

Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County



Sunday, January 26, 2025 - 1:30 pm (EDT)

Online Meeting via Zoom

Free and Open to the Public - Preregistration for Zoom participation is required.
Zoom information will be sent to members. Non-members wishing to attend on Zoom must send a request by Thursday, January 23rd to info@washtenawgenealogy.org.

Marriage by Blacksmith: Gretna Green Marriages, or The Search for Missing Marriage Records



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Madeline Yanov, speaker

In the world of romance, few destinations hold as much allure as Gretna Green. Situated just inside the border of Scotland, this picturesque town has become synonymous with elopements and spontaneous weddings. Stories of star-crossed lovers fleeing across the Scottish border to evade disapproving families immortalized in literature and film, have captured the imaginations of generations.

But what lies behind this captivating tradition? Instead of the typical church ceremonies, Gretna Green witnessed a unique practice: marriages conducted by blacksmiths over their anvils. What historical events led to this intriguing custom, were these marriages legally



10 Ways AI Can Help You Find Your Elusive Ancestors

Lisa Alzo, Instructor

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is already helping to shape the future of genealogy. Learn how current and developing technology can help you find your elusive ancestors and share their stories.

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