

# Under the Thumb: Uncovering Your Family Roots in Southeast Michigan

## Thomas Koselka

### WASHTENAW COUNTY

#### Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County (GSWC)

Address: P.O. Box 7155, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Email: [wwwgswc@aol.com](mailto:wwwgswc@aol.com) Website: [washtenawgenealogy.org](http://washtenawgenealogy.org)

Hours: Library currently in storage (closed to public).

GSWC volunteer at Washtenaw County Clerk Vital Records every Thursday 10am–2pm (except holidays).

#### Washtenaw County Clerk – Vital Records & Register of Deeds

Address: 200 N. Main Street, Suite 120, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 (Vital Records); Suite 110 (Register of Deeds)

Phone: (734) 222-6700 | Register of Deeds: (734) 222-6710

Website: [washtenaw.org](http://washtenaw.org)

Hours: Regular county business hours. GSWC volunteer on-site Thursdays 10am–2pm (except holidays).

#### Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan

Address: 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2113

Phone: (734) 764-3482 Email: [bentley.ref@umich.edu](mailto:bentley.ref@umich.edu) Website: [bentley.umich.edu](http://bentley.umich.edu)

Hours: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm; Sat 9am–1pm. Closed Sundays and university holidays. Free and open to all; no appointment required.

#### Ann Arbor District Library (AADL)

Address: Multiple branches. Main: 343 S. Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI

Email: [archives@aadl.org](mailto:archives@aadl.org) Website: [aadl.org](http://aadl.org) | [oldnews.aadl.org](http://oldnews.aadl.org)

Hours: All locations: 10am–8pm daily, 7 days per week.

#### Washtenaw County Historical Society (WCHS)

Address: 500 N. Main Street (at Beakes & E. Kingsley), Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Phone: (734) 662-9092 Email: [wchs-500@ameritech.net](mailto:wchs-500@ameritech.net) Website: [washtenawhistory.org](http://washtenawhistory.org)

Hours: Sat–Sun: 12 noon–4pm. Weekdays by appointment.

#### Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) – Michigan Ave Branch

Address: 229 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 482-4110 Website: [ypsilibrary.org](http://ypsilibrary.org)

Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–9pm; Fri–Sat 10am–6pm; Sun: Closed.

#### Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) – Whittaker Branch

Address: 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: (734) 482-4110 Website: [ypsilibrary.org](http://ypsilibrary.org)

Hours: Mon–Thu 9am–9pm; Fri–Sat 10am–6pm; Sun 1–5pm.

#### LDS Family History Center – Saline

Address: 525 E. Woodland Drive, Saline, MI 48176

Website: [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

Hours: Mondays 10am–1pm; Saturdays 10am–1pm. Confirm hours before visiting.

## WAYNE COUNTY

### Wayne County Clerk – Vital Records

Address: 201 City County Bldg, Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: (313) 224-6262

Website: [waynecounty.com](http://waynecounty.com)

Hours: Regular county business hours (contact office for current schedule).

### Burton Historical Collection – Detroit Public Library

Address: 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: (313) 481-1401 Email: [bhc@detroitpubliclibrary.org](mailto:bhc@detroitpubliclibrary.org)

Website: [detroitpubliclibrary.org/research/burton-historical-collection](http://detroitpubliclibrary.org/research/burton-historical-collection)

Hours: Varies-see website . Email [bhc@detroitpubliclibrary.org](mailto:bhc@detroitpubliclibrary.org) to schedule.

### Downriver Genealogical Society (DRGS)

Address: P.O. Box 476, Lincoln Park, MI 48146

Website: [downrivergenealogy.org](http://downrivergenealogy.org)

Library Hours (Flat Rock) Hours: Library: Tuesdays 9am–1pm; Thursdays 10am–2pm.

### Wayne State University Archives

Address: 5401 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

Phone: (313) 577-4024 Website: [library.wayne.edu/collections/archives](http://library.wayne.edu/collections/archives)

Hours: Contact for current hours. Appointment recommended.

### Detroit Society for Genealogical Research (DSGR)

Address: c/o Burton Historical Collection, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

Website: [dsgr.org](http://dsgr.org)

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## MONROE COUNTY

### Monroe County Clerk – Vital Records

Address: 106 E 1st Street, Monroe, MI 48161

Phone: (888) 354-5500 Website: [co.monroe.mi.us/420/Genealogy-Research](http://co.monroe.mi.us/420/Genealogy-Research)

Hours: In-person genealogy research: Tues & Thu 9am–noon and 1–4pm. Also by email or U.S. mail.

### Monroe County Archives (Monroe County Historical Museum System)

Address: 126 S Monroe Street, Monroe, MI 48161

Phone: (734) 240-7780 | Archives: (734) 240-7790

Email: [history@monroemi.org](mailto:history@monroemi.org) Website: [co.monroe.mi.us/382/Monroe-County-Archives](http://co.monroe.mi.us/382/Monroe-County-Archives)

Hours: GSMC Archives (2nd floor): Wednesdays 11am–3pm (closed noon–1pm for lunch). Contact museum for main museum hours.

### Genealogical Society of Monroe County (GSMC)

Address: P.O. Box 1428, Monroe, MI 48161-6428

Website: [gsmcmi.org](http://gsmcmi.org)

Hours: Research room in Monroe County Historical Museum: Wednesdays 11am–3pm (closed noon–1pm).

## **Monroe County Library System – Mary K. Daume Library**

Address: 3700 S. Custer Road, Monroe, MI 48161

Phone: (734) 241-5277

Website: [monroecolib.org](http://monroecolib.org)

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## **LENAWEE COUNTY**

### **Lenawee County Clerk**

Address: Lenawee County Courthouse, 425 N Main Street, Adrian, MI 49221

Phone: (517) 264-4606      Website: [lenawee.mi.us](http://lenawee.mi.us)

Hours: Regular county business hours (contact for current schedule).

### **Lenawee Historical Society & Museum**

Address: 110 E Church Street, Adrian, MI 49221

Phone: (517) 265-6071      Email: [lenaweemuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:lenaweemuseum@yahoo.com)      Website: [lenaweehistoricalsociety.org](http://lenaweehistoricalsociety.org)

Hours: Friday 10am–2pm; Saturday 10am–2pm. Free and open to the public.

### **Adrian District Library**

Address: 143 E Maumee Street, Adrian, MI 49221

Phone: (517) 265-2265      Email: [adriandistrictlibrary@adrian.lib.mi.us](mailto:adriandistrictlibrary@adrian.lib.mi.us)      Website: [adrian.lib.mi.us](http://adrian.lib.mi.us)

### **Lenawee County Family Researchers (LCFR)**

Address: Sand Creek, MI (postal; contact by email)

Phone: (517) 436-3435      Website: [lcfamilyresearchers.wixsite.com/lcfr](http://lcfamilyresearchers.wixsite.com/lcfr)

### **Blissfield Area Historical Society & Depot Museum**

Address: 105 N Lane Street, Blissfield, MI 49228

Phone: (517) 403-2412      Email: [cjseiser@gmail.com](mailto:cjseiser@gmail.com)

### **Irish Hills Historical Society**

Address: 8433 US Highway 12, Onsted, MI 49265

Phone: (517) 467-5300      Email: [irishhillstowers@yahoo.com](mailto:irishhillstowers@yahoo.com)

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## **OAKLAND COUNTY**

### **Oakland County Clerk & Register of Deeds – Pontiac (Main)**

Address: 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341

Phone: (248) 858-0572      Website: [oakgov.com/clerkregister](http://oakgov.com/clerkregister) | [Online search: courts.oakgov.com/OakGnlg/](http://Online%20search%3A%20courts.oakgov.com/OakGnlg/)

Hours: Mon–Fri 8:00am–4:30pm. No appointment needed.

### **Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society (OCPHS) – Oakland History Center at Pine Grove**

Address: 405 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac, MI 48342

Phone: (248) 338-6732      Email: [office@ocphs.org](mailto:office@ocphs.org)      Website: [ocphs.org](http://ocphs.org)

Hours: Genealogy Research Room: Typically Tue–Thu 11am–4pm. Closed Pontiac school snow days. Contact for appointments outside posted hours.

### **Oakland County Genealogical Society (OCGS)**

Address: P.O. Box 1094, Birmingham, MI 48012-1094

Email: [info@ocgsmi.org](mailto:info@ocgsmi.org) Website: [ocgsmi.org](http://ocgsmi.org)

Hours: Monthly meetings (Sept–June), Zoom and in-person. See [ocgsmi.org](http://ocgsmi.org) for schedule.

### **Kresge Library – Oakland University**

Address: 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester, MI 48309

Website: [library.oakland.edu](http://library.oakland.edu)

### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan (Gayle Sweetwine Saini Memorial Library)**

Address: Holocaust Memorial Center, 2nd Floor, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Website: [jgsmi.org](http://jgsmi.org)

### **Holly Historical Society**

Address: 306 S Saginaw Street, Holly, MI 48442

Phone: (248) 634-7946 Email: [hollyhistoricalsoc@comcast.net](mailto:hollyhistoricalsoc@comcast.net)

### **Oakland Township Historical Society**

Address: 384 W Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363

Phone: (248) 651-7526 Email: [Othspresident@gmail.com](mailto:Othspresident@gmail.com)

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## **MACOMB COUNTY**

### **Macomb County Clerk – Vital Records**

Address: Macomb County Courthouse, 40 N Main Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: (810) 469-5120 Website: [macombgov.org](http://macombgov.org)

Hours: Regular county business hours (contact for current schedule).

### **Mount Clemens Public Library – Local History & Genealogy Room**

Address: 150 Cass Avenue, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: (586) 469-6200 Email: [info@mtclib.org](mailto:info@mtclib.org) Website: [mtclib.org/genealogy](http://mtclib.org/genealogy)

Hours: See [mtclib.org](http://mtclib.org) for current room hours. MCGG Friday Group: 1st Friday (Sept–June) 1:00pm. Let's Talk Genealogy: 2nd Wednesday (Sept–June) 6:30pm.

### **Macomb County Historical Society (Crocker House Museum)**

Address: 15 Union Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Phone: (586) 465-2488 Email: [info@crockerhousemuseum.org](mailto:info@crockerhousemuseum.org)

Website: [crockerhousemuseum.org](http://crockerhousemuseum.org)

Hours: See [crockerhousemuseum.org](http://crockerhousemuseum.org) for current hours.

### **St. Clair Shores Public Library**

Address: 22500 Eleven Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

Phone: (586) 771-9020

Email: [scsadult@libcoop.net](mailto:scsadult@libcoop.net) Website: [scsmi.net](http://scsmi.net)

### **Roseville Historical & Genealogical Society**

Address: c/o Roseville Public Library, 29777 Gratiot Avenue, Roseville, MI 48066

Phone: (586) 777-9169

Email: [roseville.rhgs@gmail.com](mailto:roseville.rhgs@gmail.com) | [rsvlibraryservice@roseville-mi.gov](mailto:rsvlibraryservice@roseville-mi.gov) (research requests)

Website: [rosevillelibrary.org](http://rosevillelibrary.org)

### **Warren Historical & Genealogical Society**

Address: 5460 Arden, Warren, MI 48090

Phone: (586) 258-2056      Email: [warrenhistsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:warrenhistsoc@yahoo.com)

### **New Baltimore Historical Society**

Address: 51065 Washington Street, New Baltimore, MI 48047

Phone: (586) 725-4755

### **Romeo Historical Society**

Address: 290 N Main Street, Romeo, MI 48065

Phone: (586) 752-4111      Email: [rhs@romeohistoricalsociety.org](mailto:rhs@romeohistoricalsociety.org)

Website: [romeohistoricalsociety.org](http://romeohistoricalsociety.org)

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## **LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

### **Livingston County Clerk**

Address: Livingston County Courthouse, 200 E Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: (517) 546-0500

Website: [livgov.com](http://livgov.com)

Hours: Regular county business hours (contact for current schedule).

### **Howell Carnegie District Library – Archives & Local History Room**

Address: 314 W Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: (517) 546-0720 ext. 129 (Archives)      Email: [archives@howelllibrary.org](mailto:archives@howelllibrary.org)

Website: [howelllibrary.org/research-sources/genealogy](http://howelllibrary.org/research-sources/genealogy)

Hours: Archives: by appointment only (schedule at [howelllibrary.org](http://howelllibrary.org)). Local History Room: open during regular library hours.

### **Livingston County Genealogical Society (LCGS)**

Address: P.O. Box 1073, Howell, MI 48844-1073

Website: [milcgs.wordpress.com](http://milcgs.wordpress.com)

Hours: Monthly meetings (Jan–June and September). See [milcgs.wordpress.com](http://milcgs.wordpress.com) for schedule.

### **LDS Family History Center – Howell**

Address: 1041 W Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48843

Phone: (517) 546-2716      Website: [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

Hours: Tue/Thu 2–10pm; Wed 7–9pm; Sat 10am–2pm. Confirm hours before visiting.

### **Brighton District Library**

Address: 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116

Phone: (810) 229-6571      Website: [brightonlibrary.info](http://brightonlibrary.info)

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## **GENESEE COUNTY**

### **Genesee County Clerk – Vital Records**

Address: Genesee County Courthouse, 900 S Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502

Phone: (810) 257-3225      Website: [gc4me.com](http://gc4me.com)

Hours: Regular county business hours (contact for current schedule).

### **Gloria Coles Flint Public Library – Local History & Genealogy**

Address: 1026 Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48502

Website: [fpl.info/research-learn/local-history-genealogy](http://fpl.info/research-learn/local-history-genealogy)

Hours: See [fpl.info](http://fpl.info) for current hours.

### **Genesee Historical Collections Center (GHCC) – University of Michigan–Flint**

Address: Frances Willson Thompson Library, Room 227, 303 Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48502

Phone: (810) 762-3402      Website: [libguides.umflint.edu/LocalHistory/genealogy](http://libguides.umflint.edu/LocalHistory/genealogy)

Hours: Appointment recommended — call (810) 762-3402.

### **Flint Genealogical Society (FGS)**

Address: P.O. Box 1217, Flint, MI 48501-1217

Email: [info@flintgenealogy.org](mailto:info@flintgenealogy.org)      Website: [flintgenealogy.org](http://flintgenealogy.org)

### **Sloan Museum Archives**

Address: 1221 E Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503

Phone: (810) 237-3421

Email: [Collections@SloanLongway.org](mailto:Collections@SloanLongway.org)      Website: [sloanlongway.org](http://sloanlongway.org)

Hours: Appointment required — email or call before visiting.

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