



Flint Genealogical Society
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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 May 27, 2014 at the Perry Archives / Buick Gallery at 1:00 pm.

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Speakers Bureau



Our next meeting is Tuesday

May 6, 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>



At this meeting we will be voting on a slate of officers. We will also vote on whether or not to amend the Constitution to change the name of our Society to the "Genesee County Genealogical Society."

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... in the Genealogy Spotlight



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Manitoba, Canada genealogy

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

Manitoba Probate Records, 1871-1930

Manitoba, Census Indexes, 1831-1870

Manitoba, Church Records, 1800-1959

<https://familysearch.org/>

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

1916 Canada Census of Manitoba

1906 Canada Census of Manitoba

Marquette District, Manitoba Census, 1891

<http://search.ancestry.com>

Cyndi's List for Manitoba

<http://www.cyndislist.com/canada/provinces/mb>

Manitoba Genealogical Society

<http://www.mbgenealogy.com>

Manitoba Genweb

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~canmb/index.htm>

Online vital records index's

<http://vitalstats.gov.mb.ca/Query.php>

Automated Genealogy census index

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>

Library and Archives of Canada

<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Pages/home.aspx>



FGS Annual Dinner

Tuesday June 3, 2014

at 6 pm

at the Masonic Temple.

Tickets are \$ 18 per person.

Our speaker will be Jessica Miller,
Archivist at the Archives of Michigan

We will have the tickets for sale at our May meeting!

Please, get your tickets before Friday, May 30, 2014.
As we need to give a count to the Masonic Temple.



As noted on the front page we will be voting on a slate of officers.
The slate of officers chosen by the nominating committee are as follows:

President, Della Gamalski
Vice-President, Gerald A. Little Jr.
Treasurer, Diane Gregory
Secretary, Chris Ekleberry
Trustee, Dan Pozarek
Trustee, DeTria Taylor

Around the State ...

Saturday, May 3, 2014 1:30 pm
Western Michigan Genealogical Society
Family History vs. Genealogy - Donna Odom
http://www.wmgs.org/meetings_events.htm

Thursday, May 15, 2014 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Huron County Genealogical Society
Meeting / Research Trip at the Flint Public Library in Flint, MI
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mihcgs>

Thursday, May 15, 2014 6:00 pm
Dearborn Genealogical Society
Annual Heritage Dinner. Cost is \$12
Michael Hauser - Detroit's Magnificent Downtown Movie Palaces
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~midgs/programs.htm>

Saturday, May 17, 2014 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan
Wally Schlegel, volunteer from the Bloomfield Hills Family History Center will speak to us about getting the most information about Polish records from the Family Search website
<http://www.pgsm.org/eventListings.php?nm=49>

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 7:00 pm
Sanilac County Genealogical Society
Sandusky District Library - 55 East Sanilac, Sandusky
Gerald Nyquist will speak on "Growing up in the Thumb"
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~miscgs/Events.htm>

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 7:00 pm
Calhoun County Genealogical Society
Publishing Your Family History - Jim Jackson
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~micalhou/ccgs.htm>

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Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret by Steve Luxenberg

The Great Michigan Read

At Lapeer Education and Technology Center

690 N. Lake Pleasant Road
Attica, Michigan 48412

Register online: www.lcisd.k12.mi.us

Or call: 810-667-6605

A series of free* adult enrichment classes

Come join the Lapeer District Library, Lapeer County Education and Technology Center, Family Literacy Center and Lapeer County Community Mental Health as we explore the themes discussed in the book chosen by The Michigan Humanities Council as this year's Great Michigan Read, "*Annie's Ghosts*".



This 3 part series will explore the following topics:

April 22, 2014 6:00-8:00 pm, *The History of the Lapeer State Home*.

Meet two local authors, Laura Fromwiller and Jan Gillis, who have written a book detailing the rich history of our own Oakdale Center. Learn about daily life and culture in an institution with Pete Lynch.

April 29, 2014 6:00-8:30 pm *Searching Your Family Tree*

How to research your own family tree with a hands on computer lab to get you started by the Lapeer County Genealogical Society and The Archives of Michigan.

May 6, 2014 6:00-8:00 pm *Mental Health Then and Now* Learn how we treat people with a serious mental illness or developmental disability now, compared to Annie's experiences.

Follow-Up

May 31, 2014 10:00 am -2:00pm. Lapeer County Community Mental Health
Open House and Family Fun Day

Join us for a free lunch, activities for kids, and prize drawings,

*Register Today! All classes are free of charge, but we ask you to pre-register by going online at www.lcisd.k12.mi.us or call 810-667-6605. Take one class or sign up for all three.

To borrow the book, *Annie's Ghosts*, please contact mwolfe@lapeercmh.org or your local library.

"The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Humanities."

FLINT GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Burton Senior Center in Burton, Michigan.

President, Jim Newman, called the meeting to order.

Member, Jim Thornton led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes from the March, 2014, meeting so they were approved as printed in the April newsletter.

Treasurer, Pam Smith, reported that the balance in the checking account was \$8215.06 as of this date.

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

Jim announced that we are still looking for a Chair for the Fundraising Poker Parties. We, also, need someone to fill the position of Alternate Delegate to the Michigan Genealogical Council. Anyone who would have an interest in taking on either of these positions should contact Jim Newman.

Vice President, Della Gamalski, announced that the Flint Genealogical Society has planned a one-day bus trip to the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The cost is \$35.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

There are still three openings on the twenty-eight passenger bus that has been reserved for the trip but she may change our reservation to a larger bus to accommodate more persons.

Newsletter Editor, Gerald Little, announced that he had tickets for the Annual Dinner on June 3, 2014, at the Masonic Temple. Ticket price is \$18.00 per person and Judy Newman has tickets for sale at the desk in the back of the room.

President, Jim, advised that at the next membership meeting in May, we will be electing officers for the period June, 2014, through May, 2016. The nominating committee advised that they will present a slate of officers as follows: President, Della Gamalski; Vice-President, Gerald Little; Treasurer, Diane Gregory; Trustee, Dan Pozarek; Trustee, DeTria Taylor. Jim noted that the slate did not include a nominee for Secretary so he asked if anyone would be willing to run for that office. Subsequently, member Chris Ekleberry agreed to accept the nomination for Secretary and will be included in the slate of officers to be voted upon at the May 6th meeting.

Also at the May 6th meeting, the membership will vote on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Flint Genealogical Society as follows:

Article I – Name

Currently reads: The name of this organization shall be the “Flint Genealogical Society.”

Proposed change: The name of this organization shall be the “Genesee County Genealogical Society.”

There was no other business, so the business portion of our meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M. and the meeting was turned over to Program Chair, Dave Barkey.

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Dave introduced our speaker Michael Madden from the Flint Public Library. Michael spoke about the many genealogical assets that are available at the library, many that cannot be found on the internet. He urged researchers to come to the Flint Public Library and to take advantage of the extensive genealogical collection that is there.

President, Jim, made a final announcement that members who are not receiving the Society Quarterly on line or in the mail should contact Gerald Little and let him know so that he can correct the problem.

We thank Sharon Kraysovic, Christine Venturino and Betty Dzurak for providing delicious refreshments for our enjoyment. We, also, thank Hospitality Chair, Joyce McClintock, for making the coffee and keeping the kitchen running efficiently.

We had 42 persons in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Winters,
Secretary