

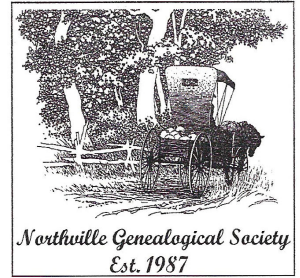
# Northville Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## Revisiting an Old Favorite

Does your research need a boost? No great discoveries lately? When was the last time you searched Find A Grave? If it's been a while, I would suggest you take another look. I have been using the website quite a bit over the last several months, and these days it seems I can find the person I'm looking for more often than not.

As a reminder, or in case you are not yet familiar with the website, all of the content on Find A Grave is user-submitted. That means people like you and me have created every memorial on the website, each representing an individual person. In general, there seems to be two types of contributors to Find A Grave. One group uses the site to build their own family trees, often connecting multiple generations together with additions like obituaries and photographs. The other group walks their local cemeteries and photographs every stone they come across, or finds copies of cemetery transcriptions or current obituaries, and adds that information to Find A Grave. I once saw a person who had submitted over a million memorials!

Over the years, I have given two roundtable presentations on Find A Grave to our Society. The first was in 2012, when I noted that the website had over 75 million grave records for over 300,000 cemeteries in over 170 different countries. At the time of my second presentation in 2018, there were 165 million records for nearly 500,000 cemeteries in 239 countries. Now, as of the end of 2023, the numbers have jumped to over 226 million memorials in over 566,000 cemeteries in 249 countries. I notice that many of the memorials I come across nowadays were created in the 2020-2022 time period. It seems that many people used their extra time during the pandemic to help enrich Find A Grave. I know I did!

I've made some exciting discoveries on the website quite recently, and I'll share a couple of them with you. The first is a case where I knew the location of the man's burial, but I never expected to see his gravestone. I acquired a copy of his death certificate many years ago and learned that he was buried in what Find A Grave describes as "Chicago's largest and oldest cemetery." Unfortunately, it was also noted that the cemetery office would not do burial look ups for volunteer photographers (although this comment has since been removed). I would check Find A Grave every once in a while, but never expected to find him there. Until a few months ago when suddenly there he was—even with a gravestone photo! He was added by someone who started photographing that particular section of the cemetery in 2020. I couldn't believe it! I even sent them a note of thanks for their work.

The second example was even more unexpected. I had been looking for someone who lived in Detroit his entire life, but I had no idea when he died or where he was buried. I had found him most recently in the 1950 Census, but having been born in 1885 I wasn't sure how much longer he lived. I had run out of places to look for him when one day last summer his wife showed up in Find A Grave. She was his second wife (and he was her *fourth* husband!) so I couldn't be sure that he was buried with her. But I visited the cemetery office this fall and they confirmed he was indeed buried there too. Turns out he died in a retirement home in Livonia in 1962 and was buried at a large cemetery in Berkley, Michigan. He didn't even have a gravestone, so I never would have found him if not for the volunteer who took a photo of his wife's stone and posted it on Find A Grave. Needless to say, I sent her a thank you note too!

Whether Find A Grave is new to you, or it's been a while since visiting this old favorite, I highly recommend putting this website on your list of New Year's resolutions this year! <https://www.findagrave.com/>

Jen Brodzik, Editor

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Meetings are held September through June on the 2nd Sunday (unless noted)

Northville District Library  
212 W. Cady, Carlos Meeting Room

- Member Presentation: 1:30 PM
- General Meeting: 2:30 PM
- Speaker: 3:00 PM

Visitors are always welcome.

Board meetings are held on Zoom at 10:00 AM on the Tuesday prior to the general meeting.

Members are welcome to attend.

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# Genealogy News

## Celebrating 50 States on the Newspapers.com Stories & Events Indexes

Have you heard about the Newspapers.com Stories & Events Indexes? Using Artificial Intelligence (AI), we've trained computers to read through more than 900 million pages of digitized newspapers and extract everyday stories about your ancestors. These stories are now hints on your Ancestry tree, and we've just completed all 50 states!

The Stories and Events Indexes come on the heels of the popular Newspapers.com™ Obituary Collection, launched in 2019, and the Newspapers.com™ Marriage Index Collection, rolled out in 2020.

*Fishwrap, the Official Blog of Newspapers.com, 12 Dec 2023*

## Database Revolutionizes Virtual Access For Civil War Buffs

The new website ResearchArsenal.com allows historians — amateur and professional — to dig into the nitty gritty of Civil War regiments, weapons and uniforms, or just to see how that great-great-great uncle lived on the battlefields from 1861-1865.

"The whole premise is to have a one-stop spot for researching mid-19th century history," Steven Dacus said. "We have been working on it for about five years. We just made it public on June 2, and the vast majority of what we have is from private collections. We have 30,000 pages of letters that people can keyword search."

There are also 10,000 photographs that can be keyword searched for weapons, uniform, place or even hairstyle.

Read more at: <https://tinyurl.com/y5nurerd>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 11 Dec 2023*

## More Than Five Million Records From the State of Maryland Are Now Online

We at Reclaim The Records are so proud to finally announce one of our largest record acquisitions to date: millions of vital records spanning over one hundred years of history for the state of Maryland.

These records have never previously been publicly available online anywhere else. Not only is this an unusually large cache of materials for one of our records projects, but in addition to the decades of vital records indices, we also got the digital images of the actual birth, marriage, and death certificates for the state of Maryland. Yep, the real certificates. And now we've put them online, free!

Read the full announcement at: <http://tinyurl.com/mf86xww>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 29 Nov 2023*

## First World War Canadian Service Files

In August 2018, Library and Archives Canada finished digitizing more than 600,000 service files of Canadians who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War. We're pleased to announce that these files have been integrated into our main database, Collection Search, and are now available through a new landing page: <http://tinyurl.com/bddaf6hn>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 13 Nov 2023*

## 2024 NGS Program Schedule

1:30 - Member Presentations [M P]

2:30 - General Meeting

3:00 - Speaker

**NOTE: We plan to hold meetings both in person and on Zoom. You will be alerted by email of any changes.**

**SOME DATES ARE NOT THE 2ND SUNDAY!**

Jan 14 - M P: Coolest Finds - Member Participation  
Program: "Criminals in the Family Tree"  
Speaker: Kim Harrison

Feb 11 - M P: Fold 3  
Program: "What's In a Name: Clues to Ethnicity & Spelling Variations"  
Speaker: Judy Nimer-Muhn

Mar 10 - M P and Program: "Burning Questions"

Apr 14 - M P: Online Newspapers  
Program: "Polar Bear Soldiers of WWI"  
Speaker: Mike Grobbel

May 5 - M P: Exploring a New State  
Program: "Legal Notices for Genealogists"  
Speaker: James Tanner (BYU webinar)

Jun 9 - M P: Roots Magic  
Program: "Introduction to Heraldry"  
Speaker: Derek Blount

## Introducing AI Record Finder™, the World's First AI Chat-Based Search Engine for Historical Records

We are thrilled to announce the release of AI Record Finder™, a new feature that transforms family history research using Artificial Intelligence (AI) chat. AI Record Finder™ revolutionizes genealogy the way ChatGPT revolutionized searching the internet: it is an interactive, intelligent, free-text chat to help you locate historical records about a specific ancestor or relative, using MyHeritage's vast database of nearly 20 billion records. If you've ever been overwhelmed by the large number of historical record search results, or conversely disappointed by not finding any records about the person you were looking for, AI Record Finder™ might just be the answer you've been waiting for!

See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/2p8pasum>

*MyHeritage Blog, 26 Dec 2023*

# On the Web:

## FamilySearch Digital Books Online

Who doesn't like free books? The FamilySearch Digital Library added over 30,000 new books in 2023 and now offers more than 586,000 books that include family histories, genealogy texts, maps, and more. The books are full-text searchable—which can really help you discover who—or what—you're seeking. Many of the 2023 additions were school yearbooks. In addition, the Springfield-Greene County Public Library in Missouri was added as a new contributor and scanning site for local genealogy-relevant books that are in the public domain.

Search digital books for free:

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/>

*Extracted from "FamilySearch's 2023 Year in Review,"  
FamilySearch Blog, 30 Dec 2023*

## Alte Deutsche Handschriften

To see how a name or a term might appear in an old [German] record, click on Schrift-Generator (Script Generator), enter something in the Text box, and select one of the eight fonts.

<https://www.deutsche-handschrift.de/>

*Extracted from the article "Reformation" by  
Rick Crume, Family Tree Magazine, Sep/Oct 2023*

## The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America's Ancestor Biographies

Though not as well-known as the DAR, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America serves a similar function for Colonial times. You can search the society's Ancestor Biographies at <http://www.nscda.org/historical-activities/ancestor-biographies>

*Extracted from the article "Colonial Roots" by  
David A. Fryxell, Family Tree Magazine, May/June 2023*

## Ellis Island Passenger Search

The Ellis Island Passenger Search database is a free resource for finding about 65 million immigrants and other passengers who arrived in the port of New York between 1820 and 1957 (including Castle Garden, Ellis Island, and even airborne arrivals). Records include passenger manifests, customs lists, and even detention records. Were your ancestors among them? Sign up for a free account and start exploring.

<https://www.statueofliberty.org/discover/passenger-ship-search/>

*Extracted from the article "Finding Ellis Island Immigration Records" by Sunny Jane Morton, Family Tree Magazine, May/June 2023*



## 5 Amazing Tech Tricks to Decipher the German Handwriting

While our genealogical documents may be hundreds of years old, we don't have to decipher these texts as if we were still living in 1745. With the vast world of technology at our fingertips, transcribing German documents can be much easier than you would ever think – but what tools to use? Read on for a list of the resources that will make your time deciphering German handwriting less time-consuming, less stressful, and much more fun.

<http://tinyurl.com/bdhzc99v>

*Germanology Unlocked Blog*



## 1931 Census of Canada Launch: Phase Two Complete!

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is pleased to announce that in collaboration with Ancestry and FamilySearch International we are providing a free, searchable index of the 1931 Census of Canada through Census Search. This marks the completion of phase two of the plan to make the census accessible to Canadians on our website following the initial release of the census earlier [in 2023].

The value of this census to Canadians whose families were in the country at the time and to other researchers is significant. The 1931 Census is a snapshot of a time of tumultuous change in Canada. It is the first census in which more than 50% of Canadians lived in urban centres, rather than rural areas. It is also the first census to consider how many Canadians had radios in the home, indicating an interest in learning how Canadians were integrating technology in their homes. Furthermore, it is the first mass release of Depression-era employment data, which makes it a significant milestone in such research.

<https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/Census/Index>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 14 Dec 2023*

## Metryki Genbaza

A Polish website [that] offers images of church books found in many former eastern German states now in Poland, many of these not found on other websites.

<https://metryki.genbaza.pl/>

*Extracted from the article "How Do I Get Started Finding My German Ancestors?" by The Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, Internet Genealogy Magazine, Apr/May 2023*

## NGS News

Our VP Ann Wizinsky is seeking ideas for next year's programs. Please contact her with topic or speaker suggestions.

Starting in February, only paid members will receive speaker handouts with the meeting announcements. To check if your dues are up-to-date, please contact Treasurer Marcy Hardin.

Two books have been purchased in honor of our late founding member Gloria Collins: *Tips and Tricks of Deciphering German Handwriting* and *The Magic of German Church Records*, both by Katherine Schober. They are now available to check out from the Local History Room of the Northville District Library.

## Can't Find Your Ellis Island Ancestor? Questions to Consider

Clearly, you sometimes need to get creative when searching for an ancestor in the Ellis Island database. But what do you do if you still can't find your ancestor? Here are five key questions to ask when you're stumped:

- Did your ancestor actually come through Ellis Island? Because Ellis Island was the leading immigrant receiving station of its day, many people think their ancestors came through the Port of New York, when they might have come through one of the other major US ports or Canada.

- Are you checking for immigrant women under their maiden names?

While this custom was more prevalent in Catholic countries, it never hurts to try this strategy even if your ancestor wasn't Catholic. Regardless of whether the woman was traveling alone, with her spouse or with her children, she might be recorded on the list by her maiden name. Don't know what her maiden name was? If she did travel with her children, they should be recorded under their father's surname. So look for the kids.

- What age was she when she arrived? To avoid latching on to the wrong immigrant in the database — another person with the same name or initials, for example — you'll need to know your ancestor's approximate age when she (or he) came to America. It's also helpful to know the town of origin. Any other identifying information can help find the right immigrant.
- Have you checked for transcription-related spelling variations? Keep in mind that you're at the mercy of the transcriber who looked at the microfilmed copy of the passenger list and tried to interpret the name to enter it into the database. A transcriber unfamiliar with the German clerk's script may convolute a name or place name you'd find easy to read because you've looked at records with that type of script before.

Written by Diane Haddad. A version of this article appeared in the May/June 2018 issue of *Family Tree Magazine*.

## Nicknames: Not a Given

Determining a woman's *first* name at birth can also be a challenge, given how diverse nicknames for women have been throughout history. Here are some historically popular given names for women in the United States, and common nicknames for each.

Name	Common Nicknames
Abigail	Abby, Gail, Nabby
Angela, Angelina	Angel, Angelica, Angie, Ann, Anna, Jane, Lina
Barbara	Babs, Barb, Barbie, Bobbie, Bonnie
Catherine, Cathleen, Kathryn, Kathleen, Katharine	Cathy, Karen, Katie, Kay, Kit, Kittie, Rhynie, Rina, Trina
Christine, Christina, Christiana, Kristine, Kristina	Chris, Christy, Crissy, Ina, Kit, Kissy, Kris, Krissy, Tina, Xina
Dorothy, Dorothea	Dora, Dot, Dottie, Dotha, Thea
Elaine, Eleanor, Leonora	Elena, Ella, Ellen, Elsie, Helen, Lana, Lainie, Nell, Nellie, Nora
Elizabeth	Bess, Bessie, Bet, Beth, Betsy, Betty, Bitsy, Eli, Eliza, Elsie, Ibbey, Libby, Lisa, Lish, Liz, Liza, Lizbet, Lizzie, Tess
Isabelle, Isabella	Bella, Belle, Cybilla, Ib, Issy, Izzy, Nib
Margaret, Margareta, Magdalene	Daisy, Greta, Madge, Magda, Maggie, Marge, Margie, Margo, Meg, Midge, Peg, Peggy
Martha	Marcy, Marty, Martha, Mattie, Pat, Patsy, Patty
Mary	Mamie, Mae, May, Mattie, Mimi, Molly, Polly
Sarah, Sara	Sally, Sadie
Susan, Susannah	Anna, Hannah, Nan, Nanny, Sue, Sukey, Susie, Suze
Theresa	Terrie, Tess, Tessie, Tessa, Thursa, Tracy

Extracted from the article "Ladies-in-Waiting" by Shelley K. Bishop, *Family Tree Magazine*, Mar/Apr 2023



## Library of Michigan 2024 Program Schedule

All 2024 Programs for the Public will take place over **Zoom**. All programs **require registration** to attend.

Highlights include:

Female Ancestors: Finding Women in Family and Local History  
Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM

Digitizing My Family Tree: Formats, Software, and Techniques  
Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 PM

Cemetery Research with the Library of Michigan  
Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 PM

Annual Reports: Supplemental Documents for Family History Research  
Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 PM

To see the complete list of programs and to register, visit:  
<http://tinyurl.com/4amvhp8>

### 2024 Legacy Family Tree Webinars Series Announced!

MyHeritage and Legacy Family Tree Webinars are pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 2024 Legacy Family Tree Webinars series, now in its 14th year. Choose from 168 classes taught by genealogy's leading educators which includes two brand new series: Artificial Intelligence for Genealogists, and England Counties Research. And for the second straight year, Elizabeth Shown Mills returns for the members-only series, "The Best of Elizabeth Shown Mills: Genealogy Problem Solving."

Sign up (it's FREE!) for one or for all of the webinars today and you will receive a reminder email both one day and two hours prior to the live event.

<http://tinyurl.com/3sd29dfd>

*Thomas MacEntee's Genealogy Bargains,*  
28 Dec 2023

## Free BCG-Sponsored 2024 Webinars

Registration for the Board for Certification of Genealogists' twelve monthly webinars in 2024 is now live at our partner website Legacy Family Tree Webinars, BCG Upcoming Webinars. [Topics include]:

20 Feb 2024 - Jerry Smith, CG "Metes & Bounds Land Plats Solve Genealogical Problems"

16 Apr 2024 - Anne Morddel, CG "French Emigrants: They Were Not All Huguenots, or Nobles, or from Alsace-Lorraine"

15 Oct 2024 - Robbie Johnson, CG "Sense and Sensibility: The Power of Logic, Intuition, and Critical Thinking"

19 Nov 2024 - Yvette Hoitink, CG "Dear Me: Writing Research Reports to Yourself"

See the full schedule and register at <http://tinyurl.com/3pzczfs>

*Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 4 Jan 2024*

## Upcoming Meetings/Webinars Elsewhere

### Jan 15 - (Mon) - Western Wayne Gen. Society "Archives, Museums & Libraries: Finding Non-Traditional Records"

We all know that vital records, census records, etc. are the go-tos for genealogical information. But what else is out there that might give you those needed bits of information, and how do you find those records? Presented by Jessica Trotter.

6:30 p.m. Register for this Zoom presentation at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/mvb93nfn>

### Jan 16 - (Tue) - Farmington Genealogical Soc. "Evaluating Genealogical Evidence"

Genealogical research can eventually reveal conflicting records. Dan Fantore's presentation explores the value of the evidence that genealogical researchers uncover. The agreement of genealogical sources is explored as well as the importance of conflicts in evidence.

6:30 p.m. Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St, Farmington

### Jan 28 - (Sun) - Gen. Soc. of Washtenaw Co. "5 Types of German Genealogy Documents- and what you can find in each"

What kind of documents are available for your German ancestors? What should you be looking for in your research? And most importantly, where can you find these documents? Come learn the answers to these questions and more in this must-see webinar by German genealogist and translator Katherine Schober.

1:30 p.m. Non-members wishing to attend this Zoom presentation may send a request by Thursday, January 25th to [info@washtenawgenealogy.org](mailto:info@washtenawgenealogy.org).

### Feb 14 - (Wed) - Allen County Public Library "How to Overcome Brick Walls in German"

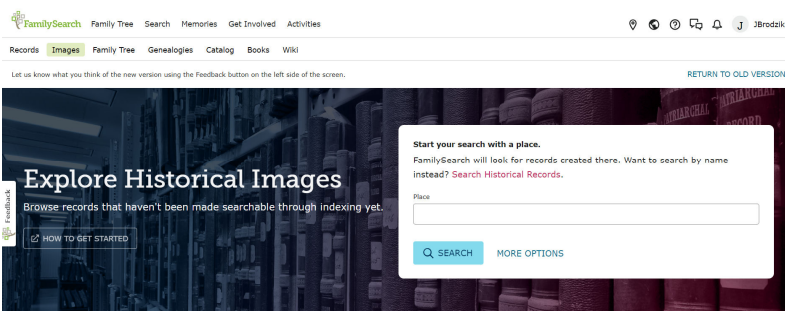
Dr. Michael D. Lacopo will present several case studies showing lesser-utilized research tactics, repositories and resources used to find information about our German-speaking ancestors.

7:00 p.m. Register for this virtual presentation at  
<https://acpl.libnet.info/event/9223038>

### Feb 20 - (Tue) - Lyon Twp Public Library "Mysterious Codes: Passenger Manifests Letters and Numbers"

What do those letters, numbers, stamps, and pencil marks mean on Immigration Passenger Manifests? Does your ancestor have the letter "D" or "X" next to their name? Do you know what V/L, # 404, USB, Transit, CL, N.O.B, C/A, LPC, SI, NQIV, BSI, PV or C-XXXXXX mean? We will learn if and when to contact the US National Archives or USCIS to get more genealogical information from these codes. And what insight we can learn about your ancestor's immigration experience based on these notations.

6:30 p.m. Register for this Zoom event at  
<https://lyon.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/genealogy-event-50/>



## FamilySearch Image Portal

In this episode of Family Tree Magazine's Best Websites podcast, Experience Manager Ryan Roughan and Web Designer Chris McConkie from FamilySearch walk us through the FamilySearch Image Portal, its search functions and what you might discover as you explore.

Learn how you can find newly-digitized genealogical records as soon as they're available on FamilySearch, the world's largest free family history website!

Click on the link to listen: <https://tinyurl.com/2nvn53c9>

*Family Tree Magazine email, 15 Nov 2023*

## What's New with the FamilySearch Catalog

For over two decades, the FamilySearch Catalog has been a valuable research tool. Today, it handles more than 5 million searches each week. This highly customized system has been running on outdated technology that must be replaced.

### How the Catalog is changing

The most noticeable change with this update is that the Catalog uses the newest FamilySearch place standards. Place standards provide a consistent experience for how place information is organized and presented. They must be updated regularly since place names around the world are changing.

### How different place standards may affect your searches

Using different place standards may impact search results for some locations. Some places will have slightly different display names than in the past. Other places could be grouped within a larger place. In these cases, you may have to perform an extra click or two to find the search results you desire.

Read the full announcement from FamilySearch at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mstpd6ee>

## What Happened to the Stay Signed-In Check Box on FamilySearch.org?

When users signed in on FamilySearch.org, there used to be a check box offering the option to stay signed in for a period of 2 weeks. We've listened to a lot of feedback saying the check box hasn't kept users signed in consistently. With recent updates allowing users to sign in more easily to FamilySearch.org, and considering the Stay Signed In feature provides a higher security risk, the check box has now been removed.

When users sign in to FamilySearch.org, they will remain signed in for a time, as long as they are actively using the site. For users who prefer not to re-enter their credentials every time they access FamilySearch, they have several alternatives for a quick and easy sign-in experience.

Continue reading at:

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/remove-2-week-sign-in>

## Genealogy Project Get Organized!

Here's how to make sense and order out of all your genealogy and family history STUFF!

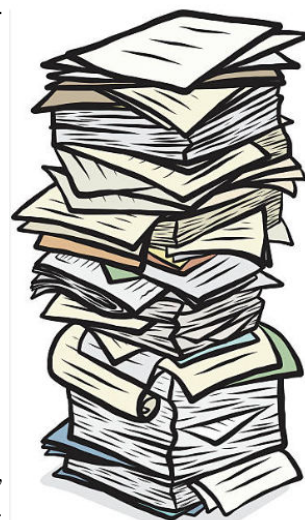
Genealogy Project Get Organized: I get it. I've been in the same situation with my years of genealogy research. And it is a never-ending battle to stay organized once you've tackled "the monster." The new year is a great time to commit to organizing your genealogy and realize you need to take baby steps or you'll be overwhelmed! Check-out our list of FREE Resources related to getting organized!

It seems that "getting organized" and "decluttering" are hot topics these days. There are tons of resources available and it isn't always easy to know which ones are worth your time and effort. Here at Genealogy Bargains we've come up with a curated list of FREE RESOURCES to get you started!

See the list at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mnh42axs>

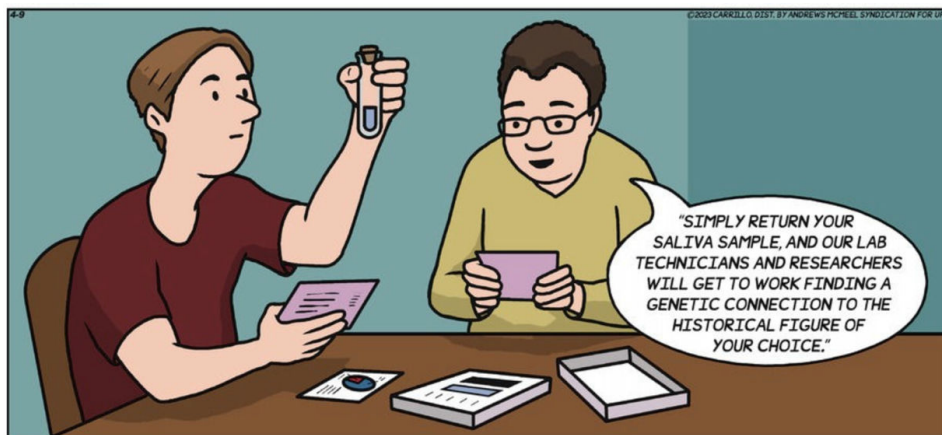
*Thomas MacEntee's Genealogy Bargains, 6 Jan 2024*



## Genealogy Research Assistance at Novi Library

The Northville Genealogical Society offers free genealogical research assistance on the **4th Monday of each month from 12-2pm** (Sep-Nov and Jan-Jun). Drop in to ask questions, get help on ancestry, databases, and more.

Location: Local History Room on the 2nd floor of the Novi Library.



F Minus

*Don't you kind of wish it worked this way?*

## Local Color: *Northville Record* Excerpts from 100 Years Ago

### **Friday, Jan 4, 1924:**

The weather bureau stated we were going to have a blustering blizzard on Sunday, but the dreaded monster failed to appear.

A large number of Northville people attended the New Years reception given by Messrs and Mesdames Geo B. Yerkes, D. P. Yerkes, and W. H. Yerkes, at Braeside, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Yerkes.

George Goodell brought to this office Monday morning a copy of the Detroit Weekly Post dated Thursday, January 29, 1885. The issue contained about as many accounts of crimes and accidents as the papers of today.

W. H. Elliott & Son and the Northville Drug company have recently installed a Nizer refrigerator system to their stores in which to keep ice cream and beverages.

### **Friday, Jan 11, 1924:**

Northville will observe father and son week with a community banquet at the High school gym which will be served by the members of the Senior class. Every man in Northville will be expected to be present with a boy—either his own son, or his neighbors'. More later.

G. W. Perkins writes The Record from Miami, Florida, that they are located at 254 N. E. Thirty Fifth street in that city, where they will remain for the next five months unless it becomes too hot.

There is to be a health exhibit at the Baptist church on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week that should be attended by many Northville people. Tuesday night the exhibit will be for men and young men only and Wednesday for women and young women only.

### **Friday, Jan 18, 1924:**

Glory be. The first seed catalogue of the season has arrived.

F. R. Woodworth spent a few days this week at Ft Wayne, Indiana, selecting new spring merchandise.

The Plymouth Home Building association financed the erection of 49 new houses in that village during the past year. That is a splendid record.

Mrs. A. H. Kohler writes to relatives and friends here that it is very cold at Pensacola, Florida. Water pipes froze and a great deal of damage was done to gardens.

The funeral of Caroline C. Myers was held at the home of William Foster last Friday afternoon . . . The remains were shipped to Bridgeport, Conn., for burial.

### **Friday, Jan 25, 1924:**

Some enthusiastic individual, who evidently desired to advance the season a few months, placed a sign in the post office lobby Monday which announced that cherry pickers were wanted at Powers'.

Plymouth's school buildings are so badly crowded that an effort will be made to bond the district for the purpose of erecting a new High school building.

Henry Ford has purchased the old District No. 1 school house, located on Warren avenue near Rockner road—the little old red school house in which he received his early training. He has not yet announced what he will do with the building.—Dearborn Press

### **Friday, Feb 1, 1924:**

A number of Northville people attended the automobile show in Detroit last week.

A country bowling tournament in which a number of teams from surrounding cities and towns will take part, opened at the Northville

alleys on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jewett Cranson just received a letter from one of the supervisors at Traverse City, asking her for one of her uncle's pictures, Judge J. G. Ramsdell, that is to be enlarged and hung in the court house with other past judges of that city. Judge Ramsdell was born near Northville and received his early education here. Later going to Traverse City in the early sixties as one of its pioneers.

### **Friday, Feb 8, 1924:**

Redford business men are behind a project to erect a suitable picture theatre building in that growing village.

They had a race matinee at the Milford fair grounds on Wednesday and Thursday with horses from Northville, Milford, Ann Arbor, Walled Lake, Detroit, Brighton and Clarkston. Don't forget the story telling for the children at the library this Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

A big bread wagon belonging to Gordon & Pagel went into the ditch on the Seven Mile road on Tuesday owing to the icy condition of the roads.

A deputy collector of internal revenue will be at the office of T. R. Carrington on February 15th and 16th, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filling their current income tax returns for the year 1923.

### **Friday, Feb 15, 1924:**

Mrs. Kittie Webber of Detroit spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Maude Bennett, and other Northville relatives.

Plymouth will be 100 years old as a settlement next summer and the Mail is urging the people over there to celebrate the unusual event. The second annual father and son community banquet was held at the High school gym last night and as we went to press everything indicated that the gathering would be the biggest thing of its kind ever held in Northville—325 tickets having been sold.

Basket ball at Plymouth this evening—boys' and girls' games. Go early if you desire at seat.

### **Friday, Feb 22, 1924:**

The heaviest snow fall of the season visited this section Tuesday afternoon and night. By the way, what has become of Northville's snow plow?

It is believed that Grand River highway improvements will be completed to Lansing by next July.

Mrs. A. J. Helfrich and daughter, Doris, are spending the week at the home of the former's father at Capac.

Engineer C. W. Hubbell of Detroit visited Northville last Saturday upon invitation of the village authorities and made an inspection of the village building. After looking over the structure carefully he recommended that the bell be removed and the tower be taken down and that no more public meetings be held in the building. With the bell removed and the tower taken down he thought the building might stand for some time. His recommendation will be observed.

### **Friday, Feb 29, 1924:**

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gotts and children left Tuesday for Hastings where they will spend a few weeks with relatives. They motored over.

Attend the safety rally at the Alseium Theatre next Wednesday night. A good program will be given and admission will be free.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Bunn, Jr. and son of Romeo, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Wheeler of Holly, were week-end guests at the home of their brother, D. B. Bunn.

Miss Lizzie Coates who is spending the winter in California writes The Record that she is having a delightful time.

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The divorce court was busy during the year just closed, there having been 316 bills for divorce filed with the county clerk for the year in comparison with 261 during 1922.



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