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 $5 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

Date: May 10, 2013
FIELD TRIP: Burton Library. Contact Dot LaLone if you are interested in attending. A car pool will be available, meeting at the Waterford Library at 8:30 am. We will be granted Free parking.

Date: May 15, 2013
Topic: Research in Alsace-Lorraine. Plus a Lock-In Review
Presenter: Julia Hanneman-Schoebach

Date: June 5, 2013
Topic: Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about. Your input is important for making a roundtable successful. Plus a workshop on scanning and uploading documents and pictures. Bring in an item to scan and a method/device to save it.
Presenter: Kathy Stricker and Sharie Mitchell

Date: June 19, 2013
Topic: Getting Around in the FamilySearch.org website
Presenter: Wally Schlegel

Date: July 3, 2013
Topic: Business meeting and roundtable. Please bring topics you want to talk about. Your input is important for making a roundtable successful. Plus a webinar TBA
Presenter: Kathy Stricker

Date: July 17, 2013
Topic: TBA
Presenter: Debby Remer, Rochester-Avon Historical Society

Date: 1st Wednesday and 2nd Thursday: a New German Interest Group to Meet
Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach will host a Germanic Interest Group meeting on the 1st Wed after our business meeting at 3pm. Also on the 2nd Thursday during the last half hour of the evening meeting at 8pm. These will be held in the same rooms as the regular meetings.
**WGS NEWS**

- **The 2013 WGS Annual Lock-In, 4 May 2013**, was well attended. Thank you to our speakers, we really appreciate their willingness to share their knowledge with our genealogy community. This event could not happen without the support of the Waterford Twp. Public Library and staff—Thank You! Members of WGS made sure everything ran smoothly—Thank you!
  - A short survey was sent out to participants asking for their input on the event. We are always looking for new ideas and speakers. Know of anyone? Responses will appear in the next newsletter.

- WGS now has a Facebook page. Visit us at: https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordGenealogicalSociety

**UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA**

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

- A great opportunity to learn and to share, the May Family History Seminar has become a local institution within the Mid-Michigan genealogical community. The Seminar this year is another high water mark with 52 Classes and Activities. Follow this link to the [Lansing Family History Center](#) where a one day seminar will be held on **May 11, 2013**.

- Registration is open! The Abrams Genealogy Seminar, featuring Dr. Thomas Jones, will be held on July **12-13, 2013**. Brought to you by the Archives of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council. New this year is an Archive Lock-In! The cost is $50 for this two day event.
  - After kicking off with a tour of the Archives of Michigan, conference attendees will have the opportunity to pick from a variety of speakers and family history topics.
  - Visit the website for more details, schedules and program information.

- **Oakland Co. Genealogical Society** (OCGS) LAST MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER! Meeting Location Change: Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois Road, Troy, MI 48083 (just north of Big Beaver). The Community Center room provides comfortable chairs and wireless internet. Free parking is available in a well-lit lot at the building. The meeting room is just inside the east entrance, which is marked “Banquet Entrance”, but can be reached by entering through any of the doors.
  - **4 June 2013**: “Secrets of the Dead”, Sandy Kinter. Join us as we search for some of the Secrets of the Dead — come and walk through the cemetery. Learn what those symbols found on the tombstones mean. What useful information can the genealogist find on those stone slabs? No need for insect spray or sunscreen on this cemetery visit.

- **The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan** [LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER] and The Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library Presents “Exploring Ontario Research” With Fawne Stratford-Devai-10:00 am Doors Open
  - **Saturday, May 18, 2013**: Fawne Stratford-Devai is familiar to audiences in Canada as one of the three genealogical sleuths who work together to unravel family mysteries on History Television’s popular series, Ancestors in the Attic. SEE brochure for details
Farmington Genealogical Society: LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER! are at the Farmington Public Library

- 21 May 2013:
  5:15 - 6:45 pm "What We Learned the Hard Way" FGS Members, Myra Burger, Clare Mallon and Check Archambeau, will lead a panel discussion on what they learned the hard way in their research and how they straightened themselves around. Plan to participate.

  7:15 - 8:45 pm "Extra! Extra! Read All About It!" Ford Genealogy Club member, Karen Krugman, will show attendees that there is so much more to find on your ancestors than just obituaries when you explore the world of newspapers.

Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR) meeting in the Explorer's Room, Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward, Detroit, MI. Attendees are welcome to research for free at the Burton Historical Collection following each meeting.

- 11 May 2013: What Remains: A Key to Cemetery Research - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - Presented by DSGR board member, Dot Martin, explores what steps need to be taken before your trip to a cemetery and how you can use the information gathered on your visit to further your research

- 8 June 2013: LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER! Serendipity: A Light-hearted Look at Genealogy - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm - Presented by DSGR President, Richard M. Doherty, will explore the humorous aspects of genealogy including serendipitous occurrences, genealogical records with unusual content, and a variety of other humorous genealogy-related items. This program is also equally enjoyed by non-genealogists

Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society (OCPHS) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI
The society offers Small Talks, which are informal, engaging lectures on topics of historical interest. Admission is $5 or FREE to new members who join the day of the event. Registration is not required but is recommended due to limited seating. Light refreshments are served. All Small Talks are on Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m. Upcoming events are:

- June 1 or Rain Day June 2, 2013: Henry Ford: Life and Times with Steven Stanford and Russell Dore & Ford Car Display
- August 18, 2013: Soldiers Aid Society & Health Sanitary Commission, with Annie Hunt
- September 15, 2013: Oakland Car Company with Steven Stanford
- October 13, 2013: Victorian Funeral Reenactment for Moses Wisner: 150th Anniversary with Diane Clark
- November 10, 2013: Life of Ernest Hemingway with John Cohassey

Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference — Fort Wayne, Indiana — 21 - 24 August 2013
- More information coming soon on their site. Download the preliminary flyer
  Follow the conference on Facebook and Twitter and stay up-to-date with the Conference News Blog

The Ontario Genealogical Society is gearing up for its annual conference to be held at Oshawa, Ontario, on the campus of Durham College/UOIT, May 31-June 2, 2013. For researchers in Ontario, or Upper New York state (and other places) who would like to attend this great 3 day conference, please see the website: www.ogs.on.ca/conference2013
SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET
Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

➢ Family Search has posted the searchable name index of Michigan Death Certificates 1921-1952.
   https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1968532

   **Image Visibility**
   Whenever possible, FamilySearch makes images available for all users. However, ultimate rights to view images on our website are granted by the record custodians. The collection entitled Michigan, Death Certificates, 1921-1952 rules prohibit the viewing of the death certificates less than 75 years old. If any record on a digital folder contains certificates from the last 75 years, for example, the entire digital folder is restricted.
   The Historical Records collections will be updated each year to show new unrestricted records. FamilySearch respects and strives to adhere to all privacy laws respective to preserving and providing access to genealogical records in its collection.

   **Record Description**
   The collection consists of a name index and images of death records from the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division for Vital Records and Health Statistics in Lansing.

   **Record Content**
   The records usually contain the following information:
   - Name of deceased
   - Death date and place
   - Birth date and place
   - Age
   - Marital status
   - Names of parents
   - Name of spouse
   - Race
   - Gender
   - Residence
   - Name and relationship of informant

➢ A genetic survey concludes that all Europeans living today are related to the same set of ancestors who lived 1,000 years ago. Moreover, you wouldn't have to go back much further to find that everyone in the world is related to each other. "We find it remarkable because it's counterintuitive to us," Graham Coop, an evolutionary biologist at the University of California at Davis, told NBC News. "But it's not totally unexpected, based on genetic analysis. "Family researchers have long known that if you go back far enough, everyone with a European connection ends up being related to Charlemagne. Follow this to an NBC Cosmic Log article.

➢ Michigan Historical Center News: Front and Center- has begun a four-year campaign to renovate their long-term exhibits and are inviting people to attend the Exhibit Ribbon Cutting.
   Located on our second floor, the new exhibit Cooperation, Conflict and Community looks at the span of time from the first contact between Anishnabeg (native peoples) and Europeans through the War of 1812. The exhibit features all new graphics, an 18th-century canon rescued and restored after spending nearly two centuries at the bottom of the Detroit River and historic maps that show the way we were.
   - **Date:** May 18, 2013
   - **Time:** 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM
   - **Location:** Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing
Welcome to the Waterford Genealogical Society
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Our mission is to promote interest in genealogical research and assist members by providing meetings and workshops that will further this goal.

2013 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:

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Send $5 check or money order payable to:
Waterford Genealogical Society
c/o Treasurer: Wayne Thom
8257 Caribou Trail
Clarkston, MI 48348-4515
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