

WGS SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM
Please Use Separate Form for Each Registrant

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City & Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

_____ Seminar Fee \$25 _____ Number attending \$ _____

_____ WGS Membership Dues \$15.00 (OPTIONAL, membership not required to attend) \$ _____

Class Size is limited: Register early for best choice.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make your check or money-order payable to the **Waterford Genealogical Society**

Mail To: WGS Seminar
P.O. Box 300162
Waterford, MI 48330

No Refunds after April 10, 2025

The Waterford Township Public Library is a Family Search Affiliate Library.

Through this partnership with FamilySearch.org and the Family Search Center, researchers at the Seminar and at the WTPL Library will be able to view most digital images of record sets that were previously only available at the *Family Search Center* in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Need Help?

We will have volunteers available to guide you with your research, finding answers to questions, breaking through brick walls, or navigating online databases.

CLASS PREFERENCES If you would like to attend a class/classes, please place a **CHECK MARK** ✓ for the class of your choice (one class per period).

Period I (1:00-2:15) _____ **Class 1:** Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors (Key-Note)

Period II (2:30-3:45) _____ **Class 2:** Genealogy of a House _____ **Class 3:** Pardon my French

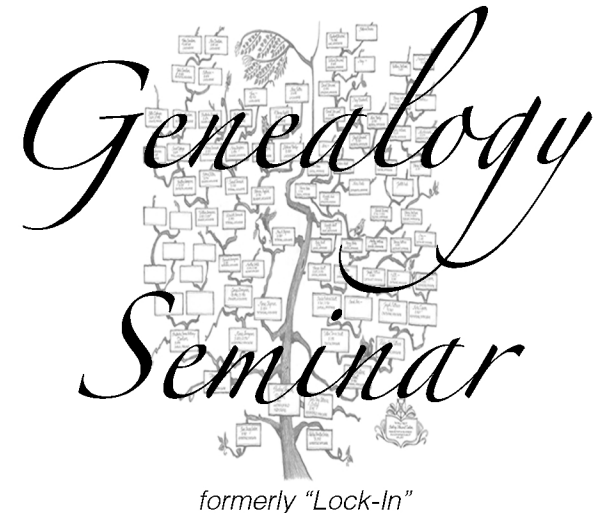
Break (3:45-4:30) _____ **Beverages & Desserts**

Period III (4:30-5:45) _____ **Class 4:** Exit Enter Commit _____ **Class 5:** A Bit of British and a Dash of Irish

Full Title and Description of each Class is listed in the Class Syllabus

*The
Waterford Genealogical Society
And The
Waterford Township Public Library*

Invite you to join us at our 19th



*April 26
2025*

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

*Enjoy an afternoon of
Classes, Research, Discussion*

WATERFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S

Genealogy Seminar

Date: April 26, 2025
Time: 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Check-In: 12:30 P.M.

Location: Waterford Public Library
5168 Civic Center Dr
Waterford, MI

Cost: \$25.00

Included: Beverages and Desserts
Door Prizes

Deadlines: No refund after April 10th

More Information:

waterfordgenealogicalsociety@gmail.com

Seating Is Limited So Register Early

SCHEDULE

Check-In: 12:30 P.M.
Welcome/Announcements: 12:45 P.M.
Classes: 1:00 P.M. - 5:45 P.M.

Research on Computers:
Computers with Databases: Ancestry-LE,
My Heritage-LE, FamilySearch.org,
American Ancestors - NEHGS



If you have a laptop or tablet with wireless capabilities, you are welcome to bring it and have access to all the Library's databases.

Bring a USB flash drive to save information

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CLASS SYLLABUS

Period 1 1:00 - 2:15

1. Beyond Dry Facts: Telling the Stories of Your Ancestors

Laura Hedgecock, Presenter. Go beyond the "dry facts." Keep researching to find the circumstances, or context, of your stories. Speaker Laura Hedgecock will delve into finding rich context that makes genealogical stories more intellectually and emotionally impactful and create an accurate understanding of history

Laura Hedgecock is an author, speaker, freelance writer and GeneaBlogger passionate about helping others tell stories which connect loved ones with their family and ancestry.

Period 2 2:30 - 3:45

2. Genealogy of a House

Jill Arnold, Public Services Unit Manager, Archives of Michigan, Presenter. Interested in researching your home? This program will review several archival and Michigan State library resources that provide clues into the history of buildings.

3. Pardon my French ~ a Beginner's Look at French-Canadian Research

Sally Strait, Presenter. In this session we will take a short look at connecting your U.S. ancestors to French-Canada. We will explore some tips and techniques learned during my own research leading to Quebec. From a non-French speaking perspective, we will look at my favorite online resources, kinds of documents available and some simple translation of the documents you may find.

Period 3 4:30 - 5:45

4. Exit Enter Commit: Emigration, Immigration, and Naturalization

Thomas Koselka, Presenter. This session explores the historical movement of people from Europe to North America, examining emigration records from European departure points, immigration documentation at US and Canadian ports of entry, and the evolving US naturalization process. The presentation reveals how citizenship requirements have changed over time and highlights surprising historical facts such as specific conditions that could cause women to lose their American citizenship status.

5. A Bit of British and a Dash of Irish ~ Research in Great Britain

Julia Hanneman-Shoenbach, Presenter. We will explore resources in Great Britain, mainly England but also touching on Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Ireland.