



36th ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY, MI
SATURDAY April 13, 2013
at the Monroe County Community College
A Day with Paula Stuart-Warren

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Registration and Welcome (coffee and donuts)

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Deeds in the Courthouse: More than Land

Mention the word deed to a family historian and probably the first thing that comes to mind is a land transaction. If you have studied original, microfilmed, or abstracted deeds you know they cover other types of transactions and can provide details you may not find elsewhere. Names, relationships, parentage, ages, death, marriage, and family disputes are found as slaves, land, equipment, mules and more are conveyed. Most Midwestern deeds are dull compared to some of the Southern ones yet they do contain some of these family details. When this hour is over you will be itching to read deed books no matter where your ancestors lived!

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Your anytime Library: Success in the Virtual Stacks

Rather research than count sheep? Peruse books at any hour without starting the car or breaking into the library? County, town, and family histories, record abstracts, and more await. Digitized, photocopied, excerpted, abstracted, OCRd, and indexed books provide a strong likelihood of success via your computer and that medium called the Internet. Add newspapers, documents, family trees, pension records, periodicals, and more to the accessible items and you might be housebound for days (months?). During this session we will concentrate on books. Finding books online might be as simple as typing the title in your favorite search engine and enclosing it in quotation marks. Your search engine (i.e. Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc) is your best friend. The majority of the material listed in the handout for this lecture are links to FREE sites.

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch (Catered or visit a local restaurant)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

What next? Developing Step by Step research plans

From the analysis of known information to the creation of research goals for finding the elusive answers, your research success ratio is improved with careful planning and use of proven techniques. Taking and dissecting raw data so that a beneficial detailed research plan evolves is easier than you might think. What do you do next with those documents, letters, family stories, and other items you found or were sent by your aunt and second cousin Mary? Failure to make a research plan runs the risk of overlooking important clues in the records we already have and repeating the same research. This session includes “hands-on” exercises. A research plan is truly not a daunting task.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records

So many researchers put up artificial brick walls because their ancestors weren't land owners, were perennial renters staying one step ahead of the bill collector, or didn't leave behind a ten page will listing all the children. Many researchers figure that the trail runs cold, but that is far from the truth. Our poorer relatives are traceable, and, because they were poor and often needed some kind of assistance, may have left more helpful records than one might think. Some of the record keepers made side comments about our poorer ancestors in these records which may lead to other sources and relationships. The various records, sources for tracking them down, and dealing with the sometimes painful aspects of the information found will be discussed. Visuals will demonstrate the extensive information which may be found. The examples span many states and time periods and both private organizations and government agencies at many levels.

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VENDORS – GENEALOGY BY COMPUTER DEMONSTRATIONS ALL DAY – RAFFLE

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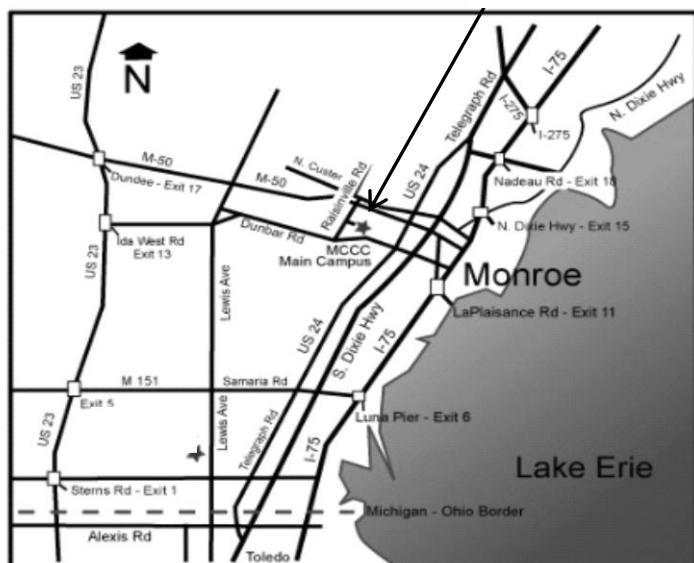
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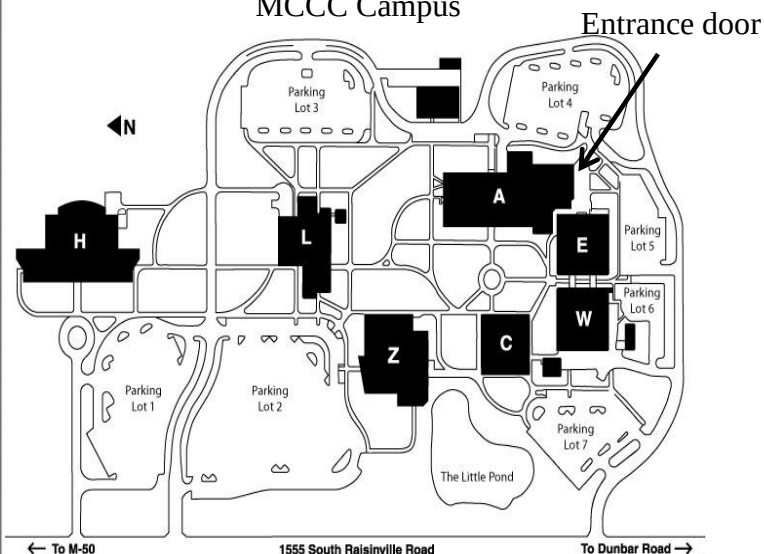
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Since the early 1980s **Paula Stuart-Warren, CGSM** has worked full time in the area of genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She attended the weeklong U.S. National Institute of Genealogical Research held at the National Archives. In 1988, she earned her national certification from the Board for Certification of Genealogists and has passed the every-five-year renewal assessments since then. She is a firm believer in continuing education in genealogy and strives to keep up-to-date by participating in national and local conferences, as well as reading the publications of many genealogical and historical organizations.

She served two years as a national officer of the Association of Professional Genealogists and has been a APG Committee Chair. Paula served six years as a board member of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. Paula is an active volunteer in genealogical, historical, and professional organizations. She has served on Program Committees for the National Genealogical Society and Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences and currently serves on the FGS Board of Directors and FGS Conference Planning Committee.

She has written articles for *Ancestry.com*, the *Minnesota Genealogist*, *Digital Genealogist*, *FGS Forum*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *NewEnglandAncestors.org*, *NGS NewsMagazine*, and *Ancestry Magazine*. She authored *Minnesota Genealogical Reference Guide* now in its 7th edition. She coauthored the best-selling *Your Guide to the Family History Library: How to Access the World's Largest Genealogy Resource*. Her own blog is at <http://paulastuartwarren.blogspot.com/>.

Mail this registration form (for each person attending) and registration fee (\$US) made out to GSMC to:
Larry Wilson, 721 Strawberry Street, Dundee, MI 48131 – 1042

If you have questions, please e-mail gsmcmi@gsmcmi.org or phone (734-529-2216).

Please print legibly:

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____
Address _____ E-Mail* _____
City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____ - _____

Registrations received by April 3rd will be included in the Surname Index. Please **PRINT** surnames.

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3 _____ 4 _____

Because of changes at the college regarding food, we can no longer bring food into the college for our seminar. A caterer will provide a box lunch.

Registration is fee is \$23, for an additional \$7 lunch will be provided for those registering by April 3rd.

All lunches will contain half a thick-stacked sandwich, kettle style chips, fresh cut fruit salad, & pasta salad. Coffee and water will be available. Soft drinks can be purchased from vending machines in the cafeteria.

Menu choices (please select one):

- ☐ Smoked turkey with cheese
- ☐ Hickory ham with cheese
- ☐ Signature chicken salad
- ☐ No lunch

If special dietary requirement, please note (ex. gluten or other food allergy) _____

**e-mail addresses are not shared; we only use them to contact you, if needed, regarding your registration.*