

Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County, Michigan



Sunday, February 26th, 2023

1:30 pm

Free and Open to the Public ❖ Preregistration Required

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Connection information will be sent to members

Non-members wishing to be included may send a request to info@washtenawgenealogy.org

Please send a request by Thursday, February 23rd.

“Scaling the 1870 Brick Wall in African American Genealogy”

Ari Wilkins



For many, researching before 1870 is a hurdle in African American research. Learn about sources and strategies to trace ancestors back into the Antebellum Era.

Our Speaker: Ari Wilkins has been actively researching family history for over twenty years. She has spoken nationally at several institutes as well as at a multitude of state and local societies. She is the coordinator of the African American course for the Texas Institute of Genealogical Research and specializes in African American research.

“Copyright & the Family History Researcher”

Kris Rzepczynski



Learn about copyright in the United States, what materials are covered and not, and how the law impacts your family history research.

Our Instructor: Kris Rzepczynski is a Senior Archivist at the Archives of Michigan, where he specializes in family history and Michigan research. Kris has worked in the genealogical community for more than 20 years. He is a former Vice President of Membership for the Federation of Genealogical Societies and a Past President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society.

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