43rd ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF MONROE COUNTY, MI
SATURDAY March 21, 2020
at the Monroe County Community College
Featuring Kristine Smets

Registration and Welcome (coffee and donuts)

Immigrants from Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg
Who were they? Why did they leave? When did they arrive? How did they get here? Where did they settle? This lecture hopes to answer all your questions about immigration from the Low Countries to North America.

Break

How to Find U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Records
Learn how to find clues about your 19th and 20th century ancestors’ immigration in records such as passenger databases, port of departure lists, border crossing reports, passport applications, naturalization petitions and more.

Lunch

Introduction to Researching Your Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Ancestors
This lecture will provide an overview of the most important records in these three countries, show you what you can find on-line, and help you interpret the documents even if you don’t know Dutch, French or German.

Break

Going Beyond: Using Other Records to Tell Your Low Countries’ Ancestors Story
While civil registration and parish records in Belgium and The Netherlands allow the genealogist to go back many generations, there are other records that can help you fill in the details of your ancestor’s life. This lecture will show you how population registers, military records, land records and more, can bring your family history to life.

Cost is $30 if you register before March 11, 2020

VENDORS — RAFFLE
Mail this registration form (1 for each person attending) and registration fee (in US$) made out to GSMC, to: Nancy Mattox, 4913 Luann Avenue, Toledo, OH 43623-3833
If you have questions, please e-mail gsmcmi@gsmcmi.org.
Please print legibly:

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☐ Please check the box if you plan to eat lunch in the college cafeteria. (Lunch is not included in the registration fee.)

Registrations received by March 11th will be included in the Surname Index. Please PRINT no more than 4 surnames.

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Registration is fee is $30 for those registering by March 11th, $35 for late registrations. NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 12, 2020.

Kristine Smets, founder and sole researcher at Chainlines LLC, holds a history degree from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, a Masters of Arts in History degree from Kent State University and a Masters in Library Science degree, also from Kent State University. A native of Antwerp, Belgium, Kristine is fluent in English, Dutch and French and makes frequent research trips abroad.

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