapped accessible.

September 13, 2025 – Saturday Help Session, 12 noon to 2 p.m. (special time). In person only. Join us around a table and share with members of the Society, to get some guidance with your research. Bring laptops or paper records with your questions. Alternate location: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 North Adams Road, Troy, MI 4898.

October 7, 2025 – Ask A Genealogist!!

Members of the Society will assist you with your research! We have a number of regional/ethnic/specialist members who are eager to give you some help. Bring laptops or paper records with your questions. In-person only.

November 9, 2025, 11 a.m. – Genealogical Research in Colonial New England, John Beatty

In person and hybrid. This talk examines a few of the many published sources as well as local records for the states that comprise New England (MA, CT, RI, ME, NH, VT). It examines the record-keeping systems of those colonies and offers guidance on finding both published and unpublished records. Joint meeting with the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research.

December 2, 2025 – Ancestors Calling: Synchronicity, Science and Sources -- Judy Nimer Muh

Our ancestors want us to find them! Using our intuition, developing our luck, using hands-on techniques, YOU can have their help and do thorough genealogical research. Learn how to tap into some key scientific principles and techniques to drive your discoveries.

January 6, 2026 – Using AI for Genealogy – Stephen Little from the National Genealogical Society

This session will demystify Artificial Intelligence and its role in modern genealogy. You will learn the basic concepts and see practical demonstrations of how AI can help you analyze documents, summarize findings, and enhance your research process. No technical experience is required

February 3, 2026 – Weaving Stories from Memories, Memorabilia, and Research: Techniques for Honoring Ancestors – Laura Hedgecock

Transform scattered family traditions, memorabilia, and research findings into meaningful stories that honor your ancestors. Using veteran stories as examples, we'll look at techniques to weave old photos, vague memories of family stories, and genealogical records together to write connectional stories which bring our ancestors' past to life.

March 3, 2026 – What Did We Learn: Applying AI & Writing Skills

Join with fellow genealogists as we share the results of our research with each other! January's AI presentation from Steve Little and February's writing ideas from Laura Hedgecock gave us ideas of what to do in sharing our ancestral stories and our research findings. Come to this March meeting to share with others and learn how to refine what you have into some great storytelling and perhaps have it published in our Quarterly.

April 7, 2026 – Women in the Revolution: Women at War - 1775-1783 Could You? Should You? Would You? -- Megan Heyl

The roles that women played ranged from maintaining the home-front to supporting the military in ways that will surprise us all. Could you, should you, or would you do what these women accomplished? Let's step back in time and learn about these Revolutionary War women heroes.

May 5, 2026 - America's Westward Expansion (1787-1890): 25 Events in 50 Minutes -- Katherine R. Willson

Follow America's journeys to the West that reshaped federal law, transformed settlement patterns, and created opportunity for many—while inflicting displacement and injustice on Native Americans, Mexicans, Mormons, and the enslaved. We'll explore 25 pivotal moments between 1787 to 1890 that built the nation we inherited—and buried the truths many tried to forget.

June 2, 2026 – Why Should I Look at Revolutionary War Pension Records - Melissa Tennant Rzepczynski, MLS

Pension records are an invaluable source for learning more about your Revolutionary War ancestor, his family, military unit, and fellow servicemen. Discover how to access these rich files and what family history information could await.