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Celebrating 50 years in 2022

President's Message

By Dawn Westcomb Kelley -

Connie Fales, a member of our society, was talking to me about Shoebox Scans a few months back because after her parents had passed she ended up with a lot pictures. She stopped into The Camera Shop on Henry Street to find out if they offered any kind of scanning service. And found out that they have several such services.

I stopped there to see what it was all about. I talked to Justin Stubleski and he gave me the sheet that explains about get organized with Shoebox Scans please see the attachment on page 7 of this issue about the directions and prices, be-

cause the information sheet is not on their website.

Due to COVID-19, **The Camera Shop** offers in-store shopping and curbside pickup from 10 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday and 10 AM to 2 PM, on Saturday. They say "Feel free to stop by or call us at (231) 733-1286 during these hours!" <https://camerashopmuskegon.com/>



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GENEALOGY TIP

Don't limit obituary searches to where your ancestor died. Obituaries may have run near former residences or where family was living.—From Ancestry

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Radium Photo will do Photo Scanning, Art-work/ Enlargement Cropping, Negatives and Slides, Digital Restoration and Image/Filing Recovery.

LIBRARY INFO

Please check Hackley Public Library - Torrent House, Local History & Genealogy Department. The days that they are open are: Tuesday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm phone # is 231-722-8016 also check out more information on their website at <https://hackleylibrary.org/>

“The Genealogy Gems”

Lisa Louise Cooke found her passion for family history at her grandmother's knee at the age of 8. She is now the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company founded in 2007. ... She is a sought after international genealogy speaker.



The **Genealogy** Gems Podcast helps you make the most of your family *history* research time by providing *quick* and easy-to-use research techniques. Producer and host *Lisa Louise Cooke* brings you the best websites, best practice with *info* on archived streaming sessions; Great news from Findmypast about its new <https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>

Lisa talks about the FREE Ancestry click the link and see for yourself.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/freeindexacom/>



A Whole Lot of New Going On

By Curt B. Witcher, ACPL Genealogy Gems,

There is a whole lot of new going on in the Genealogy Center! Just like our gardens, likely really producing wonderful fresh vegetables right now because of all the work we've put in to tending them since early spring, the work that the Genealogy Center team has put into learning new technologies and giving our customers more of what they want is producing some nice results.

Today, we debuted our new Genealogy Center webpage. Just key "GenealogyCenter.org" into any browser and you immediately will be taken to the new webpage. Our legacy website worked well enough, but the "engine" running the site was seven years old. (I know--can you believe it?!) Now if one dog year is equal to seven human years, then one technology year is equal to about twelve or more human years! So one could say that our legacy website was at least eighty-four years old! I guess one could say it was time for a refresh.

More good news about the new site--all of the valuable content on the legacy site has found a home on the new site. On the new site, we believe that it is easier to discover and get to the specific information for which you are searching. The search box for our catalog and the search box for our free databases are at the very top of the page on the right-hand side. This format allows you to immediately start searching for surnames, geographic locations, ethnic groups, religious organizations, military engagements, and the like in the catalog as well as in our free databases of nearly five million records and images.

Research at the Muskegon County Clerk— Services Suspended Until Further Notice

Unfortunately we are not allowing researchers in the office at this time until further notice.



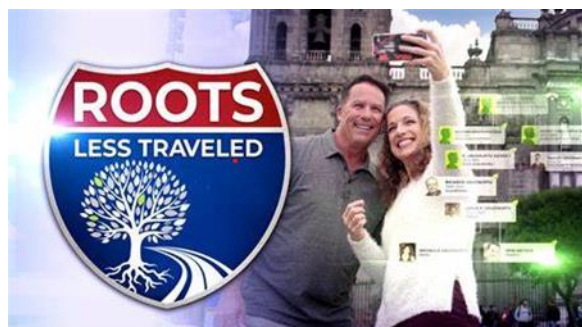
FREE Family History Classes and Webinars for 2020

The **FamilySearch Family History Library** in Salt Lake City, Utah, is offering new free webinars for October 2020. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/6/61/October_Classes.pdf

FREE Legacy Family Tree 14 webinars for October

Here are just a few to mention that you will want listen to. Advance DNA Techniques: Deductive Chromosome Mapping; by Blaine Bettinger, Ph. D, J.D.; Wringing Every Drop out of Y DNA; From Generation to Generation; by Roberta Estes: An Updated Look at Kinship... by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL and there are 10 more!

<https://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>



“Roots Less Traveled”

Have you heard of **“Roots Less Traveled”**? Well if you haven't, the free episodes.

“Roots Less Traveled” is a live-action, half-hour television program designed to meet the educational and information needs of children aged 13 to 16 and follows two family members, often from different generations, as they gain a newfound understanding and respect for each other on their quest to learn more about their family history. Each week a new pair will set on an adventure to solve a mystery in their family.

From rumors of a relative who sailed on the Titanic to stories of homesteaders forging a new path for future generations, our duo will discover the truth behind the tales that have been passed down in their family while our

viewers learn the personal stories behind notable historical moments. Viewers will be taken on a journey to unique places around the globe, learning more about the culture and history of these significant locations and events that happened there. <https://www.nbc.com/roots-less-traveled>



“The Generation Project” by BYU

“The Generation Project” is a reality television series produced by and shown on BYU Television that helps those who have questions about their family history investigate their own identities by embarking on a journey to uncover the lives and stories of their ancestors.

<https://www.byutv.org/show/6f62558b-fc6f-49c5-b8c6-2473785a5b44/generations-project>

From - Genealogy Gems: News from the Allen County Public Library at Fort Wayne No. 198, August 31, 2020

From My Heritage Blog **You've been hit with the genealogy bug if...**

When introducing someone,

1. You say “this is my sister’s grandmother’s father’s son.”
2. You are more interested in what happened in 1815 than in 2015.
3. A perfect vacation includes trips to cemeteries, archives and libraries.
4. A family vacation is going to visit an ancestor’s hometown.
5. Your doctor asks about your family background and you reply, “how many generations back?”
6. Many family albums are filled with photos of

ancestors.

7. You explore unusual, non-related family names for fun, as well as your own family names.
 8. You know more about your ancestors than your oldest relatives who knew them.
 9. You thrive on finding an old family heirloom and learning about its history.
 10. If you could have any tech gadget, it would be a time machine to go back and meet your ancestors.
 11. You've called in sick because you woke up late after a research all-nighter .
 12. You filed your taxes in GEDCOM format.
 13. You named your children in alphabetical order to make indexing easier.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEBINAR SERIES

SCGS is there for you, no matter where you live. Join our twice-monthly webcasts with knowledgeable genealogists to help grow what you know. The live broadcast is free and open to the public.

Register at www.scgsgenealogy.com. You MUST Register to participate. Click on the Webinar Title you want to attend listed below. Register with our partner website, GoToWebinar.com.

Enter your name and email address and answer a few questions. You will receive confirmation of your registration by email.

You will also receive reminders before the webinar. The reminder email will have information on accessing the handout material.

On the day of the session, click the link that you received in your invitation to GoToWebinar.com to join the online session.

NEXT UP:

Wednesday, October 21 9:00 PM - Eastern
Researching California Mission Indians Using a Case Study
by Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD.
Using genealogy methodology (with on-line

and brick and mortar repositories) the mystery of a Mission Indian is solved through use of some unique sources. This lecture moves backwards from a death certificate to uncover someone who kept his tribal connections and name private. Mission Indian research is unique; information given here may be a gift to someone with that background.

Retired college professor and former Board-Certified genealogist, Jean Wilcox Hibben has a Master's in speech communication and a PhD in folklore. A national speaker and writer, Jean is the staff trainer for the Corona Family History Center and President of both the Corona Gen Soc and the So Calif Chapter of APG. Jean's podcasts on social history are available at genjourneys.podbean.com. She has been a Jamboree presenter since 2010.

More Educational Links

Memories to Memoirs - Virtual - Herrick Events - Herrick District Library

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020 Time: 9:30am - 11:30am Campus: Main Library Audience: Adults Categories: Genealogy Main Library Virtual Event Online: This is an online event. Use this link. <https://libcal.herrickdl.org/event/6876272>

MARKING TIME

#familyhistorymonth

By Cristine Bouwkamp

Superior Monument /Patten Monument Co.

This time of year, the news reports swirl around the election candidates. All types of media seem to have room for little else. October is Family History month, as you know, and we can be the voice of the expert in our areas of influence. I think this is a great time to use it. More Family, Less Politics!

Cemeteries and monuments are just one part of family history, but we know how important they are to individuals and to our communities. Now, there are as many opinions about cemeteries as there are about politics, but we can't let that stop us from speaking about the importance of all aspects of genealogy. In my arti-

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cles, I try to look back on how things have been done in the past and what changes have been made over time.

With the topic of family history, what comes to mind is how a cemetery is no longer a main source of family record keeping. We know that at one time, the names, dates, and relationships inscribed on stones, would give us a timeline of family lineage. It was as important as the family bible records. I still find the most enjoyment at discovering old family plots with the magnificent family stone in the center and a dozen small markers surrounding it. It is fun to piece together the family tree according to dates and to wonder who they were and how they lived. My own family plots at Maplewood in Lamont are all in a row and I love walking down the line remembering each person or the tales I was told about someone. In fact, in that cemetery, I am related to almost everyone by either birth or marriage!

What we have now is good access to old paperwork and modern ways to keep clear records. I am thankful for those things. But I think there is a public idea, that because someone else is keeping records, and they can be easily accessed if needed, that there is not much reason beyond hobby for keeping copies of records. I think less and less people see the need for writing out the old stories that have been told by the grandparents, or for marking a grave if there even is a burial.

We know the value. We know that family history provides a sense of belonging. It keeps us grounded and teaches us to define what is important in our lifetime. We know all the good and bad stories need to be told and passed down and that the faded, wrinkled pictures are a sweet tie to our roots.

I want to encourage you, for the month of October, to share your family history.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Post to Social Media:
Share old pictures of your family. Use a hashtag #familyhistorymonth #familyhistory #genealogy #muskegon

(whatever town applies to your family history) Hashtags are a way for people to search topics. You are adding to a conversation when you use one

2. Write out a family story or two and mail those out to some family members. Start it off with "I remember when your grandma told me...". Wouldn't we all love to have received something like that?
3. Post pictures of your family plots or monuments in cemeteries. Try a selfie in the Cemetery! Encourage others to visit their own and take a family photo. Make it positive.
4. Organize a walk for your family or group of friends to a cemetery. Play detective with a goal to find the oldest family plot on the grounds.



Sharing your family history is important to your family and to our communities. Let's encourage others to share about their family history too. Our combined lives tell the stories of our towns. It tells us about the struggles and the joys of life. We can't make everyone fall in love with genealogy, but we can inspire them to get curious. Happy Family History Month!

2021 NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Vacation Planning? Plans for the NGS 2021 Family History Conference Are Underway!

The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is excited to announce that its 2021 Family History Conference is scheduled to take place 19-22 May 2021 in Richmond, Virginia, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Information about the Conference's program—Virginia: Deep Roots of a Nation—and the many genealogical resources in Richmond are now available online as a downloadable brochure.

The conference will offer several events, tours, special workshops, a family history expo, and more. Don't miss out! Conference registration opens on 6 January 2021.

2020 Dates to REMEMBER



MCGS Meetings

2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
VFW Post 3195
5209 Grand Haven Road



January 9
 February 13
 March 12
 April 9 (cancelled)
 May 14 (cancelled)
 June 11 (cancelled)
 August 13 (cancelled)
 September 10 (cancelled)
 October 8 (cancelled)
 November 12 (cancelled)
NO meetings in July & December

Genealogy Family History Workshops

Hackley Library-Torrent House
 Local History & Genealogy
 Dept., 315 W. Webster Ave
 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Space is limited, so please pre-register, by calling the Torrent House, Local History & Genealogy Dept. at 231-722-8016 Tues thru Sat, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

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PLEASE READ about the re-opening of Torrent House - Local History & Genealogy Department on the Hackley Public Library website at: <https://hackleylibrary.org/local-history/local-history>



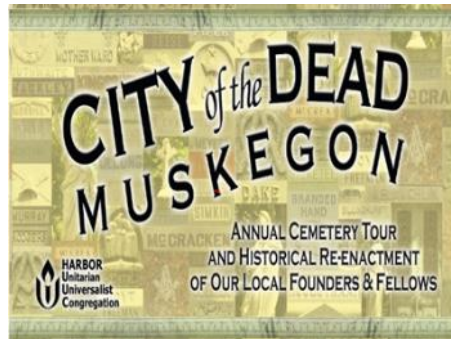
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The Harbor Unitarian Universalist Congregation is once again sponsoring the annual "City of the Dead" tour. It will be a **virtual tour and re-enactment**

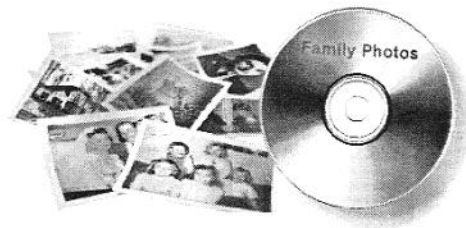
of the lives of people interred in Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday, October 10th at 5pm.

Watch the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityoftheDeadMuskegon> for more information.

HISTORY BOOK UPDATE

We care what happens to our members, their families, and everyone around us. History Book, Volume 2 will be extend until further notice. We will let you know of the new date in the next few months. This is very difficult time for everyone. If you have any questions, you can email us at 1972mcgs@gmail.com or send your information to Kathy DeCormier at middlaker@frontier.com — In the subject area put "History Book Volume 2".

get organized with... Shoebox Scans



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