

**Waterford Genealogical Society
E-Newsletter**

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The Waterford Genealogical Society meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Community Room of the [Waterford Twp Public Library](#). *Tip: click on the blue hyperlinks for more information*

During inclement weather, we will not meet if the library or Waterford Schools are closed.

Greetings from the [Waterford Genealogical Society](#)!

All **WGS** meetings are open to the Public and take place in the library. **Non-members** are welcome to attend. Membership in the Society is available with payment of the annual \$10 membership fee and provides voting rights. For more information contact Kelcey Evan: Kelcey100@gmail.com . A membership form may be found at the end of this newsletter.

Evening Meetings: For those genealogists interested in an evening meeting, WGS meets on the second Thursday of each month during the school year from September through June from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

No Thursday Evening meetings in July and August.

WGS Meetings

If you are ready to reveal to the Society your 'infamous, notorious or just plain amazing, weird, troublesome relatives' and not the ones you have 'unfriended' from facebook, (because they would be living and we don't do living) please contact Dot LaLone to schedule your presentation. Contact [Dot LaLone](#)

Date: January 20, 2016

Topic: Smith Family, Pushing Back the Tree. A case study. Kim will share the methods she used to crack her brickwall and find the right Smith family to follow.

Presenter: Kim Smith

Date: February 3, 2016

Topic: A look at Legacy: one of the most popular family tree programs, followed by a Round Table

Presenter: Chuck Dewey and Dot LaLone

Date: February 17, 2016

Topic: Seeking Michigan: Tips and Techniques for a more successful search. Followed by a look at other databases

Presenter: Amy Slagle

1st Wednesday's- Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach will host a Germanic Interest Group meeting on the 1st Wed after our business meeting at 3pm.

2nd Thursday EVENING MEETING- 7:00-8:30. Germanic Interest Group, **1st half-hour**

Feb 11: Library Research; **March 10:** Great Britain research-- England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Isle of Man

WGS NEWS

WGS has a great **Facebook** page. It is being updated regularly with interesting genealogical related items. Everyone is welcome. Visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordGenealogicalSociety>

SAVE THE DATE: April 16, 2016. 13th Annual Waterford Genealogical Society Lock-In

- Some of our most popular speakers are back: Kris Rzepczynski, Katherine Willson, Karen Krugman and Dr. Jim Sims.
- Ancestry.com has offered some great door prizes again!

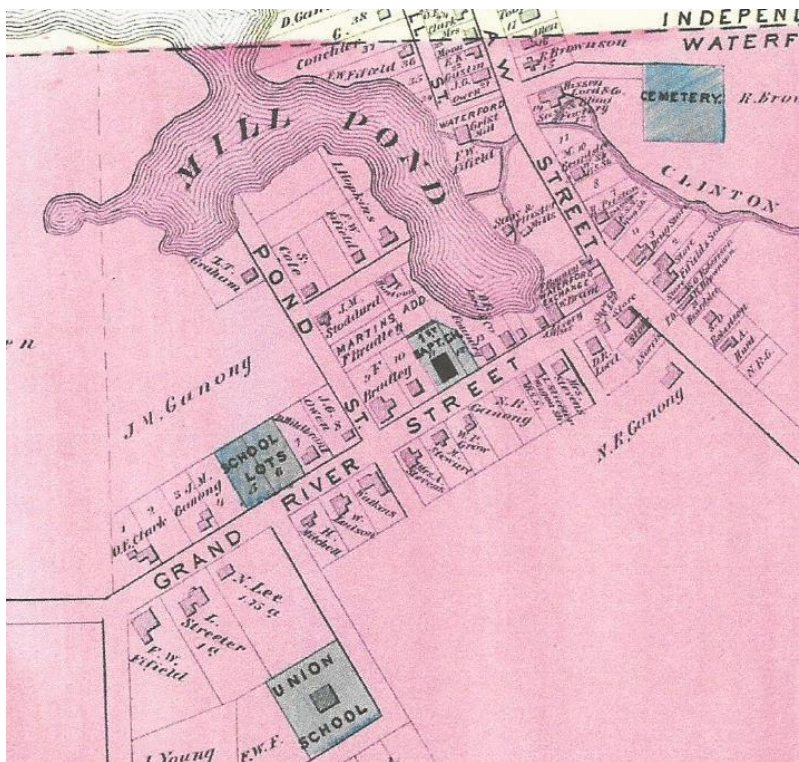
Watch for details in February

Of Waterford Interest

Sandy Kinter, a WGS member, has been researching the Village of Waterford. She will be contributing a special series of articles for our newsletter.

This is the last Waterford Village biography to appear. It has been requested that the biographies continue for future issues. So, starting in February 2016, biographies done by Waterford Township section numbers will be offered. The first section will be Section 16 which is where the Waterford Township Civic Center is located. The format will be the same, comparing the 1872 plat map of Waterford Township to the 1870 census for the township, and reporting on the family who resides on the property.

Sandy Kinter



Residents of the Village of Waterford, Michigan in 1872

**John G. Owen
Maria A. Sabine
Lucia Greenleaf**

J. G. Owen is the owner of Lot 8 in the 1872 village of Waterford. This property, with a house, was on the northwest corner of Grand River Street (Andersonville Road) and Pond Street (Pontiff Street). J.G. Owen also

owned forty acres on the west end of Waterford village where Depot Street (Airport Road) meets Grand River Street.

In the 1870 census, John G. Owen is found on page 236, 5th Ward, East Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan. John is 45 years old, his occupation is recorded as Merchant, and he was born in England. Also recorded is John's wife, Lucia, age 37, born in New York, and children Maria, age 23; John E., age 21; Joseph D. age 18; Sophia, age 16; Ella, age 14; William, age 9; Edward, age 7; and James, age 3. All the children were born in Michigan. (1) The Owen family is recorded in Clarkston, Michigan for the 1860 census. John's wife in 1860 is Maria A., age 36, born in England. (2)

John G. Owen was born 28 March 1824, in Woodchurch, Kent, England, the son of Dive Owen and Elizabeth Woodland. (3) A biography found in the Michigan Volume of the *American Biographical History*, 1878, pages 39-40, says that John G. Owen arrived in New York City, in 1842 and first settled in Pittsford, Monroe County, New York. In 1843 he moved to Armada, Macomb County, Michigan and in June 1846 moved to Clarkston, Oakland County. John G. Owen purchased the Waterford flour mills in 1860 and in 1863 moved to Waterford. In 1865, for business reasons, the Owen family moved to East Saginaw. (3) This explains John G. Owen's connection to the village of Waterford. John G. Owen died 9 December 1901, in Pontiac, Michigan. (4) He is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (6)

In April 1846, Detroit, John married his first wife, Maria A. Sabine, daughter of John Sabine and Maria Hix. (3)(5) Maria was born in 1824, in England and died in 1867. (5)(6) She is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (6) The Find A Grave entry for Maria says she was born 30 July 1824 in Canterbury, Kent, England and died 21 September 1867 in Clarkston. With the online information available, the exact dates of birth and death cannot be verified. Maria's headstone only says 1824-1867. (6)

John Sabine, a saddler and harness maker, was born in Canterbury, England, in 1788. (5) He married Maria Hix in Canterbury. (5) In 1831 the family emigrated to the United States and first settled in Utica, New York. The Sabine family moved to Detroit in 1835. John and Maria moved to Clarkston in 1851 to be near their married daughters. (5) John Sabine died in Clarkston, 25 August 1852. (5)(6) He is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (6) Maria died 20 February 1871, in Detroit. (5)(6) She is also buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (6)

On 2 December 1869, in Saginaw, John G. Owen married his second wife, Lucia Ann Greenleaf. Her name is recorded as Laura A. on the marriage record. (7) Lucia was born 18 December 1830, Saratoga County, New York, the daughter of Flavel Greenleaf and Eunice Smith. (8) She died 21 Jun 1897, in Saginaw County, Michigan and is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (4)(6) Lucia's headstone says she was born in 1832. (6) John and Lucia had one child, a daughter, Goertner Greenleaf Owen, 1876-1947. (3)(9) Goertner G. Owen is buried with her parents in Lakeview Cemetery. The Find A Grave entry incorrectly says she is a son of John G. Owen and Lucia Greenleaf. (6)

Flavel Greenleaf was born 18 October 1791, the son of Samuel Greenleaf and Rhoda Louisa Knight. (8) A marriage intention between Flavel Greenleaf and Eunice Smith was recorded on 14 October 1815, in Gill, Franklin County, Massachusetts. (10) They were married 31 October 1815, in Marlboro, Windham County, Vermont. (11) Eunice was born 9 March 1794, in Guilford, Vermont. (8) Her parents are unknown.

In 1831 the Greenleaf family moved to Michigan. (8) F. Greenleaf is residing in Macomb County in the 1840 census. (12) In the 1850 census, page 314, Independence Township, Oakland County, is recorded Flaval Greenleaf, age 52 (58?), born in Vermont, Lucy Ann, age 18, born in New York, Rhody, age 13, and Amos, age 12, both born in Michigan. Find A Grave has an entry for Eunice Greenleaf, died 5 August 1847, aged 53 years, 4 months, and 27 days, wife of F. Greenleaf, buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. (6) Also buried in Lakeview Cemetery is F. Greenleaf, died 13 October 1850, age 58 years, 11 months, and 26 days. (6)

Flavel Greenleaf's family line has been traced back to Edmund Greenleaf who settled in Newbury, Massachusetts before 1638. (8)(13). Among Flavel's ancestors is Edmund's grandson, Stephen Greenleaf, married 1 October 1676, in Newbury, to Elizabeth Gerrish, granddaughter of Percival Lowell. (8)(14) Percival Lowell is a Gateway Ancestor, his ancestry can be traced back to King Edward I of England. (15)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS, EVENTS, CONFERENCES IN OUR AREA

Visit these sites- each one has lots of great information and links

- **Waterford Township Public Library-, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, , Community Room.** Registration required.
 - **[Genealogy 103: January 16, 2016.](#)** Irvin Rabideau, B.S., M.A., M.S.L.S., A.B.D., is the instructor. Mr. Rabideau has been involved in genealogical research, teaching, and lecturing for over 40 years. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending. Topics covered include: newspapers, obituaries, biographical sources, probate records, probate records, immigration & ship passenger lists, and naturalization records.
 - **[Genealogy 104: February 6, 2016,](#)** Irvin Rabideau, B.S., M.A., M.S.L.S., A.B.D., is the instructor. It is recommended (but not required) that you attend Genealogy 101 or have some experience before attending. Topics covered include: military records, land records, tax records and source citation techniques.
- **[Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society](#)** (OCPHS) 405 Cesar Chavez Ave. Pontiac, MI
Their hours may vary due to the schedules of their volunteers. To ensure that a volunteer will be here to assist you, please call ahead before visiting. As a general guideline, the office is now open **Tuesday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Our [Research Library](#) is also open Tuesday - Thursday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **The library is closed the first week of January.**

- SMALL TALK SERIES Sunday afternoons beginning at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$5 or FREE to new members who join or renew the day of the event. Registration is not required but is recommended due to limited seating. Light refreshments are served.
 - **January 17, 2016: Behind the Mic** presented by Robert Dustman, a retired broadcaster, reporter, anchor and news director. He will be discussing his book and his journey in radio and television broadcasting. From a campus radio station at CMU, to a sportscaster in Cadillac and his career in the Detroit area.
 - **February 21, 2016: Octagon House in Washington Township** with William Grandstaff
 - **March 6, 2016: Water Walkers - Experience the Journey** with Carol Ann Trembath
 - **April 17, 2016: RMS Titanic** with Larry Hathcock
 - **May 1, 2016: Kit Homes of the 20th Century** with Ron Campbell

- **Oakland Co. Genealogical Society** St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 N Adams Rd, Troy, 7:00 p.m. The details of the Salt Lake City Research trip to the Family History Library have been posted on their website at: <http://www.ocgsmi.org/cpage.php?pt=22>.
 - **February 2, 2016:** Extra!! Extra!! Read All About It! We as genealogists tend to think of one thing when we think of newspapers - Obituaries. Karen Krugman will show many other things that can be found by spending just a bit of time reading and surfing the newspapers in your ancestor's home town.
 - **March 1, 2016:** Birmingham Pioneer Families: Pam DeWeese will introduce listeners to Birmingham's three earliest settlers; John West Hunter, Elijah Willits and John Hamilton. It will place them in the context of what was happening in Michigan and the country in 1818.

- **Farmington Genealogical Society:** meets at the **Downtown Branch of the Farmington Library, located at 23500 Liberty Street in Farmington.** 6:30 p.m.
 - **January 19, 2016:** Breaking Brick Walls with Facebook's 5,000+ Genealogy Groups. National public speaker and professional genealogist, Katherine R. Willson, will present the many faces of a favorite resource among genealogical researchers -- that of Facebook.
 - **February 16, 2016:** Life In An Asylum. FGS member, Maureen Prest, gives a brief description of the history of the psychiatric institutions from the medieval era until today.

- **Detroit Society for Genealogical Research:** Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI. 10:30 am, Detroit Public Library Explorer's Room. Note: Free fenced-in parking is available for all Saturday Library events on the south (Putnam Street) side of the Library.
 - **February 20, 2016, Saturday.** New York Research. Bill Ruddock, contributing editor of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Register and current editor of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research Magazine will discuss what resources are available for conducting research in New York. Since New York has almost no vital records until very late, Bill will show where to find church, census, tax, court, manorial, military, lease records, merchant, estate papers, and other records.
 - **March 12, 2016, Saturday.** Annual Bus Trip to the Allen County Public Library Fort Wayne, Indiana. Look for details later.

SHARING NOTES FROM THE NET

Below are submissions, from the internet, our members thought might be of interest to other genealogists

- [Genealogy Quest](#) – Genealogy Quest has been building client family trees and providing top quality free genealogy research assistance on the internet for over fifteen years. All of their genealogy collections are free and new files are added weekly.

Their online [Genealogical Glossaries](#) are free for you to use and include definitions of many terms from old time medicine and occupations to Latin and abbreviations – a “must have” research aid for any genealogist working on their family tree.

[Glossary of Terms- Follow the Links for the lists.](#)

[Relationship terms explained](#) – with diagrams.

[Abbreviations](#) – A list of common abbreviations used in genealogy.

[Diseases](#) – A list of by-gone and technical medical terms to aid in understanding a death certificate, military medical record or published sources.

[Epidemics](#) – While not a glossary as such, this list of known epidemics that swept areas of the United States makes a handy reference when seeking out individuals whom disappear suddenly and seemingly without trace.

[Latin](#) – Here we include useful words and phrases for latin, the language of the church and the law, a very useful reference when working in older records for the first time.

[Occupations](#) – The names of many occupations and professions have altered through the years, this list attempts to bridge the gap for modern researchers.

[Terminology](#) – This is a catch-all list of the terminology used specifically in genealogy.

- An excerpt for [Ancestral Findings](#)

There is a lot of guesswork and uncertainty in genealogy. People in the past may have put the wrong information on old records, either from genuinely not knowing, or from having something they wanted to hide. Mistakes can be made in transcriptions of documents from one location to another; even tombstones are known to sometimes have mistakes on them from the stone cutter. Census takers make mistakes in the spellings of names (and even dates and places of birth of the householders they enumerate). Those who published family genealogies back in the 19th century, when this was a popular thing to do, often relied on legend, gossip, and the erroneous family stories other people gave them.

There is a lot of room for human error in genealogy research. Genealogy is never a 100 percent sure thing. Even the best, most carefully carried out research can still potentially be proven wrong by a future researcher who discovers a clue no one ever noticed or that has just come to light.

Here are five ways you can tell if your genealogy research is most likely correct.

1. You Have Found the Same Information in More Than One Set of Records

The more often a family relationship, name, birth or death date, marriage date, or other important piece of family information is repeated through various record sets, the more likely it is to be correct, especially if the records are primary records (records generated at the time of the event they mention). For example:

- Birth and death certificates
- Old newspaper birth and death announcements or other articles
- Wills
- Military records

2. Your Research Matches the Research of Other People

If you can find other people who have worked on the same line, try matching up your research with theirs. In fact, the more people you find who have done the same research and whose research is identical to yours, the more sure you can be that your research is correct.

3. You Can Reverse Engineer Someone Else's Work

Use the stated sources and find them yourself. It is always good genealogical practice to look at the original record in any case. You may find information on it the original researcher missed. If you can go through all the sources the author used and still come to the same conclusions as him or her, then you can be as sure as you can be that your research is successful.

4. Look for Confirmation for Your Wild Assumptions

Sometimes, in genealogy research, we have to take a leap of faith in our conclusions due to a lack of solid evidence. If you have made a large assumption in your research, look for secondary evidence to back it up. The more secondary evidence you can find, the better. Once you've accumulated enough of it, you are at a point of being as sure as you can be about the accuracy of this line.

Keep looking for a primary source, even if you have a lot of secondary evidence. Just because you haven't found one yet doesn't mean it doesn't exist. It may be out there waiting for you to find it.

5. Get DNA Evidence

While still relatively new to the world of genealogy, DNA has a remarkable ability to prove and disprove family relationships that would once have been impossible to confirm. While DNA may not be able to tell you the exact names of your particular ancestors, it can definitely put you in a suspected ancestor's family (or take you out of it) without a doubt.

The more people you can get to take the test, the more accurate your results will be, especially if one person doesn't match up with all of the rest of the people who tested into the family. DNA offers about the surest way to confirm the success of your genealogy research, as there is no room for human error in DNA results.

Genealogy is imprecise and uncertain by nature. You can make sure your genealogy research is as accurate and successful as it can be by using the five tips above.

- **New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) Partners with the Congregational Library & Archives to Digitize Early Church Records.** — New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is pleased to announce its participation in New England's Hidden Histories: Providing Public Access to the Manuscripts of New England's First Churches, Incubators of American Democracy. NEHGS, the Congregational Library & Archives (CLA), the Phillips Library of the Peabody Essex Museum, and the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ have received a grant of \$210,000 from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) in support of the New England's Hidden Histories program. The grant will enable the digitization of 28,000 pages of manuscript church records, personal papers of pastors and deacons, and ministerial conference records, dating from 1641 to the mid-1800s.
- [Seeking Michigan](#) will soon be rolling out the images for deaths occurring in 1940. Images may not be released until 75 years has passed and while the Archives have been preparing for this release- the process is not a simple one. The work their staff does is greatly appreciated.

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The society will promote and encourage an interest in genealogy among its members and the general public. Working closely with the Waterford Township Public Library, the society aims to educate and enhance research opportunities.

2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

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City, State & Zip code: _____

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