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FGS Meetings are always open to the public and are held the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, & August) starting at 7:00 p.m. The FGS meetings are held at:

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The FGS Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be TBA.

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## Speakers Bureau

Our next meeting is

**Tuesday**  
**February 5, 2013**

Our speaker will be Len Thomas.  
His topic will be:



THE CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF HARRISON HARMON CARSON  
Len Thomas - Swartz Creek, MI

Taken from the title of a book by the same name published in 2012, we learn of the triumphs and tragedies of the Civil War through the more than 100 letters sent home from 1861-1865. Corporal Carson lived and died in Owosso, Michigan and his great granddaughter transcribed the letters many years ago before they became almost too faded to read. Entering the war at age 39, he left behind his wife and two teen-age sons. While waging the battle in the 3rd Michigan Cavalry, Carson also kept his farm operating through his at-home family. This story almost got lost, for no family members were interested in the collection of letters. Len purchased them, edited the selections and published them for future generations to enjoy and admire. Now that the book is published, the original letters will be donated to a Michigan research library. The presentation spends some time talking about the family and its genealogical history.



**It's 2013, so if you have NOT sent in your renewal, please, do so right away!**

(If you need a renewal form see January's newsletter

or click on the link below.)

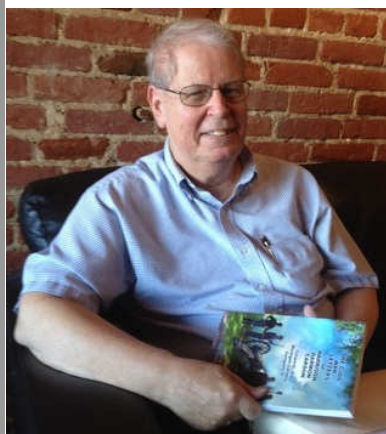
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... in the *Genealogy Spotlight*  
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## Len Thomas (& wife Sharon)

Although living in Swartz Creek for almost 17 years, Len, who calls Flint his hometown, graduated from Flint Central High School. He has degrees from University of Michigan-Flint and Eastern Michigan University. He was hired by the Flint Community Schools two weeks after marrying his college sweetheart. Len worked as a teacher and administrator for almost 33 years before retiring at age 55. He took a year off before accepting the position of Executive Director of the Whaley Historical House Museum, a position he held for five years.

Now, fully retired since 2000, he finds time for things in life that are fun and mentally-challenging. He is addicted to crossword puzzles, photography, reading nonfiction, listening to and participating in classical music endeavors, reproduction cross-stitch samplers, genealogy, and local history. His ongoing research for Civil War gravesites has garnered state and national recognition. He is president of the Swartz Creek Area Historical Society and has fulfilled many offices for the Retired Men's Fellowship of Greater Flint organization.

He spends quality time with his two grown children and seven grandchildren. When not involved in a volunteer community project or one of his many hobbies, he and wife of 50 years, Sharon, enjoy traveling, concerts, and spending time in the northern woods or seeking out another museum or cemetery. Len has served on numerous community boards and organizations and believes in giving something back to a community that has been good to him and his family.

Sharon is a dedicated homemaker, spending her time raising the kids and keeping Len on task. She is an avid quilter, knitter, having once-owned the Needlepoint Pedaler shop in downtown Flint and then served as a receptionist at UM-Flint for several years. She has recently retired from 30-years as a church handbell ringer and enjoys traveling and other stimulating activities in our community and at the family cottage at Otsego Lake.

Len & Sharon have endowed a fund for the Community Reading Center at the University of Michigan - Flint. In July, 2010, Len was awarded the very coveted Annual Sue Taylor Community Service Award by the Swartz Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, in honor of his volunteer efforts for many area organizations. In June, 2011, Len & Sharon received a National Daughters of the Revolution "Excellence in Community Service Award" for the Lucy Blanchard research and activities.

[http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/flint/index.ssf/2012/09/civil\\_war\\_author\\_len\\_thomas\\_to.html](http://www.mlive.com/entertainment/flint/index.ssf/2012/09/civil_war_author_len_thomas_to.html)

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## *Around the State ...*

### Macomb County Genealogy Group

Friday, February 1, 2013 1:00 pm

"Heimwärts = Homewards: Researching Here to Find Your Village There," presented by Lisa Eschenburg. We'll cover the various resources you need to check here and some methods in using them that may yield your German ancestor's home village — the key to Hiemwärts. For those of all experience levels, we'll look at data resources, guides and language helps available on the ever-changing internet.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mimcgg/meetingsmcgg.html>

### Western Michigan Genealogical Society

Saturday, February 2, 2013 1:30 pm

Researching African-American Ancestors. Presenter: Jessica Trotter

[http://www.wmgs.org/meetings\\_events.htm](http://www.wmgs.org/meetings_events.htm)

### Huron County Genealogical Society

Saturday, February 16, 2013 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Meeting / research trip at Hoyt Library in Saginaw, MI. Free to public, non-members are welcome to attend.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mihcgs>

### Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

Monday, February 18, 2013 7:00 pm

Preserving Your Family Heritage, Presentation by Steve Rossio, Local Historian, Portage District Library.

<http://www.mikvgs.org>

### Farmington Genealogical Society

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 5:45 - 6:45 pm

"What Should I Be Looking For on All Those Websites?" FGS Program Chair, Sue Cromwell, will demonstrate a variety of websites and what you can find on each of them

<http://www.mifarmgs.org>

### Dearborn Genealogical Society

Thursday, February 28, 2013 7:00 pm

Karen Krugman - Taking The Mystery Out Of Your Mystery Ancestor

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~midgs/programs.htm>

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