

The

Rear View Mirror

"DRIVEN FORWARD, YET LOOKING TO OUR PAST"

**FORD GENEALOGY CLUB
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It's that time of year again when we think of giving and being with family and friends. We deck the halls and buy all kinds of goodies and laugh and sing, well we do if we can carry a tune. Alas I can not. At the same time we as a club gather for a Christmas dinner to laugh and talk and just spend time with one another. Because we have, over the years, become friends. Some have brought in photos of a new grandchild and we all gather to get a peak at the pictures. Or is it a child's wedding? We still ooh and aah at the photos and ask questions. We have shared in special occasions and offered our support in times of grief. We've gotten to know one another and share not only our passion for our family history but pieces of ourselves as well. This also includes our members who attend on occasion or not at all but are there in the background. Via email they share when asked to and they add their special personality to our club. We are a nifty group and I am proud to be your president.

So for this holiday season Chuck & my wish for you is continued health,

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happiness and well being. May you and your family have a nice peaceful, calm and relaxing Christmas, unless you prefer the hectic, crowded, frantic kind. If that's the case we wish that for you. Stay safe, enjoy your family and come back in January ready to do more family research. Oh, and have a very happy New Year!

Your President & hubby,
Diane & Chuck Oslund



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USEFUL INFORMATION

Farmington Genealogical Society member Donna Cromwell has passed along the information that you can find and print any of the articles of the past 16 years of Ancestry Magazine on Goggle Books. The website is <http://books.google.com/books/serial/FTgEAAAAMBAJ>. I would like to add that at Google Books you can put in any surname and see if there is a book written about that family or search for genealogy books online. You may be surprised at how much is on Google Books.

The Digital Atlas of Historical County Boundaries tracks all the changes in the size, shape, location, name, organization and attachment of every US county and state from 1634 to 2000. This new interactive map can be used in various formats and be integrated into Google Earth. Access is free at <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/index.html>.

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GENEALOGY TIPS

(Courtesy of Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library No. 77, July 31, 2010)

Technology Tip of the Month--Further Adventures with Adobe Photoshop: The PhotomergeTool
by Kay Spears

Many people have inherited one or two long photographs that are rolled up. These panoramic photographs could be a cityscape, landscape, anything. Over the years these photographs have become brittle and if you try to unroll them, they will start to crack. In order not to damage the photo try this:

First, start by relaxing the photo. Cover the photograph with acid free paper to prevent any scratching, and then gradually add small weights to flatten it, starting at the center, and eventually moving those weights to the edge of the photograph. Relaxing the photograph with this dry method may take anywhere from two weeks to three months, so you need to be patient, but eventually you will be able to flatten it.

The next step is to scan the photograph. In most cases, the panoramic photograph will be too big for the scanner, so this is one of the few times you will scan a photo in sections. Be sure to have at least an inch of overlapping edge on each section, so that Photoshop can match these overlaps and merge them into an almost seamless image. All sections of the photograph should be scanned at 300 dpi and saved as TIFFs. These files will be large and the merge process uses a lot of memory, so make sure that all the other programs on your computer are off

In Photoshop go to File> Automate> Photo merge. The Photo merge dialog box will open. Now click Browse and find the folder that contains the images that you want to merge. Hold your shift key down and select all of the images you want to merge. (For this to work, assign consecutive file names such as Smith1, Smith2, Smith3.) Click Open. The image files should now be listed in the dialog box. Click OK. When you do this, your computer monitor will become animated as it goes through the process of opening all of the files.

A preview screen with the merged images will open. If everything looks good, click OK. This step may take a few minutes and your computer monitor will become animated once again, but eventually you will see the finished merged image. Now all you need to do is save it.



HOLIDAY EVENTS

The Fraser Historical Commission will be holding a Christmas Open House from 1 to 4 pm on December 5. This will be at the Baumgartner Museum at 18577 Masonic, cross road Kelly.

The Crocker House Museum will host Ghosts of Christmas Past on December 9 from 5 to 9 pm; they will have a Christmas Tea and Tour at 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, December 12, and on Sunday December 19 at 1 pm will have Victorian Christmas Tea at 15 Union Street in Mt. Clemens, (586) 465-2488.

www.crockerhousemuseum.com.

The Dearborn Historical Museum located at 915 S. Brady St. will be hosting their annual Victorian Tea on Friday, December 3.

TOM BARRETT



Our speaker for September was Tom Barrett. Tom is a retired Social Studies teacher with 30 years of classroom experience at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn. Tom earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Michigan State University and his Master degree in History at Eastern Michigan University.

Tom, in partnership with his wife Geri, has taken on the confusing language of “relationships” that tie family members together. In his program this evening Tom helped us with how to determine a family member’s location and title on a relationship chart; how to better understand how to apply such terms as “Grand”; “Great”; “half”; and “step”; along with first, second “times removed”.

Tom supplied us with plenty of handouts and answered questions after his presentation.

CAROL STEVENS



Our speaker for October was Carol Stevens. Carol is a re-tired real estate secretary who, besides blogging is hoping to be able to take a trip out West with her husband in their RV.

Carol spoke on “Blogging and You”. A blog is a web log whose name has been shortened to blog. You can find blogs on everything from genealogy to cooking to gardening. Carol explained how we can all use blogging to further our genealogy research.

DIANE OSLUND

Diane Oslund, FGC President gave the November presentation. Diane’s used her personal experiences in explaining



how she goes about doing genealogy when she originally has very little information. She had some very helpful tips on

where to look for information that you may have not thought of. Such as, land records, abstracts, obituaries. An interesting topic was brought up. Sometimes there are two obituaries. A very small one that gives almost no information and then another that goes into great detail.



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