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Flint Genealogical Society  
P O Box 1217  
Flint Michigan 48501-1217

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Trustee—Dan Pozarek—2014  
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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:

Burton Senior Activity Center  
3410 South Grand Traverse  
Flint, Michigan 48529  
Phone: (810) 744-0960

The FGS Executive Committee Meetings are open to the public.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be January 28, 2014 at the Perry Archives / Buick Gallery at 1:00 pm.

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## Speakers Bureau



*Our next meeting is*  
*Tuesday*  
*January 7, 2014*

### Our speaker will be **Katherine R. Willson**

Katherine R. Willson of Ann Arbor, MI is a highly acclaimed and professionally trained national public speaker. She gives keynote addresses and conference presentations, facilitates workshops and conducts training on the topics of genealogy, art and military family support.

Her genealogy interests began when she was a Junior Girl Scout working towards a “My Heritage” badge, and her passion was fueled when, in her 20’s, both her mother’s and father’s relatives gave her binders containing generations’ worth of family information.

Katherine’s continued research evolved into teaching Genealogy 101, Genealogy 102 and Computer Genealogy classes for [Ann Arbor Rec & Ed](#) for the last 10 years.

Her recent successes with using Facebook to break down genealogical brick walls (both personally and in her classroom) inspired her to compile [a list of 3,000+ Facebook genealogy links](#). She’s now writing a book about the use of Facebook as a genealogical research tool, and with these materials, has created an engaging presentation geared towards genealogical societies, seminars and conferences.

Her passion for genealogy combined with practical and creative strategies keeps Katherine’s audience fully engaged and actively participating in her energetic and entertaining presentations. Participants leave with the tools necessary to do their own research, as well as the inspiration to do it!

An Army Reserve wife of almost 20 years, Katherine supports military families as a Speaker for the Dept. of Defense [Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program](#) since 2010, traveling regularly across the country to speak at conferences for military members in the deployment cycle and their loved ones.

In addition to her love for genealogy and public speaking, she is also a community leader and mixed-media artist, serving on the board of [Ann Arbor Women Artists](#) (established in 1953) since 2003 as Archivist/Historian, Juried Exhibits Chair, Treasurer, Vice President & President.

Katherine was born and raised in Michigan, descending from ancestors from Germany who settled in Gratiot Co, Ingham Co and Wayne Co, MI; and ancestors from England who settled in Jackson Co, Livingston Co and Shiawassee Co, MI.  
<http://socialmediagenealogy.com>



**If you have Not renewed your membership for 2014**

*(See last page of this newsletter for renewal form).*

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... in the *Genealogy Spotlight*



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## Minnesota genealogy



At Familysearch.org here are a few of the databases available:

Minnesota, Birth Index, 1935-2002  
 Minnesota, County Marriages, 1860-1949  
 Minnesota, Death Index, 1908-2002  
<https://familysearch.org>

A few of the databases available at Ancestry.com are:

Minnesota, Territorial and State Censuses, 1849-1905  
 Minnesota, Births and Christenings Index, 1840-1980  
 Minnesota, Civil War Records, 1861-1865  
<http://search.ancestry.com>

Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

[http://sgsmn.org/Swedish\\_Genealogical\\_Society\\_of\\_MN/Home.html](http://sgsmn.org/Swedish_Genealogical_Society_of_MN/Home.html)

Cyndi's List for Minnesota

<http://www.cyndislist.com/us/mn>

Minnesota Genweb

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

Minnesota Genealogical Society

<http://mngs.org>

Minnesota death index 1904 - 2001

<http://people.mnhs.org/dci>

Minnesota Genealogy Forum

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/mn>

Minnesota Genealogy Search Engines

<http://www.ancestorhunt.com/minnesota-genealogy.htm>



## *Around the State ...*

Saturday, January 4, 2014 1:30 pm

Western Michigan Genealogical Society

Speaker: Jeanne Beauvais dit St. Gemme

Come and explore the various published sources for finding your French Canadian Ancestors.

<http://www.wmgs.org>

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Bay County Genealogical Society

Wirt Public Library

Our guest speaker will be James Watson, he has written two books on Wenonah Beach and should prove to be very interesting. He will have some of his books with him.

<http://www.bay-genealogy-mi.com>

Thursday, January 9, 2014 10 am - 5 pm

Huron County Genealogical Society

Research trip / meeting at the Library of Michigan, in Lansing, MI

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

Saturday, January 11, 2014 2 pm - 3:30 pm

Detroit Society for Genealogical Research

Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Street, Bloomfield Hills, MI

Presenter: Curt Witcher, This session is a combined meeting with the Oakland County Genealogical Society  
Curt Witcher, Manager, Historical Genealogy Department, Allen County Public Library will be speaking on Migration Routes to Michigan and the Midwest.

Meeting begins at 2:00, arrive at 1:30 for light refreshments and conversation.

<http://www.dsgr.org/eventListings.php?nm=106>

Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:00 pm

Huron Shores Genealogical Society

Different Blend Coffee House, 513 W. Bay St. (US 23), East Tawas, MI (on the south side of the highway between the city park and the Museum). Meetings are open to the public.

<http://www.miegs.org/programs.shtml>

Monday, January 20, 2014 7:00 pm

Kalamazoo Valley Genealogical Society

Portage District Library

"Adoptions" present by Taylor Michaels, Founder of Adoption Insight Group.

<http://www.mikvgs.org>



## The Shiawassee County Genealogical Society

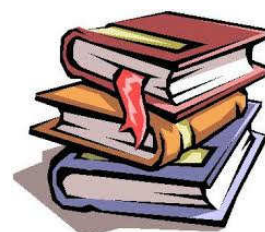
After 45 years, The Shiawassee County Genealogical Society has decided to call it quits. The society's members recently voted to disband, citing dwindling participation and an aging membership. About 45 people pay dues, but for the past few years only about 10 have come to meetings. The average age of members was 70. Article posted online April 7, 2013.

[http://www.argus-press.com/news\\_local/article\\_1dd7e02e-9f1e-11e2-a7d0-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.argus-press.com/news_local/article_1dd7e02e-9f1e-11e2-a7d0-001a4bcf887a.html)

As a result of this FGS member Don Smith has donated a couple books to the Flint Genealogical Society. *(see below for details)*



### The Flint Genealogical Society's latest Acquisitions



#### **Burials 1800's 1900's St Paul's Cemetery - Owosso, MI**

by Donald J. Smith

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## FLINT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.  
at the Burton Senior Center in Burton, Michigan.

President, Jim Newman, called the meeting to order.

Trustee, Dan Pozarek led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the November, 2013, meeting so they were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Pam Smith, reported that we had income of \$11,446.00 and expenses of \$425.95 leaving us with a balance of \$46,600.42 as of 11-30-13. Vice-President, Della Gamalski asked what items made up the large amount of income for the month. Pam replied that \$11,000.00 of that total was the second of three distributions that the FGS is to receive from the estate of deceased member, Ralph Coulter. There were no other questions, so her report was placed on file.

Jim asked new members and guests to stand, identify themselves and to give the names of the families that they are researching.

Jim Newman noted that we may have inclement weather from time to time and that our policy is that when the Flint schools are closed, no FGS meeting will be held. However, the Burton Center closes when the Bendle Public Schools are closed. Also, notices of cancellation of meetings will be broadcast on channel 25 TV.

Trustee, Dan Pozarek, announced that Trustee, Jim Thornton, had resigned from his office for personal reasons and that the Society is looking for a member who would be willing to serve out the remainder of Jim's term that expires in 2016. Anyone who would be interested should contact President, Jim Newman, or any other member of the Board of Directors of the Society.

There was no other business, so the business portion of our meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Jim turned the meeting over to Program Chair, David Barkey, who introduced our speaker, Michelle Stoutenberg, who talked about her experiences as a participant on the "Genealogy Roadshow," a new program on local PBS stations. It was all very interesting. Michelle brought some artifacts from her genealogy research for members to view and she answered many questions about her presentation.

Dave Barkey noted that our speaker at the January, 2014, meeting will be Katherine Willson, who will speak about Facebook.

We thank Chris Venturino, Sharon Kraysovic and Betty Dzurak for providing a delicious selection of snacks for our enjoyment. We, also, thank Hospitality Chair, Joyce McClintock, for making the coffee and keeping the kitchen running efficiently.

We had about 60 persons in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Norma Winters, Secretary



# Flint Genealogical Society

PO Box 1217, Flint Michigan 48501-1217  
2014 Membership Form / Renewal



Please fill out form, make check payable to Flint Genealogical Society, & return to address above.

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive an email reminder of meetings or newsletter? \_\_\_\_\_

We need volunteers, please, check all the areas that you would be interested in helping?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library volunteer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Committee   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Perry Archives    | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales        | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs & Publicity    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Records Committee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Question & Answer Table |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Committee       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____      |  |

Membership type:  New  Renewal 2014, member number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

***\* If renewal and you would like a new membership card, send a self addresses stamped envelope with your renewal form.***

- Individual \$20
- Family \$25 (in same household)
- Organization \$20
- Sustaining \$40 minimum (\$20 or \$25 applies to basic dues, balance is tax deductible. Your additional support is greatly appreciated.)

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_