

Oakland County Genealogical Society Program Schedule

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The Oakland County Genealogical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, October through June (except January) at St. Stephens's Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams between Long Lake and Square Lake roads, Troy, unless otherwise noted (see June). The Church has a flat entrance and ample lighted parking. Meetings are open to the public and free of charge. All are welcome.

2 Oct. 2007 "Detroit's Titanic Survivors." What did the Joseph, Quick and Goldsmith families have in common? They were all passengers on the Titanic and were bound for Detroit. Author, lecturer and Certified Genealogist, Ceil Wendt Jensen will speak about the genealogy of these families, including practical examples and suggestions for finding records, databases, and archives you can use to start or advance your own research.

6 Nov. 2007 "Tracing Deeds at Your Local Courthouse." Laurel A. Emerson, of Richmond, Michigan will share time saving tricks to quickly locate deeds, discover other hidden papers that may be with the deeds, and explain how to read deed descriptions and locate the property.

4 Dec. 2007 "How Do I Become A Genealogist?" Our Society recently received a letter from a youngster asking this very question, one that is on the mind of many of our newer members and visitors, as well. Tapping the wealth of experience within the Society, we will try to answer it by first covering some basics, then breaking into small groups for questions and discussion with experienced members. Come learn how to begin or proceed in your research. Beginners especially welcome, but all will benefit from the sharing of tips and techniques.

12 Jan 2008 "What's in a German Place Name?" Don Litzer, librarian at Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana, will provide a number of resources to guide and inspire researchers who have identified a Germanic place name and desire to divine its significance as well as locate records pertaining to it. The program begins at 2:00 p.m, but arrive early to enjoy refreshments, browsing and networking at this annual OCGS/DSGR joint **Saturday** meeting, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church St. at Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills.

5 Feb. 2008 "Turning Genealogy into Family History: A Case Study" Wally Schlegel presents a case study tracing the Corwin family from the 1890 Federal Census to its origins in colonial New England. The adventure takes many twists and turns, through the California gold fields, the rugged days of western expansion in Kansas, the Rebellions of 1837 in Upper Canada, settlements on the Niagara frontier, revolutionary New Jersey and witch trials in Salem. Without researching the historical record, the family's story could never have been told. Mrs. Schlegel is also heavily involved with the Hrastovac Research group, transcribing and posting village church records for the Donauschwaben (German) ethnic group who resettled portions of Hungary.

4 March 2008 "Mistakes in Census, Vital Records, Obituaries. Is This The End Of The World?" Looking at reality, not what should be, and getting beyond it. Diane Oslund will discuss how to be flexible when dealing with both your genealogical finds and non-finds, such as when a record should be there, but isn't. As a professional researcher, Diane often puts this skill to use and will pass along her strategies and advice.

1 April 2008 "Ontario Resources" With all the recent changes, Joan Griffin will bring us up to date on the latest in Ontario Resources. Joan has long been a knowledgeable speaker on Ontario research.

6 May 2008 "Kumpewter Kamp." Conversations, comments, phone calls, panic attacks and the like indicate many in the OCGS family have serious concerns about the computer world, getting into it and surviving. There's so much more to computers than surfing the Net, but it can be intimidating. The intent this evening is to address these concerns on a very down-to-earth level and take a look at computers through a Genealogist's eyes.

3 June 2008 "Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm." It's time for another of our popular field trips, which take a look at the life and times of past generations. Museum staff will give a tour of the facility and discuss what they have to offer for the genealogist. The Rochester Hills Museum is located at 1005 Van Hoosen Road, just south of Tienken (25 Mile Road), one mile east of Rochester Road. NOTE: This is our normal meeting night and time but at a different location.