



# ECHOES FROM OUR PAST



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Mount Clemens Genealogy Group

Summer – Fall 2013

## MACOMB COUNTY GENEALOGY GROUP 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Come and join with us at a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

Wednesday, 09 Oct 2013  
Library Auditorium

Program starts at 5:30 p.m. – Catered Dinner at 6:00

R.S.V.P deadline 25 Sep 2013  
Cost: \$12

### Menu

Herb Baked Boneless Chicken Breasts  
Roast Pork Loin with Mushroom Au Jus  
Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes  
Harvest Stuffing  
Broccoli Spears with Lemon Butter  
Fresh Garden Salad & Dinner Rolls  
Cupcakes

### For More Information

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[ancestorhunter29@gmail.com](mailto:ancestorhunter29@gmail.com)

Drop off your reservation to the attention of Ann at  
the Mount Clemens Public Library, or mail to Ann  
Faulkner, Mount Clemens Public Library, 150  
Cass Ave, Mount Clemens MI 48043

## MCGG Calendar of Events

Fridays at 1 p.m. in Library Auditorium

For more information

[macombcogg@gmail.com;](mailto:macombcogg@gmail.com)

**01 Nov – Roseville Family History Center: How the Center can help you with your research** – presented by David Lambert, Co-Director

**06 Dec** - Annual Christmas Party at 12:00 p.m. Bring a holiday dish to share



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LET'S TALK ... GENEALOGY

7:00 p.m. in Local History & Genealogy Room

**2nd Wednesday of the month**

**13 Nov – “How Do I Search That?”** Got a tip or need a tip on how to use a smaller genealogy website’s search engine? Join us to learn about using the search engines of sites like : SeekingMichigan; NEHGS American Ancestors’; and, Internet Archive.

**11 Dec – DNA.** Join us to discuss DNA genealogy. If you’ve already tested, share your experience. If you are considering testing, bring your questions.



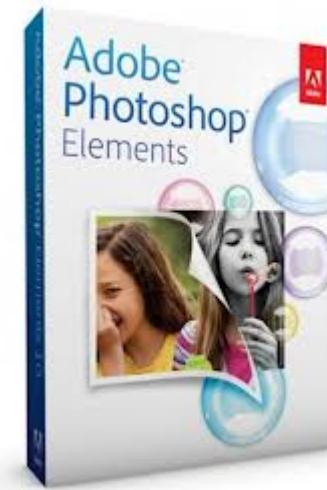
## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

**1:00 p.m. Friday Afternoon  
In the Library Auditorium**

September 26   October 18  
November 15

## ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS BASICS

A 2-part workshop on Saturday, September 28 &  
October 19, from 12-4.



Register for both sessions on the MCPL Events Calendar [www.mtchlib.org/](http://www.mtchlib.org/)

A laptop computer with Photoshop Elements is required for the classes.

# Monetary Values in 1650-1750 in New France Compared to Today

When researching your ancestors in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, if you go through the notarial acts to find your ancestors' farm or homestead, you will read about the purchase of so many "arpents" of land for so many "livres," and many other units of measures of land, money, crops, etc. It would be nice to know exactly what was bought for how much money. Exact, we cannot be. But it is very important to our research to know roughly what we are reading about in today's terms.

The coin of the day was 20 sols = 1 livre. The following table shows the value in French livres of various labors during 1650-1750 and compares them with wages of 1997. (To bring them up to 2013, you would have to multiple the 1997 column figures by approximately 143%).

Rates of Pay in 1650 and 1750 Livres and in 1997 Dollars					
	Livres: Wages per 10-Hr. Day		Livres: Wages per 300-Day, 3000/Hr Work Year		Dollars: Wages per 2000 Hr/Work Year
YEAR	1650	1750	1650	1750	1997
Unskilled Labor	1	2	300	600	\$15,000
Skilled Labor	3	6	900	1800	\$40,000
Low Rank Official	2	4	600	1200	\$30,000
High Rank Official	8	12	2400	3600	\$80,000
Governor			12,000	12,000	\$200,000

Other important measures of the time:

- 1 linear arpent = 192 ft.
- 1 square arpent = 36.8 sq. ft or 5/6 of an English acre
- 1 lieu = 84 arpents = 3 miles
- 1 toise = 6.4 ft
- 1 square toise = 40 sq. ft
- 1 minot = 1.05 bushels

It cost about 6 Sols to feed a man for one day in 1650, and about 12 in 1740. That means that about 30% of the income of an unskilled worker went for food.

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Sources: Above data compiled by Gerry Lalond, American-Canadian Genealogical Society, Manchester, NH from: *Your Ancient Canadian Family Ties*, by Reginald Olivier; *Les Crimes et les Chatiments du Canada Francis*, by Raymond Boyer; and, *The Seigneurial System in Early Canada*, by Richard Colebrook Harris.



"He who has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning." Old English Proverb

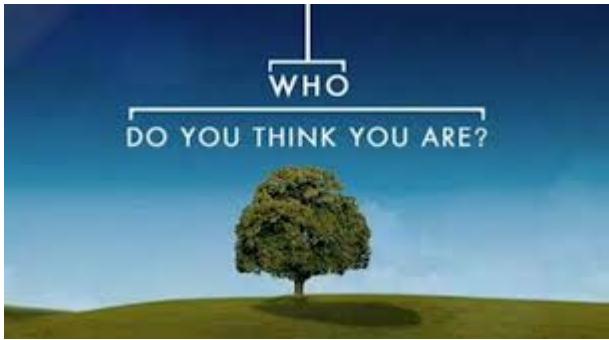
## What's in a Nickname?

A **nickname** is "a usually familiar or humorous but sometimes pointed or cruel name given to a person or place, as a supposedly appropriate replacement for or addition to the proper name"<sup>4</sup>—or a name similar in origin and pronunciation from the original name.

In the next few issues, we will list common nicknames and their given name equivalents. This list is a compilation of several lists, yet may you may have come across nicknames that aren't included. If you submit them to the editor, they will be added into the final list.

### NICKNAME

NICKNAME	NAMES
Deborah	Deb, Debbie, Debby
Delbert	Bert, Del
Deidre	Deedee
Delia	Cordelia, Fidelia
Delilah	Dell, Delis, Lil, Lila
Dell/Della	Adela, Adelaide, Delilah
Delores	Dee, Dodie, Lola
Delpha	Phildelphia
Demerias	Demaris, Maris
Diane/Diana	Di
Doctor	Doc, Dock
Dorinda	Dorothea
Dominic	Dom, Nick
Doris	Dora
Dorothea	Dora
Dorothy	Dee, Dolly, Dorothea, Dot, Dortha, Dotty
Drusilla	Silla
Edith	Dicey, Edie
Edmund	Ed, Ned, Ted
Edna	Edny
Edward	Ed, Ned, Ted
Egbert	Bert, Burt
Eileen, Elaline	Helen
Elbert	Albert, Bert, Burt
Eleanor	Elaine, Ella, Ellen, Helen, Lanna, Leonora, Nell, Nellie, Nora
Eleena	Helen
Elias	Elli
Elijah	Eli, Lige



The **Who Do You Think You Are?** television series is airing on The Learning Channel (TLC).

The show is on **Tuesday nights at 9 p.m.** For those with Comcast, you can view the show the following day on In Demand. For those without TLC, you can go to the channel's website and then the show's page and view the episodes online after they have aired. So far we've seen Kelly Clarkston, Christina Applegate, Chelsea Handler, Zoey Deschanel, and Chris O'Donnell. Check

with your TV listings to locate TLC on your provider's system.

The show's new website is: <http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are>



## Genealogy Roadshow Coming to PBS this September!



ARLINGTON, VA; MAY 9, 2013 – PBS announced today that it will add the new series **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** to its fall lineup. Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** will combine history and science to uncover the fascinating stories of diverse Americans. Each individual's past will link to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** will air Mondays, September 23-October 14, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET.

“**GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** is an engaging, innovative program that reveals the bigger picture of our nation’s past, present and future,” said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. “With a diverse mix of stories in each episode, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** appeals to Americans interested in learning about their family histories. It also shows that no matter one’s heritage and background, everyone has a place in history.”

**GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s premiere season will feature participants from four American cities — Nashville, Austin, Detroit and San Francisco — who want to explore unverified genealogical claims, passed down through family history, that may (or may not) connect them to an event or a historical figure. These cities were chosen as American crossroads of culture, diversity, industry and history, with deep pools of potential participants and stories. After participants are chosen, experts in genealogy, history and DNA will use family heirlooms, letters, pictures, historical documents and other clues to hunt down more information. These experts will enlist the help of local historians to add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes a clue in solving the mystery. Residents of Austin, Detroit, Nashville and San Francisco are invited and encouraged to submit their personal stories as **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** will unearth family and community secrets, reveal notable relatives and discover unexpected stories that connect the past to the present. Many answers will be revealed on camera before a local audience, in a historic building relevant to the cities' – and the participants' – histories.

"It is rare and wonderful when one can produce a show in which literally everyone is qualified to be a part of it," said executive producer Stuart Krasnow. "PBS is the perfect partner to produce a show that celebrates the richness of the individual, and the differences between us that make our country unique."

**THE GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** has been a hit in Ireland, where national public broadcaster RTE commissioned the original format from producer Big Mountain Productions. "It just hit a nerve," said Big Mountain executive producer Philip McGovern. "Everybody wants answers to questions about their own histories to help make sense of their lives today. We've had a lot of interest in the format internationally and are delighted PBS has picked it up."

Episodes in the series include:

## **NASHVILLE**

Nashville is a vibrant cultural crossroad in the American South. While it is the capital of country music and a centerpiece of Civil War history, it's known for much more. The city rose to prominence within the shipping industry, and its post-Civil War prosperity led to an explosion in architecture, education and the arts. Its abundant opportunities led to population swells of Mexican, Cambodian and Iraqi immigrants. Nashville's Jewish community laid roots in the area more than 150 years ago, and an influx of Kurdish immigrants in recent years has given the city its new nickname, "Little Kurdistan."

## **AUSTIN**

With the motto "Keep Austin Weird," this city prides itself on uniqueness. The fast-growing metropolis has evolved into a hub for government, technology, culture and education. Austin boasts a strong sense of individuality that stems in part from its diverse history. With early Native-American settlements of Tonkawas and Comanches, central Texas' rich culture includes Mexican, Asian, African-American and European communities.

# DETROIT

While Detroit is known mainly for two things — cars and Motown — there is much more to the city, which boasts one of the most diverse populations in the country. After its settlement by French-Canadians, Detroit attracted a large number of Europeans and immigrants of Middle Eastern descent, making it now home to the largest Arab-American community in the country. As well, hundreds of thousands of African-Americans moved to Detroit from the rural southern U.S. as part of The Great Migration of the 20th century. Detroit was the first place in the country to have a stretch of concrete highway and a four-way, three-color traffic light. It supplied 75 percent of the liquor during the Prohibition era and was the birthplace of the ice cream soda.

## SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is known as a Pacific port, a religious mission, a railroad hub, a mining mecca, an earthquake epicenter, the birthplace of world-famous counterculture movements and the home of the biggest technological innovations of all time, including denim jeans. The city has seen its population transformed over and over again due to its constantly shifting industries, leading to the significant diversity that exists there today.

To submit an application for **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**, visit:

Austin: <http://www.klru.org/grshow/>  
Detroit: <http://www.dptv.org/grshow/>  
Nashville: <http://www.wnpt.org/grshow/>  
San Francisco: <http://www.kqed.org/grshow/>



There's a group of people who take the time to volunteer in the Genealogy Room to help you with your research. They are:

## Gail Schulte (Mon am)

**Ray Lake** (Tue pm) **Lissa Eschenburg** (Tues evening)

**Brenda Miller** – Library Volunteer Chairperson (Wed am)      **Dianne Buckerfield** (Wed pm)

**Barb Nicholson** (Thur am)   **Craig Reynolds** (Thur aft 3-7 pm)

**Ken Kohlmann** (Fri am)

**Ann Faulkner** is working as a substitute, or by appointment (contact her at [macombhcogq@gmail.com](mailto:macombhcogq@gmail.com)) and occasionally on Saturdays.

Brenda is always looking for individuals who are willing to give of their time to help others with their research. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact Brenda.

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Your sister neglects to mention that the date she gave you, which you have researched, and sent to other researchers, was just a guess with no foundation, and she guessed because she "didn't like leaving that line blank."

SO MANY ANCESTORS.....SO LITTLE TIME!  
AND on the eighth day God said, "OK, Murphy, take over.

