



Ford Genealogy Club  
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A message from our prezzz!

You know I've been your editor for many years and have many times reminded our presidents to send me their message for inclusion in our newsletter. I've had to write most of the newsletter leaving the front page blank so I'd have room for the prezzz's message to come first. That sometimes causes some adjustments in the rest of the newsletter. But hey it's part of the job. Well this is the first time things are different. And when I was ready to write our president to remind her I needed the prezzz message, it dawned on me that that's me. I am now our prezzz. So I need this message from ME. A new experience for sure.

So now I ponder what to write. What wisdom do I have that I can impart to you? It makes me smile just thinking about it.

It's nearly summer. School is almost out. Kids are anxious to do their summer time activities and to put the text books away. We genealogists sometimes take a break from our research as well. But sometimes we step up our research because we travel and use vacation time to go to distant places it's hard to get to other times of the year.

If you're considering a research trip, plan it carefully but be sure you give yourself down time. Especially if you're taking non-genealogists along.

Remember to look for more then just

names and dates, try to find where your ancestor lived and see what it looks like now.

Check out the local food and drink not just chain stores and restaurants. Go hiking, swimming, or just sit pool side and read a good book. Relax. Enjoy.

Take plenty of photographs, eat your favorite foods. Think about how your ancestor might have walked the same streets you are walking now. Think about how they came to this very cemetery with broken hearts to bury the loved one whose gravestone you're viewing through your cameras viewfinder. As you snap that photograph think about what that person might have looked like, or do you already know?

Do you ever wonder if your ancestors thought about us? Did they wonder who we'd be and what we'd be like? It's kind of neat to stand at their grave and wonder if they can see you there and if they wonder who the heck you are. Or do they somehow just know?

Whatever you do this summer make it a good one.

*Diane Oslund*



## The Ford Genealogy Club

Serving Ford Motor Company Employees and Family  
since 1995

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5:00pm Regular Meeting

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### Queries Free For Members

Dues \$12 per year, includes our newsletter



## We Need A New Editor!

This is a great club and this is a terrific newsletter. I am not the only editor who has gotten complements on our newsletter's publication. Many people think highly of our publication. But it's time for me to step down. It's time for someone else to pick up the reins and carry on. I have been your editor since 2001. That's quite some time. I have also been the vice president most of those years, the secretary before that and I'm not sure what else, and now I'm your president. So it's time to cut back. Would you consider taking it on?

I have had one query into the newsletter but the person felt our newsletter would be too much work for the time they had to offer. Perhaps you have more free time? Or perhaps you feel the same way and would consider being a co-editor with this other person?

Below is the job description for our newsletter editor. Don't be overwhelmed by it's length. It's just very thorough. And if two of you take it up together it might just be a piece of cake.

### Newsletter Editor duties

1. The newsletter Editor finds all items for inclusion in the quarterly newsletter. That may include asking other members to write an article on a specific topic or accepting their offer to write on something of interest to them. It includes looking up items in local newspapers on microfilm or books to find items she/he thinks would be of interest to club members. (Ford Motor Company related or genealogy related). Articles written about how to do some portion of genealogy research are great. Sometimes I wrote articles based on my experience, a brick wall, something I missed years ago and discovered now that maybe I should have not overlooked in the past. Those type of

articles seem to get well received. Checks the internet for web sites that may be in interest to the club or tidbits of interest to genealogists.

2. Makes sure there are more than 3 or 4 separate articles in each newsletter. (The newsletter is usually 10 or 12 pages long. It has been as short as 6 pages upon occasion (few) in the past 5 or so years before 2009)

NOTE: don't make a newsletter longer than 12 pages as postage is higher than. Can make some newsletters 6 pages on occasion but if they are an even number of pages the last page, displays a logo and is where we address the ones being mailed, comes out on a back side and it just works out better.

(So actually the front page is the president's message, page two is half full of club information and the back page is the mailer—so those are freebies for the editor)

3. Get the prezzz message from the president and tell the president when you would like the message or the latest you would like to get it from said president before you put the newsletter together.
4. She/he purchases paper, toner, labels or whatever is needed to produce the newsletter and gets reimbursed by the treasurer.
5. She/he types up and prints the newsletter on their personal equipment (can be changed if wanted and club discusses it)
6. Distributes the newsletter in electronic format to the current members (last year I said I would start sending it to Joe Turckes who posts them to our web site and inform the club when he posted it to our web site and people could go there to get it. I have not started doing that but that was my plan for the distribution to club members).
7. Print off the newsletter in PDF format (set number of copies something like 36 but you can determine that from the addresses passed on to you for these copies that are exchanged with other societies or sent to libraries and historical societies.) Print address labels for these newsletters then

hand off the pages and labels to Bob Beiting (or who ever holds the position of newsletter helper) and he puts them together and mails them.

8. The newsletters are due to be sent out (distributed) before the club meeting during the week of the club meeting in the months of March, June, September & December.

End

## Sad Stories

Have you ever gone to a cemetery and noticed gravestones for several small children all in one family who died in a short period of time? Did you ever see entire families that appear to have been wiped out in one fell swoop?

Life can sometimes be so hard.

There is a 'Long' family buried in Highland Cemetery, Gladwin, MI. The father George Lloyd, mother Evelyn Elnora and daughters Elnora Mae, Barbara Jean, Ruth Ellen & Ida Belle all died March 2, 1942 in a house fire. The girls range in age from 7 to 1 year. Beside this tombstone is another one for a one year old boy who also belonged to this family. He died in 1938.

There is a tombstone for some 'O'Steen' children in a Detroit area cemetery, I failed to jot down the name. They all died Dec. 27, 1998 in a house fire while their mother was in the hospital having given birth to a little brother two days before. The woman, the newspaper article states had 8 children and in one day she lost 6 of them. Anthony, Shameka, Tanniqua, Shanniqua, Desiree & Ashunti ranging in age from 12 to 3. Buried with them is an infant, James Juners Jr. Such sad things to see. My heart bleeds for the families.

## Did you know...

At google books you can view the book 'History of Detroit and Wayne County and Early Michigan' A Chronological Cyclopedia of the City of Detroit Michigan, past and present. By Silas Farmer 1890.

This book has all kinds of information on the past, street names and their changes. Churches, hospitals, etc. Much information on Detroit and the area. I used to check this book out of my local library all the time. It's a great book.

Also....

History of Oakland County Michigan by Thaddeus D. Seeley 1912.

And...

Portrait and Biographical Album of Oakland County Michigan by Chapman Brothers 1891.

Plus...

A History of Northwest Ohio by Nevin O. Winter LITT.D. 1917.

Check it out and see if they have books you can use for your area of interest.



Do you use Find A Grave?  
<http://www.findagrave.com/>

Interment.net <http://www.interment.net/>

The Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR) <http://www.dsgr.org/>

The Oakland County Genealogical Society  
<http://www.rhpl.org/OCGS/>

Interested in Pittsburgh, PA?  
<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/p/pitttext/>

New York county links;  
<http://www.albany.edu/~ls973/monynycountries.html>

*This includes a link for the New York State Newspaper Project. Check it out.*

Cleveland Public Library; <http://cpl.org/>  
Where you can find the Cleveland Necrology file;  
[http://dxsrv4.cpl.org/WebZ/Authorize?sessionid=0&next=/html/obit\\_start.html&dbchoice=1:dbname=necr&bad=html/authofail.html&style=noframe](http://dxsrv4.cpl.org/WebZ/Authorize?sessionid=0&next=/html/obit_start.html&dbchoice=1:dbname=necr&bad=html/authofail.html&style=noframe)

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County;  
<http://www.cincinnati-library.org/>  
Their Newsdex (found under research & homework) has an index to local newspaper articles

The Kenton Library has a similar index for local items in Northern Kentucky newspapers.  
<http://216.68.116.14:8081/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=main#focus>

Don't believe everything you are told.  
People don't necessarily lie but sometimes what you hear isn't exactly what they said.  
Or it could be that they are telling you what they were told, what they believe to be true.  
And it might be. But it might not be also.

## Face Book!

*Chuck Oslund suggested I tell you about these groups.*

Here are some Facebook groups that may be of interest:

Michigan Genealogy  
Genealogy - Oakland County, Michigan

*Just search for "Michigan Genealogy"*

Try other geographic genealogy searches:  
e.g. "Ohio Genealogy" to discover other Facebook groups

Other searches (like your family name) may turn up other interesting people....

Has anyone done searches on Twitter or Myspace??

If you don't know what facebook, twitter or myspace are just ask your younger relatives. They might not know of any genealogy type things on these sites but they sure know what they are. I do recall some of you talking about finding people who share your surnames on these sites. Who knows you might find a long lost relative. Or you can keep up on what's going on with Michigan Genealogy or other locations too.

If you check out or sign up to be a member of the Michigan group you get invited to

talks that might be of interest to you. I'm sure the other groups work in a similar manner. This is a new way to find and communicate with others who share your interest.

*New tools, same old game, researching your roots.*

## **FORD GENEALOGY CLUB Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Meeting**

Karen Krugman called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Nancy Kelly gave the Ford Genealogy Club Treasurer's report stating that the club had \$895.65 in savings and \$129.64 in checking, for a total of \$1,025.29.

Karen said that all genealogists need to get into immediate contact with their local Senators and Representatives, emphasizing forcefully that the Library of Michigan, even downsized severely, needs to be preserved. Make it plain to your legislator that you understand our state's fiscal situation, and that you are amenable to severe cuts, but that the statewide internet, inter-library loan, electronic support, are crucial to Michigan citizens and that you as a taxpayer feel they must be maintained in at least some format.

Breaking Down Brick Walls – those attending went around the table talking about some of the brick walls they are trying to break down. Some web sites that were mentioned that might be of help were: Genforum, Rootsweb, Google, Genealogybank, Footnote, Dogpile, Yahoo, and Lycros.

There were 11 members in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM and several headed off to dinner.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Ketten  
Secretary

**FORD GENEALOGY CLUB**  
**Minutes of the April 09, 2009**  
**Meeting**

Nancy Kelly called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Nancy Kelly gave the Ford Genealogy Club Treasurer's report stating that the club had \$795.84 in savings and \$191.64 in checking, for a total of \$987.48.

Andrea Ketten conducted the election and the following were voted into office for the 2009-2010 year:

Diane Oslund: President  
Jerry Jacobs: Vice President  
Andrea Ketten: Secretary  
Nancy Kelly: Treasurer  
Elena Lovelace: Newsletter –  
possibly

Nancy Kelly introduced our speaker Gail Hershenzon, who spoke on "Woodmere Cemetery: A Tour Without Walking." In addition to her talk, Gail also passed out handouts and copies of her book on Woodmere Cemetery that were pre-ordered. A good website on this cemetery that she referenced is:  
[www.WoodmereCemeteryResearch.com](http://www.WoodmereCemeteryResearch.com).

There were 12 members in attendance. We had one new member: Mary Ann Gierucki.

The meeting was adjourned and several headed off to dinner.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Ketten  
Secretary

**FORD GENEALOGY CLUB**  
**Minutes of the May 14, 2009**  
**Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

Nancy Kelly gave the Treasurer's report: \$141.64 in the checking account; \$808.00 in savings, for a total of \$949.64.

Jerry Jacobs and Diane Oslund had the following discussion prior to the presentation:

1. Tracing Your Roots, Third Annual Genealogical Seminar to be held on June 12, 2009 from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Towsley Auditorium Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 East Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor.

This is a FREE seminar. Register by June 5, 2009; 734-973-3379 or [lrossier@wccnet.edu](mailto:lrossier@wccnet.edu).

2. "Shortcut to Somewhere" being held on November 7, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Livonia Civic Center Library. The speaker is Steven Morse. The cost is \$25 for four sessions.

3. "One Step, Many Solutions" is being held on July 17-18, 2009. This is an Abrams Genealogy Seminar being held at the Library of Michigan. The cost is \$40.

4. Received a letter requesting Host Families for students from overseas. They are between 15-18 years old and live in your home for five to ten months beginning in August.

5. Job descriptions and Constitution of Club will be put on the web by Chuck Oslund. Mark Krugman will update website.

6. Jerry Jacobs spoke about suggestions for future meetings. One Name Collaborative Search Project was voted in.

7. Land Records and Confessions for a Pro are most likely to be on next Fall.

The speaker for this evening's meeting was Kirt Gross from the Dearborn Historical Museum, who is also the curator. His talk included the following points:

8. The Gardener house; collections of archives, textiles, local and natural political memorabilia; agricultural items, two Model Ts.

9. Floyd and Mary Haight archives: yearbooks, city, village, township records, church histories, city council minutes, oral history, Civil War books and periodicals.

10. Diaries of William Daly, Elba Howe, Joshua Howard, Henry Haigh; Ross papers.

11. Talked a little about Mary Elizabeth Ross; showed maps of the arsenal and Ross grounds.

12. At the Museum there are manuscript collections, voting register records, tax assessments, newspapers, etc.

13. The Museum is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 915 South Brady Street or by appointment. The Museum is trying to locate to the former motel, some of which will be torn down.

At this meeting there were 18 people in attendance, including a few who were new.

Respectfully submitted  
Andrea Ketten  
Secretary

## Do you...

...scan graduation photos and attach them to the person in your genealogy program?

...scan that obituary and attach it to that person in your program?

...copy the photos from newspaper write ups and add them to your photo collection for people you have few if any photos of?

...note high school names, graduation dates from announcements to add to your database?

...note bridal or baby showers invitations as they help pin point the date of the marriage or the baby's birth?

...scan Christmas letters and attach special ones to the writer in your database?

...photograph a family heirloom and attach the photo to the person who made it or who owned it or attach the photo to the person who passed the heirloom to you. Then write something about the heirloom so others learn who, what, when, why etc. about the object?

...create a new family heirloom to pass on to your children and grandchildren? You can photograph these things and attach the photos to yourself or to the person you made the item for then write a brief history about who made it and for whom. Don't forget to add a date.

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## **Looking Backward To Our Past**