



Ford Genealogy Club  
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### A Note From Our Prezzzzzz.....

The other morning (5/1) as I was sitting in my Doctors waiting room they had the television on. The big news of the day was the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Empire State Building. They had photo's of it in its early days and all the stats on how long it took to build it, how much it cost, how many people worked on the job, along with lots of different photo's from different angles. No questions about the history of that building for sure!

This reminded me a lot of working on my family history. I collect photographs of all the different stages (or any photo's) of my ancestors lives, I document the places they lived, the jobs they had, their children, their spouses, births, deaths and marriages, the triumphs and tragedies. I try to get all the angles using the resources available to me. I want to document my family's history as well as I can so there is no doubt about their history either.

With good documentation behind your work there's no reason why your family's history can't be as well documented as the Empire State Building's. So why not give it a try?

Have a great summer!

Karen

### Welcome Aboard

Take a minute and welcome Nancy Kelly, our new treasurer and Andrea Ketten our new secretary to their new positions. It's always nice to see new volunteers step up to the plate. Welcome aboard.

### Farewell

Farewell to Dan Chupinsky our exiting treasurer. You stepped in when we needed some new blood very badly. It is appreciated. And farewell to Michael Brautigan our exiting secretary. You held the secretarial position for many years, you will be a tough act to follow. Thank you both for all your hard work and dedication and for making a difference in our club.



## The Ford Genealogy Club

Serving Ford Motor Company Employees and Family since 1995

President Karen Krugman  
Vice President Diane Oslund  
Secretary Andrea Ketten  
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Past Presidents: Steve Brown, Mark Krugman, Chuck Oslund, Karen Krugman & Sharon Brevoort

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month  
5:30pm Regular Meeting

Location ACH-HQ in the Display Conference Room  
17000 Rotunda Dr.  
Dearborn, MI  
at Southfield and Rotunda

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(Ford Employees Recreation Association)

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## Memorial Day...

*was always celebrated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May until we started making a three day weekend for those who get it off. Now it's still on the 30<sup>th</sup> but celebrated on the last Monday in May. So in those years this is that date.*

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Ford To Discharge All Workers  
Found Drinking In 'Pigs' Or Homes  
(Found in the Detroit Free Press Thursday  
April 24, 1930 on page 1)

His Police Get Order For Action

Force At Plant Will Ferret Out All  
Offenders.

Rum On Breath Also Included

Dearborn Officers to 'Tell on' Men Taken in  
Raids.

Every employe of the Ford Motor Company who is found drinking an alcoholic beverage, whether in his home or in a blind pig in Dearborn, will be, discharged immediately. Harry W. Bennett, chief of Henry Ford's private police, announced Wednesday night.

At the same time Bennett said he had offered the aid of his forces to Chief Carl Brooks, of the Dearborn police, in a concerted drive to dry of the suburb. Bennett said he was acting "an orders from the Ford Motor company."

**Destitute Providers Excepted.**

Not only will Ford workers who are found drinking in Dearborn outside the Ford plant be liable to discharge, but every employe who reports for work with the smell of liquor on his breath will be reported, Bennett explained.

Exception will be made to the ruling for firing workers who drink only in cases where the man's family is destitute, he said.

After a conference with Bennett, Chief Brooks said that every person found by police raiding parties in drinking establishments will be questioned. If any of the men questioned have a Ford Motor company employe's badge, they will be reported to Bennett and their discharge will follow immediately, he said.

**Exchange of 'Tip' Planned.**

Bennett also promised that all letters received by the Ford firm complaining of the presence of drinking places in Dearborn will be turned over to the Dearborn police.

Chief Brooks said that every complaint would be the signal for a raid.

"Dearborn in dry now," Brooks said Wednesday night, "with the exception of a certain amount of surreptitious drinking in the rooming houses near the Ford plant. We will take immediate steps to clean out these places."

Note: employe is spelled with only one 'e' in this article.



**Queries Queries Queries**

Seeking the death date and place for Electa (Cryderman) TRACY and her husband David TRACY. She was born in Ontario about 1852 to James and Electa CRYDERMAN, married David TRACY 30 June 1885 in Macomb County, MI. They had a son Harry born March of 1887 in MI. Harry is found on the 1900 census living with Electa's sister Sophia Cryderman in Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI. Can't find any trace of David nor Electa after their marriage. What happened to them? Where and when did they die? Any information appreciated. Contact me, Diane Oslund at gen.wildone@gmail.com or at P.O. Box

20997 Ferndale, MI 48220

I am seeking information on John McCUNE who was born 1823 in Ireland and died in 1909 in Newaygo County, Michigan. He was married to Mary MURRAY at some point in Vermont. They were the parents of seven children that I know of. I would like to find burial location of John & Mary and any other information on this couple and their children that you may have and be willing to share. Have some info beyond this to share as well. Thank you. Contact me at Karen@miprofgenie.com or Karen Krugman, P.O. Box 577, Birmingham, MI 48012.

August HEIN died in Detroit March 26, 1907. He is buried at Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit. Married to Justine Tank. May have been also married to a Matilda. Am seeking death date and burial location for wife Justine and verification of 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage if it happened. Justine and August had 13 children, I have names for only 4. Any help on other children would be appreciate also. Contact me at gen.wildone@gmail.com or Diane Oslund P.O. Box 20997 Ferndale, MI 48220

According to family lore, the brother of my grandmother was murdered in the US between 1911-1922. This event precipitated her to return to the old country due to grief. **I am looking for obituaries, newspaper articles, police reports on the event.** 2 days at Fort Wayne Library unsuccessful (maybe I wasn't looking in the right places). A call to the Buffalo library bore no results.

Particulars: His name - Antonius (Anthony, Ntonius, Tony) Najjar. Arrived at age 12 at Ellis Island on 4 Nov 1911 on the Rotterdam with my grandparents Jabour and Jalili

Milkie (Mielki, Mulki, Melki, Milki). My grandparents lived in Worcester MA (191?-1916), Buffalo NY(1916-2?), and Johnstown PA (192?-1922) from 1911-1922. I have found their info in respective City Directories, but not his. They are in Buffalo for the 1920 census. Please contact me, Gerry Milkie, PO Box 38, Dearborn MI 48121-0038, 313-271-8813, gmilkie@yahoo.com

Irene McCloy (maiden) Judy (1st marriage) JONES (2nd marriage) Looking for Death information and where buried. She was "buried in Aliquippa PA", resided in Hopewell Twp, Will registered in Beaver Co, Pennsylvania on March 22, 1887 for Irene JONES. She had a daughter Ada Jane Judy and another daughter Maggie Mary Jones, and a brother James H. McCloy. Her husband might have been Tad Jones. Any information appreciated, contact me, Todd Bredin, at tsbredin@sbcglobal.net.

Wilhelm (William) age 30, wife, Sofie age 32, son, Franz (Frank) age 5 and son, Wilhelm (William) age 11 months arrived from Prussia on the Silesia at Castle Garden, New York on April 17, 1882. The first time they show up on the U.S. Census in 1900 in Michigan. My grandfather, George Emil Bussert, was born in Michigan on May 9, 1891. Where did they go after Castle Garden and how did they make it to Michigan? Sincerely, Diane Simms dsimms@ford.com



# Meeting Minutes

FGC 2/9/06

The meeting was called to order by Karen KRUGMAN at 5:35

Karen said she would like to discuss a change in dues. It will be discussed and will be voted on at the annual election meeting.

Financial report, status is total \$835

Todd has a set of papers he would like our feedback on. He has developed an indexing plan for his documents.(This was discussed during the roundtable.)

Mark introduced Tom Genova who spoke on collecting early photographs.

Tom covered the evolution and identification of early photographs from the Daguerreotype through film. He also discussed how to accurately identify the age of post cards which can help to tie down the picture to a particular person. This is my third time to listen to Tom and personally I have learned new techniques each time. His lectures are well worth attending.

We had a roundtable discussion and then adjourned at 7:15 for dinner at Buddy's Pizza, for those who were interested.

Respectfully submitted by

Mike BRAUTIGAN Secretary

Ford Genealogy Club  
Minutes of Meeting 3/9/06

Chuck Oslund called the meeting to order at 5:35.

Next month is the annual election meeting. We need candidates for office, especially for secretary. Anyone who may be interested in serving as an officer, please send your name to Chuck Oslund, his e-mail is [Chuck@dianesgenealogy.com](mailto:Chuck@dianesgenealogy.com)

Jerry Jacobs gave a treasurer's report that we have a total of \$891 in our account.

Chuck introduced the evening's speaker, Timothy Westfall, who is the Cemetery Administrator for the Mount Kelly Cemetery in Dearborn.

Tim spoke on Detroit Archdiocesan records. According to Canon Law #535, each parish is required to record baptism, marriage, First Communion, Confirmation and death records for each parishioner. The baptism record is the master record in that all subsequent records, even if not in the same parish, are recorded with the baptism record. Death records for the Archdiocese are available for 2006 and earlier with no restrictions. Other records prior to 1900 are with the Burton Collection at the Detroit Public Library. For records from 1900 to 1920 a letter to the parish requesting them should work. He also stated that records from closed parishes and schools are in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Detroit along with St Ane's records from 1700, deceased priest's files and property records. Another tip he gave us was that marriage files from the parish where the couple was married contain many valuable papers from the background of the couple including baptismal records.

All in all Mr. Westfall gave a very interesting and informative talk and was open and willing to cover any other topics regarding Catholic records we may have had.

The lecture was followed by a roundtable discussion and dinner for those who were interested.

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Brautigan, secretary

Ford Genealogy Club  
Minutes of Meeting 4/17/06

Karen Krugman called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Chuck Oslund agreed to conduct the annual elections. The officer candidates were:

President, Karen Krugman

Vice-president, Diane Oslund

Treasurer, Nancy Kelly

Secretary, Andrea Ketten

There were no additional candidates and the slate was agreed to by a unanimous vote of the members. Congratulations to the new officers and thank you for participating in the ongoing support of the club.

Karen stated that the Dearborn genealogy club was sponsoring a trip to Allen County Library on May 2, if interested contact her for further information.

The club received a check from FERA in the amount of \$149 as our return for the sale of auto show tickets and other tickets.

Mark Krugman was also elected secretary of FERA.

There were no committee reports.

Mike and Cindy Brautigan gave a presentation "Our European Research, A Personal Perspective, Switzerland and Germany". They covered their recent trip including preparation for a research trip as

well as tips on travel and local research. They also brought back some European chocolate to share with the group.

The program was followed by a round table discussion and then those interested adjourned to Chili's for dinner.

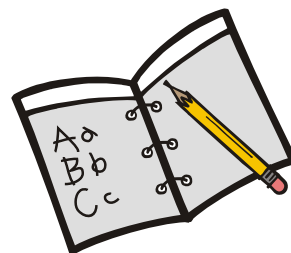
Respectfully submitted  
Mike Brautigan, secretary

## Calling All Speakers

*New publication!*

Speaker booklet to be produced later this year. If you are a genealogy or historical speaker or know anyone who is, and would like to be included in our booklet, please contact either Karen Krugman [karen@miprofgenie.com](mailto:karen@miprofgenie.com) or myself, Diane Oslund at [diane@dianesgenealogy.com](mailto:diane@dianesgenealogy.com) with topics of talks, a brief description of talks, fees and contact information. We'd love to include you.

Any members who have done talks at our club or other clubs and want to be included please get your info to Karen or myself at the above email addresses. Any clubs or libraries receiving a copy of this newsletter who know speakers please pass this information on to them or send us their info directly.



## Internet Links

*Some great internet links*

Brigham Young University Online Book Search <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>

Ohio Historical Death Index 1913-1944  
<http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/index.cfm>

Cleveland Historical Marriage Lic. Index  
<http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/ml/>

Cook County, Illinois Marriage Records  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcook/rdata.htm#Marriage>

Searching Passenger Lists in One Step  
<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/EIDB/ellis.html>

Missouri Births & Deaths  
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/>

Library & Archives Canada 1851 Census  
<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1851/index-e.html> (No name index)

NewsBank Infoweb  
<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/iw-search/we/Homepage>

Ontario GenWeb  
<http://www.geneofun.on.ca/ongenweb/>

Ancestor Hunt / Kentucky Obituary,

## Genealogy Resources & Help

[http://www.ancestorhunt.com/kentucky\\_newspaper\\_obituaries.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/kentucky_newspaper_obituaries.htm)

Ancestor Hunt / Obituary Search  
[http://www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary\\_search\\_engines.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/obituary_search_engines.htm)

Upstate New York Genealogy  
<http://www.ny-genes.com/>

The Society For German Genealogy in Eastern Europe  
<http://www.sggee.org/index.html>

AllCensusRecords.com  
<http://allcensusrecords.com/canada/ontario/ontario1871.shtml>

Minnesota Historical Society  
<http://www.mnhs.org/index.htm>

Birthday Date Calculator  
<http://www.longislandgenealogy.com/birth.html>

American Battle Monument Commission  
<http://www.abmc.gov/home.php>

Italian Genealogy Online  
[http://www.anzwers.org/free/italiangen/free\\_genealogy\\_research.html](http://www.anzwers.org/free/italiangen/free_genealogy_research.html)

Friends of Allen County / Obituary Index 1841- March 2006  
[http://friendsofallencounty.org/search\\_obits1900.php](http://friendsofallencounty.org/search_obits1900.php)

# **Explore Your Roots, Discover Your History: 2006 Abrams Genealogy Seminar**

**Friday, July 21 - Saturday, July 22**

The Library of Michigan is pleased to announce the 2006 Abrams Genealogy Seminar, "Explore Your Roots, Discover Your History," to be held at the Michigan Library & Historical Center on Friday and Saturday, July 21-22.

This event represents a unique opportunity for researchers to spend two days here at the Library and learn about specific topics of interest, including vital records, Irish research, female ancestors, ships' passenger lists, and beginning your genealogy research. A highlight of the seminar will be a special keynote address by Curt Witcher, Manager of the Historical Genealogy Department at the Allen County Public Library.

One exciting feature of this event is a library and archives research track, in which facilities with extensive genealogical and historical holdings will outline their collections. Participating libraries and archives include: the Library of Michigan, the Archives of Michigan, Allen County Public Library, the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, and the Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Center at the Grand Rapids Public Library. This seminar track will offer researchers insight into the wealth of genealogical resources available in libraries and archives across our region.

In addition to programs that focus on resources available at the Library of Michigan, the Abrams seminar will also offer a "Your Best Find" program, where attendees will be encouraged to share their "Eureka!" moments of success. Tours of the Library of Michigan and the Archives of Michigan will also be available.

Registration for this two-day event is an affordable \$35, which includes lunch on Saturday and a conference syllabus. The seminar schedule is below. For additional information about the Abrams Genealogy Seminar, please contact the Library at (517) 373-1300, or by email at [librarian@michigan.gov](mailto:librarian@michigan.gov). We hope to see everyone here for a fantastic seminar in July!

## **Friday, July 21**

### **1:00 - 1:30**

- A.** Library of Michigan Tour
- B.** Archives of Michigan Tour

### **1:30 - 2:00**

- C.** Library of Michigan Tour
- D.** Archives of Michigan Tour



**2:15 - 3:15**

**E. Online Options: Accessible Authoritative Genealogy**

- Edwina Morgan, Library of Michigan

**F. Genealogical Treasures at the Library of Michigan**

- Randy Riley, Library of Michigan

**3:30 - 4:30**

**G. Irish Genealogy Research, with Emphasis on the Collections of the Library of Michigan and Neighboring Libraries**

- Betty Klaviter, Professional Researcher

**H. Treasures of the Archives of Michigan**

- Mark Harvey, Archives of Michigan

Saturday, July 22

**9:30 - 10:45**

**I. Welcome and Keynote Address**

- Mark Hoffman, Deputy Director, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

- Randy Riley, Library of Michigan

**Keynote: "The Future of the Past: Realities and Responsibilities"**

- Curt Witcher, Allen County Public Library

**11:00 - 12:00**

**J. Beginning Your Genealogical Research**

- Randy Riley, Library of Michigan

**K. Research at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan**

- Karen Jania, Bentley Historical Library

**12:00 - 12:40**

Lunch

12:40 - 1:05

**L. Your Best Find**

- Kris Rzepczynski, Library of Michigan

1:15 - 2:15

**M. So Your Female Ancestor Has No Surname?**

Karen Krugman, Professional Researcher

**N. Treasures and Timelines: The Genealogical Resources and Future Plans of the Allen County Public Library**

- Curt Witcher, Allen County Public Library

**2:30 - 3:30**

**O. Coming to America: Research With Ships' Passenger Lists**

- Kris Rzepczynski, Library of Michigan

**P. Research at the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library**

- Mark Bowden, Detroit Public Library

**3:45 - 4:45**

**Q. Research Using Michigan Vital Records**

- Charles Hagler, Library of Michigan

**R. Family History Research in the Local History and Archival Collections at the Grand Rapids Public Library**

- Rebecca Mayne, Grand Rapids Public Library

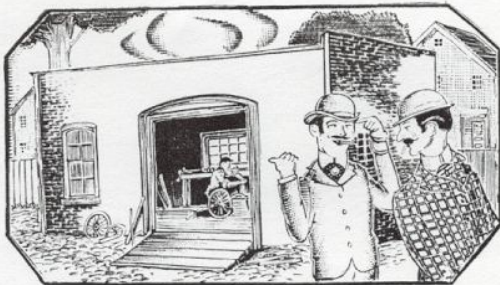
- Wanda Schottler, Western Michigan Genealogical Society



# Historical Detroit

At the Library of Michigan (Lansing, Michigan) is a small Louisiana titled *Historical Detroit* (Mich. F 574.D4 H5888). It is a story of early Detroit 'As told by twenty bronze tablets'. The book is dated 1881-1926. Copyright 1926 by J. L. Hudson Company Detroit, Michigan. Continued from previous issues.....

IN THE YEAR 1892



### *Birthplace of Ford Motor Car*

HENRY FORD BEGAN experimenting with the automobile in the small workshop pictured above. Here, in 1892, he produced his first car—a two-cylinder machine, mounted on a light chassis geared to rubber-tired bicycle wheels. In 1926 the Ford Motor Company produced its fourteen millionth motor car.

In a little brick building of one story in the rear of his rented home at 58 Bagley Avenue, Henry Ford built his first motor car.

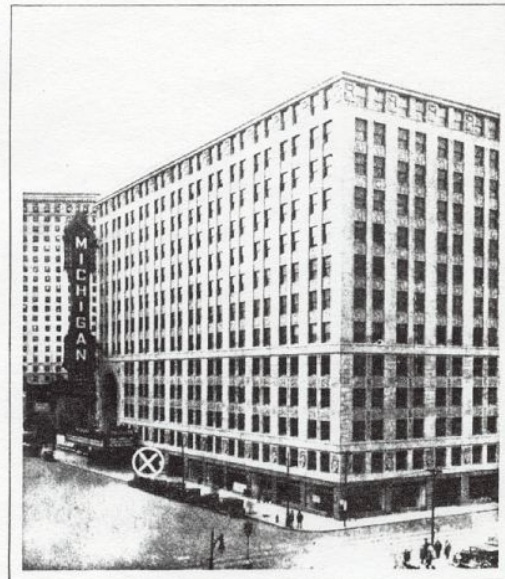
Mr. Ford was employed in the engine room of the Edison Illuminating Co., now the Detroit-Edison.

Mr. Ford's attention was attracted by the early experiments in France for the production of motor cars, and he set up a little machine shop in the rear of his home to begin experiments on his own account.

There he turned out a two-cylinder engine. The machine was soon running about the streets.

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AS IT IS TODAY



### *Bagley Avenue*

WHERE Henry Ford labored, the Michigan Theater now stands, the latest evidence of Detroit's passion for motion pictures. It is the state's largest playhouse, with a seating capacity of 5,000, and, 'tis said, that the "Michigan" is the most modern and best equipped theater of its kind in the world. It symbolizes the rejuvenation of an old and important thoroughfare.

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Looking Backward To Our Past