

Ford Genealogy Club
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Friends,

I'm very excited to begin this new term as the new president of the Ford Genealogy Club! This is a very exciting time for genealogists with so many tools at our disposal and so much to learn. The club is a terrific tool for us to network with each other and to share knowledge and experience. The small group atmosphere makes it easy for each of us to get individual input for our research problems and to share our successes with a receptive and supportive group of friends. Of all the genealogical societies I belong to, this one is truly unique in my experience. I'm proud to be a part of it as I hope you are as well.

We genealogists have so many tools that are available to us today that were not available only a few short years ago. Email makes networking much easier than correspondence by mail. We can find new, used, and antiquarian books at bookfinder.com

instead of requesting a time-consuming search through the local used bookstore. Betterway Books is now providing us with best-in-class how-to information. We can begin our research with online database indexes at familysearch.org, ancestry.com, and heritagequest.com from the comfort of our homes or by using a PC at a public library. GPS Global Positioning Systems can be used to locate cemeteries and other geographical locations. Google and AltaVista search engines find us an ever-expanding number of websites with helpful historical and genealogical information as well as research clues to follow. Our own Library of Michigan is continually adding to their collections and the Allen County Public Library at Ft. Wayne is only a few hours away. Laptops and PDAs can be used in a variety of ways, not to mention the plethora of software tools now at our disposal. 'Just to name a few!

Karen Krugman will run for Vice-President. It appears that the present secretary and treasurer are willing to run for office if the by-laws can be modified to allow it.

Diane Oslund is going to devote her efforts to the newsletter.

The April 8th meeting will feature our own Diane Oslund leading a Brick Wall roundtable discussion.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Richard M. Doherty, a well-known lecturer on Irish and German research, presented An Introduction to Irish Records and Repositories. He began by discussing the major Irish genealogical sources including a couple of books he recommended and 12 major sources with their time periods. Of the 12, for this lecture, he focused on three; Civil Registration, Census Returns and Church records.

Civil registration sources he covered included record availability at the Family History Library as well as internet, CD-ROMs and resources at the Family History Center in Westland. He listed similar sources for Census returns as well as the Burton Collection among the local sources. Church records again include Family History Library films, the Internet and locally, the Burton Collection. Richard gave a very well prepared and interesting lecture and we look forward to his return in the fall when he will discuss German Research.

The meeting was adjourned and a dozen members and guests went to Red Robin for dinner and further discussion.

Submitted by Mike Brautigam
Secretary

Note: April meeting was a round table night. There are no minutes from that meeting.



Ford Genealogy Club Meeting Minutes 13 May, 2004

There was much consulting and help being offered in the pre-meeting beginning at 5:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by our new president, Sharon BREVOORT at 5:35 PM. She stated that our Vice-president, Karen KRUGMAN, would not be with us as she had been requested to fill in as a replacement lecturer for another organization. Diane OSLUND would present the portion of the evening's program, which Karen was responsible for presenting.

The outgoing treasurer, Bob BIETING, discussed a tax report, which he is required to finish before leaving office, and stated that the club's funds were low. There was a brief discussion of funds and fund raising options which will be pursued at a future meeting. At this point, the forgetful secretary remembered that he had received a check for almost \$200 from FERA for the club's sales of various FERA items. He will forward the check to Mr. BIETING for inclusion in the bank account.

Nancy KELLY gave an excellent presentation on a variety of courthouse

records including Common Pleas and Probate, with a discussion of what may be available and examples of such records.

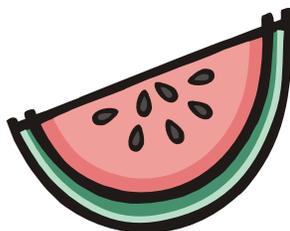
Diane OSLUND presented Karen KRUGMAN's material on "Land Records 101" which defined the differences between State-land states and Public-domain states. It also presented a summary of land record information specific to Michigan. There was also a nice list of units of measure used in land records and a bibliography of books about land platting.

There was no roundtable discussion. The June 10th meeting will discuss Military Records.

The meeting was adjourned and those interested in dinner and further discussion went to the Red Robin Restaurant.

Submitted by Mike Brautigan
Secretary

Members Join us at our summer meetings in July and August. They are our dinner meetings at a local restaurant. Eat, enjoy the company and maybe discuss our genealogy.



Now, in the warm months, is the time to visit your ancestral cemeteries!

How to Correct A Vital Record (in Michigan)

This information is gleaned from the MDCH web site www.michigan.gov/mdch Forms for requesting the changes are downloadable from this site. Fee at this time is \$26.

For a **birth** record: There are seven different forms to choose from based on what type of record change is required. Instructions and documentation requirements (if applicable) are on the forms. Types of records acceptable as documentation are 'hospital records', 'school records', 'marriage records', 'Naturalization documents', 'statement from attendant at the birth', 'court documents', 'insurance documents', 'immunization records', 'early medical records', 'baptismal records' and 'passport records'. There are rules on who can request a correction to a birth record. Some changes can only be made by a parent listed on the birth certificate or a legal representative. So check out this site before doing anything.

For a **death** record: You must fill out the specific form. You must be 'next of kin' and you must state your relationship to the deceased. Documentation proof of error is required. See form for how much proof you need to include with your request. Documentation accepted includes such things as 'hospital records', 'social security administration documents', 'insurance documents', 'birth records', 'funeral directors records', 'court documents', 'divorce records', 'marriage records', 'military records'.

For a **marriage** record: The state does not alter marriage records. You must contact the Circuit Court in the county where the license was obtained.

From the Detroit Journal Year Book
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Mars. --Careful observations of this planet, and the discovery of an apparent elaborate system of artificial canals, lead to the reasonably certain conclusion that this planet is inhabited. See Appleton's Annual Cyclopedia for 1888, page 513.



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Mariner' Church, Woodward ave. and Woodbridge st., Detroit is the oldest stone building in the city, built 1849, on site of homestead of Mrs. Col. Anderson and Miss Taylor, who left their entire estate to found a free people's church, but especially for sailors. Rents from part of building help support the church and swell the fund for added buildings proposed on Griswold st.; sittings, 400. Services Sunday morning and evening, Wednesday evening, all holy days, and every day in Lent. While navigation is closed a penny reading room is open afternoons, and daily evening prayer offered at 5 P. M. Membership, 75; value of property, \$50,000. The Rev. Paul Ziegler, Rector, was born in Detroit Dec., 1847, ordained 1874, and took charge of this church 1885, and serves also as Principal of Detroit Church Academy. Residence, 103 W. High st.; may be seen except fornoons of school-days.

Who ever said genealogy was free?

In my experience genealogy research costs 'time' more than money but it still costs 'money'.

Purchasing copies of vital records can range from pennies to \$17 and possibly more, per record. A certified copy is not necessary but sometimes it's the only type of copy you can get.

Xerox copies of pages from books, census pages, obituaries and such from newspapers on microfilm can cost 10 to 30 cents per page.

Land deeds cost me \$1 per page to get a copy.

Probate/will/intestate records cost from \$1 per record to \$1 per page to \$10 for the first page of each document in a record and \$1 for each additional page in a record. And one probate file is not one record. Depending on the office that holds the record. Some may have been filmed by the LDS and become much cheaper.

Copies of ship passenger lists, cost range from xerox copy costs to \$30 for one family's record. Depending on where you get it from. At the time I paid \$30 for one record, getting the copy directly from Germany was the only way to get it. So I gladly paid the fee. Today I could get the same record for xerox costs at a good genealogy library that has ship passenger films.

Civil War pension and military records. Once cost \$5 per record, then \$10 per record and now \$17 to \$37 per record for union soldiers. Confederate soldiers records I'm told come much cheaper. Other military record copies are likely similarly priced.

If going to a distant location you have hotels and meals and auto expenses or airline expenses to include.

On top of all this is a computer to use in your research (if you want), a genealogy program (software), you want a good one.

You need file folders, paper, pencils, highlighters, filing cabinets or boxes or envelopes or something to hold your findings. Photo albums for new photos you've been given by distant relatives you've discovered. Archival Safe ones. And on and on.

While many things come your way without a price tag, other things do not. Some of us feel more strongly about having actual copies of our families records while others are satisfied with just viewing the record and jotting down the important parts. Many places will let you view the record free of charge so that you can jot down what you want. But a few places will not. We each determine what we are able to spend in our endeavors. The important thing is to document our families past and to pass that on to the next generation. If we are lucky one of our children or grandchildren will pick up where we leave off and enjoy the chase as much as we do. Now how would you put a price on that?



Yippee! Summer is here.



Queries

Seeking information on Precule & Nateline **LaVERGNE**. Percule born 9 July 1846 in Ontario, Nateline nee **Seguin** born 22 Oct 1849 in Quebec. They lived and likely married in Russell County Ontario but may have moved to Detroit, Michigan in later years. Am seeing their death dates and burial location. Any help appreciated. Contact Diane Oslund at p.o. box 20997, Ferndale, MI 48220 or diane@dianesgenealogy.com. Thank you.

1. My mother-in-law said that she was always told that her great-grandmother was kidnapped and brought over on the Mayflower. How could you possibly find out about that?
2. My great aunt said that her sister died aboard the George Washington when they were immigrating from GY and she is not listed on the sheet from Ellis Island because she didn't make it. Is there a way of finding the captains log from the cross? I assume they would have made an entry about it. Please contact Diane Simms at DSIMMS@ford.com; phone 313-845-4020 or write to 2867 Golfhill Dr. Waterford, MI 48329

Vital Records

When did a state start requiring the recording of births, deaths, marriages and divorces? Can I purchase a copy? What is the cost? Below are the web addresses for state vital record offices. On these web site you can find what years births, deaths, marriages and divorces began to be recorded in that state (at least at the state level), where to find the record, cost to obtain a copy and restrictions, if any, on getting a copy. Note: Not all states have marriage records. For those states you will need to direct your attention to a county government office or court.

- Alabama:** <http://ph.state.al.us/Chs/VitalRecords/VRECORDS.HTML>
Alaska: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/bvs/>
Arizona: <http://www.hs.state.az.us/vitalrcd/>
Arkansas: <http://www.healtharkansas.com/>
California: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/hisp/chs/OVR/Ordercert.htm>
Colorado: <http://www.cdph.state.co.us/hs/certs.asp>
Connecticut: <http://www.dph.state.ct.us/OPPE/hpvital.htm>
Delaware: <http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dph/ss/vitalstats.html>
Florida: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/planning_eval/vital_statistics/index.html
Georgia: <http://www.ph.dhr.state.ga.us/programs/vitalrecords/>
Hawaii: <http://www.hawaii.gov/doh/records/index.html>
Idaho: http://www2.state.id.us/dhw/vital_stats/appmenu.html
Illinois: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/vitalrecords/>
Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/bdcertifs/bdcert.html>
Iowa: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/admin/vital_records.asp
Kansas: <http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/vital/>
Kentucky: <http://chs.ky.gov/publichealth/vital.htm>
Louisiana: <http://genealogy.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.dhh.state.la.us/oph/vital/>
Maine: <http://www.state.me.us/dhs/faq.htm#certificates>
Maryland: <http://mdpublichealth.org/vsa/>
Massachusetts: <http://www.state.ma.us/dph/bhsre/rvr/vrcopies.htm>
Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-4645---,00.html>
Minnesota: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/osr/>
Mississippi: http://www.ms.gov/how_do_i_answer_page.jsp?Article_ID=306
Missouri: <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/BirthAndDeathRecords/BirthAndDeathRecords.html>
Montana: http://www.dphhs.state.mt.us/services/applications_forms/applications_forms.htm
Nebraska: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/ced/cedindex.htm>
Nevada: <http://health2k.state.nv.us/>
New Hampshire: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/vitalrecords/index.html>
New Jersey: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/vital/vital.shtml>
New Mexico: <http://dohewbs2.health.state.nm.us/VitalRec/Vital%20Records.htm>
New York: <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/consumer/vr.htm>
North Carolina: <http://vitalrecords.dhhs.state.nc.us/vr/index.html>
North Dakota: <http://www.vitalnd.com/>
Ohio: <http://www.odh.state.oh.us/VitStats/vsmain1.htm>

Oklahoma: <http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/vital/index.html>
Oregon: <http://www.ohd.hr.state.or.us/chs/certif/certifaqs.cfm>
Pennsylvania: <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=168&q=229939>
Rhode Island: <http://www.healthri.org/management/vital/home.htm>
South Carolina: <http://www.scdhec.net/vr/>
South Dakota: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/VitalRec/Vital.htm>
Tennessee: <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/vr/>
Texas: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/bvs/>
Utah: <http://health.utah.gov/vitalrecords/silver/>
Vermont: <http://www.healthyvermonters.info/hs/vital/vitalhome.shtml>
Virginia: <http://www.vdh.state.va.us/vitalrec/>
Washington: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/cert.htm>
West Virginia: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/bph/oehp/hsc/vr/birtcert.htm>
Wisconsin: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/vitalrecords/index.htm>
Wyoming: http://wdhfs.state.wy.us/vital_records/

Who can Obtain a Vital Record In Michigan?

Birth Records: Less than 100 years old are restricted. Only a person whose birth record it is, a parent named on the record, a court-appointed legal guardian of the person, a legal representative of the person, an heir of the person or a court of competent jurisdiction can purchase a copy.

Birth Records: 100 years old or older can be purchased by anyone.

If adopted your original Michigan birth record was sealed by a court. The state can issue a copy of the birth record that replaced the original. That record shows the adopted parents and the adopted name for the child. If information is wanted about the birth parents you need to go to the court that finalized the adoption (might be able to help) or the adoption agency (might be able to help).

Death, marriage & divorce records can be purchased by anyone.

Information taken from brochure 'Michigan Birth Death Marriage & Divorce Records' by the Michigan Department of Community Health Vital Records.

Ontario Vital Records

Ontario Archives:
<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/english/interlan/vsmain.htm>

Has on microfilm:
 Births: 1869-1906
 Deaths: 1869-1931
 Marriages: 1801-1921 (some gaps in pre-1869)

To access more recent vital statistics write:
 Office of the Registrar General
 Box 4600, Thunder Bay
 Ontario, P7B 6L8

Or visit their web site:
<http://www.cbs.gov.on.ca/mcbs/english/welcome.htm>

Historical Detroit

At the Library of Michigan (Lansing, Michigan) is a small book 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 1833



"Underground Railway Station"

THIS LARGE BRICK building, known as the "Finney Hotel Barn," was used from 1833 until the Civil War as a depot for helping slaves gain freedom into Canada. Detroit was one of the important "Stations" on the route to Canada.

In a brick barn located on the site at Griswold and State Streets, runaway slaves, escaped from southern masters, were hidden and fed until they could be transported into Canada. It was termed "the Detroit station of the underground railway."

Seymour Finney, owner and proprietor of Finney's Hotel, at the southeast corner of Woodward and Gratiot, was the Detroit "station agent."

These functions were performed under the auspices of the Detroit Anti-Slavery Society. Among its members were Alanson Sheley, Edward Brooks, E. W. Cowles, C. Brown and S. A. Conant.

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AS IT IS TODAY



Griswold and State

IN THIS downtown park, which snuggles among ancient and modern stores and office buildings, lie the remains of Stevens T. Mason, first Governor of Michigan Territory. An imposing monument designates the grave. This land was originally purchased by a girl for \$15.00. The valuation of the spot today is approximately one and three quarter million dollars.

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Looking Backward To Our Past

Webpages by Stephen P. Morse, San Francisco <http://stevemorse.org>

a different way to view items on Ellis Island's site and other things as well.

Ellis Island <http://www.ellisland.org/>

Baltimore Passenger List Index <http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/balt1820.html>

(soundex) for FHL film numbers; does not have person's names (1820-1897)

Finding Passenger Arrival Records at Port of Boston, Massachusetts 1820-1943

<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/boston.html>

US Ports of Arrival and Their Available Passenger Lists 1820-1957

<http://www.geneseach.com/ports.html> (includes Canadian & Mexican Border Crossing Records)

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