

**Waterford Genealogical Society
E-Newsletter**

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The Waterford Genealogical Society meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Community Room of the [Waterford Twp Public Library](#). *Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information*

Greetings from the [Waterford Genealogical Society](#)!

All **WGS** meetings are open to the Public and take place in the library. **Non-members** are welcome to attend. Membership in the Society is available with payment of the annual \$10 membership fee and provides voting rights. For more information contact Wayne Thom: WAYNETHOM6@aol.com. A membership form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Evening Meetings: For those genealogists interested in an evening meeting, WGS meets on the second Thursday of each month during the school year from September through June from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

No meetings in July and August.

WGS Meetings

If you are ready to reveal to the Society your 'infamous, notorious or just plain amazing, weird, troublesome relatives' and not the ones you have 'unfriended' from facebook, (because they would be living and we don't do living) please contact Kathy Stricher to schedule your presentation. Contact [Kathy Stricher](#)

Date: January 21, 2015

Topic: Matilda Dodge Wilson: Her Roots and Road to Success and a Lasting Legacy

Presenter: Emily Barberi, she also shares her personal encounter with Mrs. Wilson

Date: February 4, 2015

Topic: Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about. Your input is important for making a roundtable successful.

Presenter: Kathy Stricher

Date: February 18, 2015

Topic: Making a photo book. Tips and techniques

Presenter: Kathy Stricher

1st Wednesday's- Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach will host a Germanic Interest Group meeting on the 1st Wed after our business meeting at 3pm.

2nd Thursday EVENING MEETING- 7:00-8:30. Held in the Community Room with Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach.

Upcoming topics include:

Jan: Researching at a Library/Archives

The last half hour will be German Interest group.

WGS NEWS

WGS has a great **Facebook** page. It is being updated regularly with interesting genealogical related items.

Everyone is welcome. Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordGenealogicalSociety>

- ✚ It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of one of founding members- Dorothy Tyndell. She was instrumental in keeping our group on track when it was the original Waterford Genealogical Study Group, an adult library program. When she could no longer attend meetings she still actively participated by performing look-ups for the group. She will be missed.



TYNDELL, DOROTHY L.; of White Lake; January 13, 2015; age 91. Beloved wife of the late Stanley for 51 years; loving mother of Susan (William) O'Keefe, Frank (Sandi) Tyndell, Allan (Diane) Tyndell, Janet (Dr. Samir) Al Hadidi, and the late Nancy Ballach; beloved sister of Gladys Johnson, James (Carol) McDonald, and the late Bud McDonald; also cherished by 18 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Mrs. Tyndell was a Registered Nurse and was actively involved with the Waterford Genealogical Society. Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the RIVERSIDE CHAPEL, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday 3 to 8 p.m. Interment Crescent Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to

the Waterford Genealogical Society. Online guestbook www.modetzfuneralhomes.com
Published in [The Oakland Press on Jan. 14, 2015](#)

- ✚ Membership to the WGS is based on the calendar year. Dues for 2015 may now be paid, please note that the amount is now \$10.00.
- ✚ **WGS Programs Survey:** Kathy Stricher, Program chair for the Waterford Genealogical Society, has created a survey to get your input as to what topics for programs you would like for the WGS meetings. Your input (which is anonymous) will be very useful to her in scheduling future programs.

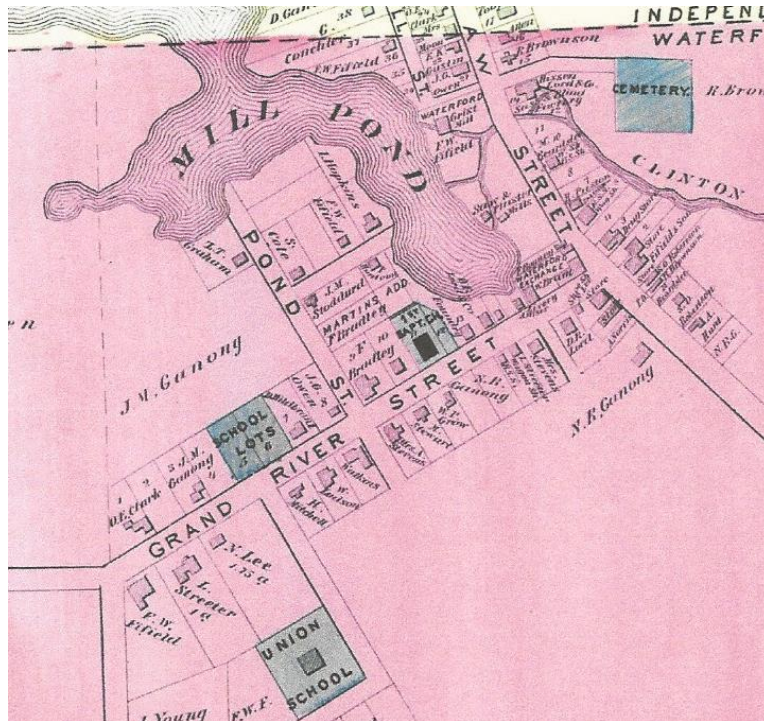
PLEASE PARTICIPATE! You can take the survey online by clicking on this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KW9RLN6>



- ✚ **SAVE THE DATE: 18 APRIL 2015.** 12th Annual Waterford Genealogical Society Lock-In is scheduled with some favorite speakers to return including Kris Rzepczynski, Karen Krugman, Karen Hadden, Katherine Willson, Sandy Kinter, Kathy Stricher, Dr. Jim Sims, Deb Rakoczy and David Oliver.
Brochure will be available in the first week of February. Members and those who receive this newsletter will be emailed the form along with the speaker's biographies. Please share with your friends. We have some great door prizes lined up too- you will not want to miss this one. Make sure you register early as space is limited and it fills up fast.

Of Waterford Interest

Sandy Kinter, a WGS member, has been researching the Village of Waterford. She will be contributing a special series of articles for our newsletter.



Residents of the Village of Waterford, Michigan in 1872

Norman Lee Esther E. Brown

Next door to the family of Lorenzo Streeter, on Grand River Street, (Andersonville Road) is N. Lee. The 1870 census reports Norman Lee, age 39, shoemaker, born in Michigan, with wife, Hester E., age 35, born in New York, and children William, age 18, Frances A., age 16, Alice, age 12, Douglas B, age 8, Ettie May, age 5, and Eleanor, age 1, all born in Michigan, page 601, Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan.

Norman Lee had married Esther E. Brown, 12 March 1851, in Oakland County. (1) He was born 4 November 1830, in Michigan (2) and died 14 August 1897 in Mecosta County, Michigan. (2) The Lee family is still residing in Waterford, in the 1880 census, where they are found on page 431B, Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan. So they had moved to Mecosta County after 1880. Esther (Brown) Lee died in Mecosta County on 16 November 1893. (2)(3) She was born 28 July 1834, in New York. (2) Norman and Esther (Brown) Lee are both buried in the Flake Cemetery, Mecosta County. (2)

In the 1850 census, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Norman Lee is found with his parents, Harvey Lee, age 52, shoemaker, born in Connecticut, and wife Fanny, age 46, born in Vermont. (4) In the remarks column the census taker has noted that Norman is "insane"! (4) The Find A Grave entry for Harvey Lee says that his wife was Fanny Knight, but no marriage record has been found to confirm this. (5) This same cemetery entry says that Harvey was born 3 October 1798. (5) He died 8 March 1877, in Bloomfield Township, Oakland County (3) and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery. (5) Fanny Knight was born 5 November 1803, the daughter of Seth and Betsey (Whitney) Knight, (10) in Thetford, Orange County, Vermont. (6) She died 30 September 1873, in Bloomfield Township, (3) and is buried in the Franklin Cemetery. (5)

Harvey Lee's death record says his parents were William and Mary Lee. (3) William Lee is found in the Find A Grave entry for the Quaker Cemetery in Farmington, Michigan. He was born 14 July 1771, in Guilford, Middlesex County, Connecticut. (8)(9) William died 1 Jun 1840, in Oakland County, Michigan. (7)(9) William Lee was the son of William Lee and Eunice Hotchkiss of Guilford, Connecticut. (9) The Find A Grave entry for

William's wife, Mary, says her maiden name was Summers, but no proof has been found to confirm this. (7) Mary Lee, age 76, born in Connecticut, is found in the 1850 census, page 194, Farmington Township, Oakland County, residing with Norman Lee, age 35, and William Lee, age 33, both born in New York. Mary died 8 May 1860, in Farmington Township, and is buried in the Quaker Cemetery. (7)

Esther E. Brown, wife of Norman Lee, was the daughter of Edward P. and Electa Brown. The Brown family is found in the 1850 census on page 184, Farmington Township, Oakland County. Edward Brown is age 49, born in England, his wife is Electa, age 39, born in Vermont, and children, Esther, age 16, William, age 14, Amelia, age 13, and Charles, age 5. All the children were born in New York. The Find A Grave entry for Esther (Brown) Lee says she was born in Ontario County, New York. (2) In the 1840 census there is an Edward Brown, page 219, Town of West Bloomfield, Ontario County, New York, with a family that matches Edward Brown of Oakland County. Edward Brown died in 1858 and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Pontiac, Michigan. (11) Electa Brown died in March 1856 and she too is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. (11) No further information was found about the family of Edward Brown.

Sources

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9. New England Historical and Genealogical Register, "Descendants of Edward and John Lee of Guilford, Conn.", Ralph D. Smith, Volume 53, January 1899, pages 53-57, New England Historic Genealogical Society, www.americanancestors.org
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UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

Visit these sites- each one has lots of great information and links

- [Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society](#) (OCPHS) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI
Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. To ensure that a volunteer will be here to assist you, please call ahead before visiting. As a general guideline, the office is now open **Tuesday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Our [Research Library](#) is also open Tuesday - Thursday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
SMALL TALK SERIES Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 or FREE to new members who join or renew the day of the event. Registration is not required but is recommended due to limited seating. Light refreshments are served.
 - **15 February 2015:** Underground Railroad - The Michigan Connection with Willie W. Payne
 - **15 March 2015:** Sanitation Commission with Annie Hunt

- [Oakland Co. Genealogical Society](#) 5500 N Adams Rd, Troy, MI 48098
 - **3 February 2015:** Priceless Photo/Film/Video Preservation Workshop
Rob Hoffman will explain where to begin to organize and archive family analog possessions. Mr. Hoffnam's presentation will include the top ten preservation mistakes and how to avoid them.
 - **3 March 2015:** Birmingham Pioneer
Pam DeWeese will introduce listeners to Birmingham's three earliest settlers; John West Hunter, Elijah Willits and John Hamilton. It will place them in the context of what was happening in Michigan and the country in 1818.

- [Farmington Genealogical Society](#): meets at the Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington.
 - **20 January 2015:** DO'S AND DON'TS OF CEMETERY RESEARCH
Woodmere Cemetery genealogist, Gail Hershenzon, presents what you should and shouldn't do when locating your ancestors in various cemeteries.
 - **17 February 2015:** TO BE DETERMINED
 - **17 March 2015:** LUMBERING IN MICHIGAN
MSU's Department of Forestry faculty member, Dr. Larry Leefers, will give a presentation that delves into the lumbering business in Michigan as well as what life was like for those lumbermen and their families.

- [Detroit Society for Genealogical Research](#): Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 a.m. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
 - **21 February 2015:** Lies and Sins of Omission- 10:30 am-Explorer's Conference Room
Liz Kelly Kerstens, Certified Genealogist, managing editor of NGS Magazine, and executive director at the Plymouth (Michigan) Historical Museum, will use case studies to illuminate ancestors' lies and sins of omission that become potholes along our research journey.
 - **14 March 2015:** Annual Bus Trip to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana
Details to Come

SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

- Mocavo is celebrating their one year anniversary of their Fireside Chat online video series! Guests shared expert advice about their own family history experiences and insightful research tips.
 - Get the Inside Scoop on DNA with Special Guest Blaine Bettinger - [Watch Now](#)
 - Find out how the law can impact your genealogical research with The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell - [Watch Now](#)
 - Identify how technology can make your research easier with top genealogy blogger Dick Eastman - [Watch Now](#)
 - Discover the history behind Cyndi's List and more with founder Cyndi Ingle - [Watch Now](#)
 - Uncover your ancestors in railroad records with Paula Stuart-Warren - [Watch Now](#)

- US Census are available as free streaming and downloads at: https://archive.org/details/us_census
The record of the population census from 1790 to 1930. Scanned from microfilm from the collections of the Allen County Public Library and originally from the United States National Archives Record Administration. The downloads contain the complete roll.
This is a great way to browse images if for some reason an index is not picking up a surname. Check out the links to other genealogy related resources on this page. Includes links to family genealogies.

- [Tips From the Pros: Baby Steps to Organize Your Genealogy](#), a blog posting offered some useful suggestions. Follow the link for the complete blog. Following these tips from professional genealogists (who shared their expertise in the [May/June 2014 Family Tree Magazine](#)) won't solve your organization problems overnight, but they can give you a small way to work toward accomplishing organized genealogy.
 - Keep an updated research to-do list
 - Label paper and digital file folders with a consistent scheme
 - Come up with a naming scheme for digitized photos and records
 - Take a few minutes to file or recycle papers
 - Keep a "to file" basket on your desk or a shelf, and schedule regular times to file those papers
 - Don't waste money on unnecessary organizational suppliesIt's your research practices—not the boxes and binders—that'll keep you organized.

- Don't forget our area now has its own genealogy radio show!
"Genealogy Gems" Talk Radio WCXI 1160 AM Saturday at 5 - 6 PM

Welcome to the Waterford Genealogical Society Est.2007

Our goals are to promote interest in genealogical research and assist members by providing meetings and workshops that will further this goal.

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Check if you would like to be an officer or help on a committee.

Surnames that you are researching: _____

Send \$10 check or money order payable to:

Waterford Genealogical Society
c/o Treasurer: Wayne Thom
P.O. Box 300905
Waterford, MI 48330

WGS Website: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miwatgs>

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