



# MICHIGAN GERMANIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Exploring Michigan's Germanic family history heritage

## Willkommen

### WE ARE BACK AND STARTING A NEW YEAR

In 2022, after missing the last meeting of 2021 and the first one of 2022, MIGGS is emerging with a new board and new ideas. The board has come out of that period with a keen desire to take the next step to solidifying the society's future. The board decided that since we are a statewide society, we will continue with virtual meetings, via Zoom. Many of our members are from around the state and we want to provide access to programs for all our members.

One change that needs to be brought to our reader's attention is that our meetings will now be held on the second Monday of September, November, March, and May at 7:30 p.m.

Members will automatically receive Zoom invitations for their use. If non members would like to attend our virtual meetings they need to email [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org) for the invite. All meetings are free and open to the public.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

Julia Hanneman- Schoenbach will present "Beginning Germanic Research" at the Monday, September 12th 7:30 p.m. meeting. Attendees will be exploring how to find where in "Germany" our folks came from, looking at the language and writing, and online resources to search. There will be time for questions. A brief business meeting will be held after Julia's presentation. Those in attendance at the business meeting will be eligible for a door prize.

Julia's bio can be found at <https://miggs.org/event/beginning-germanic-research/>

### WRITERS WANTED

MIGGS newsletter editor is inviting you to share your story with other readers who have an interest in Germanic genealogy. Ideas to consider include, but are not limited to, a research success story, how to use Germanic resources, tips for reading German script, DNA, how you made a cousin connection, a favorite website or book, a family story, a family recipe, or an item you think would be of interest to MiGGS's members. Submit your article at [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org). Articles can be from a half page long to four pages. If you have an idea for a longer article, consider breaking it up into parts.

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#### NOVEMBER MEETING

"Exploring the Recruitment of Germans to Michigan" with Brenda Leyndyke

Monday, November 14, 2022  
7:30 p.m.

Did you know that Michigan was the first state to employ Immigration agents? Once Michigan became a state it was growing as a state, but it wasn't growing with foreigners. Join MIGGS to explore the conditions which enticed Germans to migrate to Michigan; learn how the recruitment process worked, the laws that encouraged immigration, and resources available for genealogists.

Brenda's bio can be found at <https://miggs.org/event/exploring-the-recruitment-of-germans-to-michigan/>

## OUR MEMBERS

### Paul Roltsch – President

Paul graduated in 1982 from Michigan State University with a BS in Analytical Chemistry. He has been doing his genealogy for the last 25 years with one fraternal ancestor from Hamburg and Uthelde. Paul's wife's family is from Germany as well. He has worked with various statewide volunteer organizations for the past 30 years including a stint where he worked for the State of Michigan Education Technology Plan back in the 1990's. He has a technology background having worked in Software Development for a Michigan company. He is currently the Newsletter Editor for the Michigan Genealogical Council.



### Your query could be here!

Submit a query asking for information about your family and let others help you in your research. Submit queries to [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org). Put Query in the subject line.

## JOIN US ON THIS LIST

We all wear many hats – the Board of Directors do the following tasks and are looking for volunteers.

**Webmaster** – Paul Roltsch

**Zoom Meeting Specialist** – Rodger Wolf

**Social Media** – Shannon Gordon, Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach, and Brenda Leyndyke

**Resource Librarian** – Shannon Gordon

**Newsletter** – Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach

**Brochures/Publicity** – Brenda Leyndyke

**Membership** – Ed Redmer

### Michigan Genealogical Council

**Delegates** – Brenda Leyndyke and Paul Roltsch

### International Germanic

### Genealogical Partners

**Representative** – Paul Roltsch

If you would like to join our team in any of these capacities, please email [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org).



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## WE WANT YOU

Don't groan, I don't know of any genealogical society that can run without volunteers. MiGGS is no different. Your board of directors has been busy over the summer getting the society up and running after a COVID hiatus. The board has updated the bylaws, created a policy and procedure manual, updated the bank signature cards, created a brochure, planned programs, and discussed ways to provide the best value for our membership.

Now, the board would like your help. The board of directors has one open position, the Vice President. The Vice President oversees programs and publicity. The program planning is done for 2022-2023. Publicity entails entering events to online program databases and letting others know about us.

The other ways you can volunteer is to write articles for the newsletter, be a newsletter editor, or insert your own idea here.

If you would like to join MiGGS in one of these positions, please let one of the officers know or email [President@miggs.org](mailto:President@miggs.org)

## WHY JOIN MIGGS?

If you already belong to my local genealogical society. Why should I join MiGGS?

If you have ancestors in Germanic areas of Europe, joining a society that specializes in Germanic genealogy can be helpful to your research. Joining MiGGS has the following benefits:

- Free 30-minute consultation with a skilled German researcher
- At least four informative meetings with Germanic genealogical interest
- Quarterly newsletter with information and updates.
- Notices by postcard or email of program meetings
- Information on workshops and seminars of Germanic interest
- Speakers and presentations virtually presented with Zoom
- Networking opportunity with others who are doing similar research
- Notifications of events that explore the rich Germanic heritage in Michigan

All this for the cost of \$20 Individual and \$30 Household membership. A membership form is on the last page of this newsletter. If you are already a member, thank you!

## 2022-2023 PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

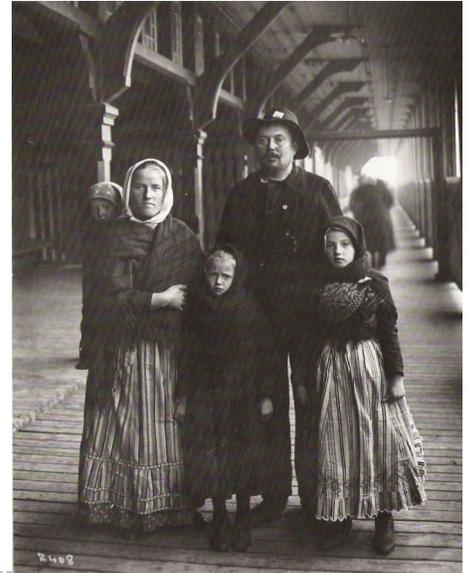
The following programs will be presented virtually via Zoom on the second Monday of September, November, March, and May, at 7:30 pm. **Please note that our meetings will be held on Monday nights until further notice.** Members will receive a Zoom invitation. Nonmembers will need to email [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org) for Zoom information.

**September 12:** Beginning Germanic Research with Julia Hanneman-Schoenbach

**November 14:** Exploring the Recruitment of Germans to Michigan with Brenda Leyndyke

**March 13:** Program presented by the Frankenmuth Historical Association

**May 8:** German Resources at the Library of Michigan with Kendall Darragh



*“Don’t forget to join us on the second Monday’s of September, November, March, and May”*

## FORT WAYNE HOSTS IGGP CONFERENCE

Fort Wayne, Indiana, “a most German town,” will be the site of the International German Genealogy Partnership (IGGP) 2023 Conference. Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center will be the local host for the conference which will be held on Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11.

The conference will be held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in downtown Fort Wayne. The three-day conference will be filled with presentations and activities tailored to the German genealogist. International in scope the IGGP Conference focuses on the history and genealogy of those with German Ancestry.

A Partnership Leadership Day will be held on June 8, 2023.

Three hotels have been designated as conference hotels—Courtyard, Hampton Inn, and Hilton. The Hilton is adjacent to the Grand Wayne Convention Center. More information on hotel reservations can be found at the IGGP website: <https://iggp.org/cpage.php?pt=5> Make your reservations soon as hotels fill up fast.

For more information, go to the IGGP website [iggp.org](https://iggp.org)

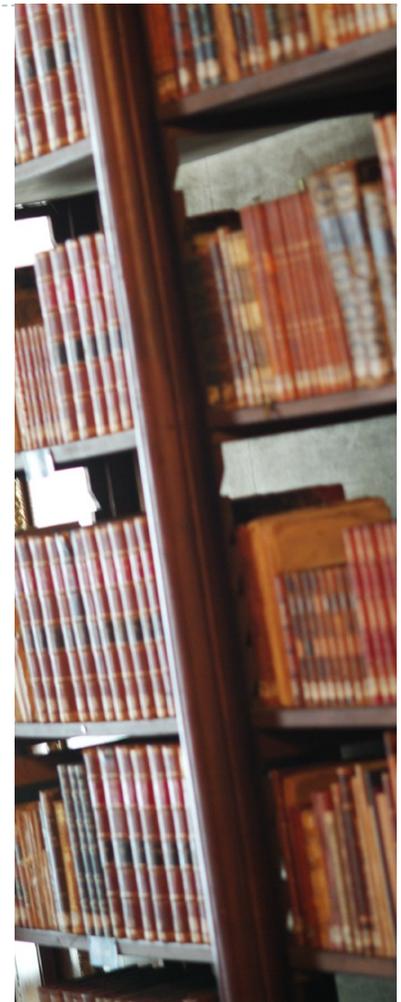
While in Fort Wayne be sure to visit the Allen County Genealogy Center. It is just steps away from the conference venue.

### IGGP Conference 2023



Crossroads and Connections:  
Find your Family Story

Wo Wege sich kreuzen:  
Finde Deine Familiengeschichte



## ABOUT MIGGS

### Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society

**President:** Paul Roltsch

**Vice President:** OPEN

**Secretary:** Brenda Leyndyke

**Treasurer:** Ed Redmer

**Director:** Shannon Gordon

**Director:** Rodger Wolf

**Director:** Julia Hanneman-  
Schoenbach

Complete bio's are available at  
our website: [https://miggs.org/  
about/](https://miggs.org/about/)

The purpose of the Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society is:

1. To promote the study of and interest in the immigration of people of Germanic heritage to America.
2. To exchange cultural information relating to the times, life, and society of Germanic immigrants and their descendants.
3. To encourage and provide the means for members to share their genealogical findings through meeting and newsletters and to promote the collection and preservation of such materials.

## FIND MIGGS

**ON THE WEB:** <https://miggs.org/>

**ON FACEBOOK:** [Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society](#)

**BY EMAIL:** [info@miggs.org](mailto:info@miggs.org)

### Please Join Us!

#### Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society Membership

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*We communicate often with email. MIGGS does not share contact information, it will not be published.

Our preferred method of sending meeting announcements is email. May we use email to communicate with you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Membership Type \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Household

Make checks payable to Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society and send to: Michigan Germanic Genealogical Society, c/o Ed Redmer, 7687 Nollar Rd., Whitmore Lake, MI 48189