

MGC DELEGATE MEETING
8 March 2012
The Forum – Michigan Historical Center

The meeting began at 1:05 p.m., and President Cynthia Grostick welcomed everyone present.

Library of Michigan

Kris Rzepczynski reported the Library of Michigan has two new scanners. One of them has a zoom lens on it. Data can be saved to a flash drive.

The Library of Michigan will not be purchasing any 1940 Census microfilms because websites will be offering it for free.

The Archives

Mark Harvey said the "Follow the Girls" Girl Scout exhibit will be opening this Saturday and will be on display through August 24.

The state census record images should be online in the middle or latter part of April.

Naturalization films may be sent to Ancestry soon for indexing.

The bid for the wireless system for The Archives side of the building will be reviewed and the system could be implemented in 3-6 weeks. The Abrams Seminar is scheduled for July 13 and 14.

Vice President Report

President Cynthia Grostick announced that the MGC Executive Board asked Connie Olson to fill in as Vice President due to Sue Irvine's absence in caring for her mother. Connie Olson graciously agreed to be Acting Vice President in Sue's absence.

Connie introduced our speaker, Jessica Miller of The Archives of Michigan. Jessica received a Bachelor's degree in English from Wayne State University, has a Master's degree in Library and Information Services, and held a position in Chicago as an indexer of Declarations of Intention for The National Archives. In 2011, she began working at The Archives in Lansing, Michigan.

The Collection at The Archives

Jessica explained that materials in The Archives do not circulate, and most material is in locked storage areas. The Archives has unique, unpublished records. Only pencil, paper, and a laptop computer can be taken into The Archives by researchers. Archivists will assist the researcher, and the resources available at The Archives can be found on www.answercat.org. A photo ID is required when checking in at The Archives, and lockers are available for storage of items that cannot be brought into The Archives.

It is a good idea to prepare for research at The Archives and to know the approximate dates and places relating to the ancestor(s) being researched, as well as the type of records desired for researching. The legal description of the land records being researched is also important to know.

Copies at The Archives are 20 cents per page, unless high quality copies are desired, which cost more.

Examples of records at The Archives include 2-step naturalizations, military records (most are prior to WWI), Civil War diaries, Civil War battle flags and photographs, some early school records, tax assessment rolls, land patents (the first transfers from the State of Michigan to the first land owner), some probate, chancery/criminal records with some indexes, and state prison records. The prison records are from Ionia, Marquette and Jackson (the Jackson records end at 1927). The index for the prison records will list those incarcerated into the mid-1980's. The Archives has a Michigan biographical section (mostly of prominent businessmen. A large map collection and large photo collection are at The Archives. Genealogists might look at rural property inventories (these created work for professional surveyors decades ago), and a 1923 Census of WWI veterans is available. A partial list of soldiers who died in World War I is also available.

The Archives has free records to browse online. SeekingMichigan.org has death records from 1897-1920, and a sample of WPA records are on this website as well as Civil War memorabilia. Naturalization images will eventually be on SeekingMichigan.org.

Messages/questions for The Archives staff can be left by phone at (517) 373-1481 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The second and third floors on The Archives side of the Michigan Historical Center accommodate items for The Archives, and an offsite storage location allows for additional storage.

Minutes

Motion by Tammy Parsons, supported by Ed Redmer, to approve the 12 January 2012 Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Laurine Griffin presented a 2-month report showing receipts of \$383 (\$363 of that is for dues). Seven societies remain unpaid, but Michigan Gen Web has paid and should have an asterisk next to its name. Expenses were \$134.39, and net income is \$249.29. Laurine sent \$150 from MGC to the Historical Society of Michigan for 3 student awards.

Cynthia has asked Tom Koselka to send a note to the 7 unpaid societies to encourage them to renew.

President's Report

President Cynthia Grostick asked delegates to confirm that their societies are still willing to help donate for a possible move of genealogical items to The Archives. Private funds will be required for the move. The Cornish Connection, Dearborn Genealogical Society, Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Downriver Genealogical Society, Huron Shores Genealogical Society, Ingham Co. Genealogical Society, Jackson Co. Genealogical Society, Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Polish Genealogical Society, Stockbridge Area Historical and Genealogical Society and Western Michigan Genealogical Society have all made pledges to donate.

Cynthia said Mary Strouse has volunteered to head the War of 1812 Project, will report to Roger Moffat, and can use help. The War of 1812 servicemen didn't have to serve in Michigan. They could have been buried in Michigan or be part of a Michigan resident's family tree.

Meeting/Seminar Schedule

President Cynthia Grostick said the 10 May 2012 Delegate Meeting will be for the Election of Officers and to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of MGC. Homemade food and cake will be served.

The July 13 Delegate Meeting will coincide with the Abrams Seminar, which will feature speaker D. Joshua Taylor. He will speak about what those in this century are looking for in terms of genealogical societies. New officers will also be inducted. This afternoon event will be free. On July 14, the Abrams Seminar will begin with a tribute to Barbara Brown, the President of the Abrams Foundation who passed away last year. Speakers will talk about "Bridging the Gap," and "Online Resources for New England."

The Officer's Workshop will be April 28 in Oscoda. Subjects include understanding the duties of Treasurer, coordinating the Website and Social Media, and compiling Newsletters. More information will be sent by email to delegates.

The "October" seminar will be held November 10 at the Michigan Historical Building.

The 13 September 2012 Delegate Meeting will be at the Family History Center at 3746 Veterans Drive in Traverse City. Finding affordable rates for 2-night hotel packages is in process.

Corresponding Secretary

Tom Koselka mentioned that Marilyn Baumgras was in a car accident December 29.

Cards for Marilyn and for Vice President Sue Irvine are at a table at the back of The Forum.

Trustees

Trustee Mary Strouse announced the slate of officers, and asked that they stand up as their name was called.

They are: President – Tom Koselka, Vice President – Ed Redmer, Treasurer – Laurine Griffin, Board Secretary – Sam Pardee, Delegate Secretary – Stacy Stoner, Corresponding Secretary – Cynthia Grostick, and Trustee (for a 3-year term) – Jim Jackson. Nominations will be accepted, but please ask the person you wish to nominate if they would consider serving in that position before you nominate the person. Stacy Stoner may only be able to serve through the end of 2012.

Public Record Access

Tom Koselka said today is the last day to sign the online (whitehouse.gov) Social Security Death Index Petition, which currently has over 5,000 signatures. The petition would ask for continued access to information from the Social Security Death Index. Tom suggested getting to know local and national legislators, especially U.S. Representatives Dave Camp of Midland and Sander Levin. Tom said there are other ways the IRS can stop identity theft without changing the information available to the public from social security applications.

Projects

Project Chair Roger Moffat thanked Mary Strouse for heading the War of 1812 Project. Brochures are available.

Roger said a number of societies have not chosen to partner with MGC for indexing the 1940 Census, and when they do that they will have to provide their own administrator. To index for MGC, sign on at fsindexing@mimgc.org. Click on "My Info" and "MGC" can be chosen from the pop-up list. If desired, individuals can affiliate with MGC for this project. MGC is in need of additional help.

Awards

Jim Jackson asked delegates to be thinking about nominees for the next Lucy Mary Kellogg Award. If a person from a previous year is to be re-nominated, the materials from the original nomination do not need to be re-submitted.

Friendly Forum

Judy Sheldon said the Huron Shores Genealogical Society will host a seminar on May 19 covering photo preservation. Speakers are from the Toledo/Lucas Co. Public Library and the Bay Co. Museum. It will take place in Hale, Michigan.

Ceil Jensen of PARI said a display from The Archives of Poland is at their Orchard Lake location. There are 22 panels showing how a European colony has found relatives and digitized the records. The Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library will also be open for visitors. Contact cjensen@orchardlakeschools.com to let her know what other societies have done regarding German records from Poland and regarding Scottish records.

Connie Olson said March 30 and March 31 will be the Historical Society of Michigan's Local History Conference. MGC, the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, and the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society are some of the sponsors.

The Western Michigan Genealogical Society will feature speaker Curt Witcher of the Allen Co. Public Library on October 12.

Ann Martin said a workshop at the Family History Center will take place this Saturday. Topics will be computer databases and the offerings at the Detroit Public Library.

Tom Koselka said the Dearborn Genealogical Society is sponsoring a trip on May 8 to the Allen Co. Public Library located in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Departure from Dearborn will be at 7 a.m., departure from Ft. Wayne will be at 5:30 p.m., and the bus will arrive back in Dearborn at 10:30 p.m.

The East Lansing Family History Center will host a free seminar on May 8. A syllabus will cost \$25, or \$10 if sign-up is online (for a syllabus on a CD or thumb drive).

Mary Lou Duncan said the St. Andrews Society of Detroit will host a seminar on April 29 featuring Scottish genealogy and Scots-Irish genealogy. The Kilgour Centre's library will be open that day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Submitted by Stacy Stoner, Delegate Recording Secretary.

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<i>Calhoun Co. Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Jim Jackson (D)</i>
<i>Cheboygan Co. Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Ann Martin (D)</i>
<i>Cornish Connection of Lower MI</i>	<i>Jeanne Thomas (P), (D)</i> <i>Carolyn Haines (D)</i>
<i>Dearborn Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Laurine Griffin (D)</i> <i>Tom Koselka (P), (D)</i>
<i>Detroit Soc. For Gen. Research</i>	<i>Mary Lou Duncan (D)</i>
<i>Downriver Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Tom Koselka (D)</i>
<i>Flint Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Lorene Wilson (D)</i> <i>Jim Thornton (D)</i>
<i>Gladwin Co. Genealogical Society</i>	<i>Barbara Curtindale (D)</i> <i>Bruce Guy (D)</i>
<i>Gratiot Co. Hist. & Gen. Society</i>	<i>Barbara Curtindale (D)</i> <i>Mary E. Strouse (D)</i>
<i>Harrison Area Gen. Society</i>	<i>Barbara Curtindale (P), (D)</i>
<i>Hillsdale Co. Gen. Society</i>	<i>Virginia Tervol (D)</i>
<i>Huron Shores Gen. Society</i>	<i>Judy Sheldon (D)</i>
<i>Ingham Co. Gen. Society</i>	<i>Sam Pardee (D)</i> <i>Tammy Parsons (D)</i>
<i>Irish Gen. Soc. Of MI</i>	<i>Mary Lou Duncan (D)</i>
<i>Isabella Co. Gen. Society</i>	<i>Larry Noyes (D)</i>
<i>Jackson Co. Gen. Society</i>	<i>Stacy Stoner (P), (D)</i> <i>Richard Cottrell (D)</i>
<i>Kalamazoo Valley Gen. Society</i>	<i>Jim Jackson (D)</i>

Lansing Area African-American

Melvin Holley (D)

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Lapeer Co. Gen. Society

Al Hart (D)

Lenawee Co. Family Researchers

Marilyn Saylor (D)

Midland Genealogical Society

*Jo Brines (D)
Faye Ebach (D)*

Monroe Co. Gen. Society

Florence Wilson (D)

Oakland Co. Genealogical Society

Pam Epple (D)

Polish Gen. Society of Michigan

Valerie Koselka (D)

Polonica (PARI)

*Dana Barrett (D)
Ceil Jensen (D)*

Stockbridge Area Gen./Historical Society

Cynthia Grostick (D)

Washtenaw Co., Gen. Society of

*Edward Redmer (D)
Jan E. Tripp (D)*

Western MI Gen. Society

David Lee Smith (D)

Western Wayne Co. Gen. Society

*Al Wakenhut (D)
Stephanie Smith (P), (D)*

Council Past President

*Ann Martin
Connie Olson*