

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>



April 26  
2025

1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

*Enjoy an afternoon of  
Classes, Research, Discussion*

WATERFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S  
*Genealogy Seminar*

<b>Date:</b>	April 26, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	1:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M.
<b>Check-In</b>	12:30 P.M.
<b>Location:</b>	Waterford Public Library 5168 Civic Center Dr Waterford, MI
<b>Cost:</b>	\$25.00
<b>Included:</b>	Beverages and Desserts Door Prizes
<b>Deadlines:</b>	No refund after April 10th
<b>More Information:</b>	<a href="mailto:waterfordgenealogicalsociety@gmail.com">waterfordgenealogicalsociety@gmail.com</a>

**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.