

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Statue of Liberty. She is shown from the chest up, holding the torch aloft in her right hand. The statue is a greenish-blue color. The background behind her is a bright, hazy sky with some clouds. The overall tone is patriotic and hopeful.

MACOMB COUNTY'S PLACE FOR DISCOVERY

**A Journey of Hope:  
Michigan's  
Immigrant Experience  
Resource Guide**

*September 27 – November 23, 2008*

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# A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience

*SEPTEMBER 27–NOVEMBER 23, 2008*

*WEDNESDAY–SATURDAY, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.*

*SUNDAY, 1–4 P.M.*

At the turn of the century, Detroit was one of the fastest growing cities in America. Many were drawn to Detroit by the promise of the legendary \$5 workday established by Henry Ford. By 1925, nearly half of Detroit's residents were foreign born.

According to historian Arthur Woodford, "Detroit has the largest multi-ethnic population of any city in the United States; the largest Arabic-speaking population outside of the Middle East, the second largest Polish population in America (only Chicago has more), and the largest U.S. concentration of Belgians, Chaldeans and Maltese."

Although the Detroit area is now one of the most culturally diverse regions in the nation, the focus of A Journey of Hope: Michigan's Immigrant Experience will be on the major ethnic groups that settled in Michigan during the great wave of immigration from the mid-1800s through the early 20th century.

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## **GENEALOGY WEBSITES**

### **www.ancestry.com**

Most widely used website for genealogical research; fourteen day free trial followed by monthly or yearly subscriptions

### **www.angelislandimmigration.com**

Immigration records, especially Chinese

### **www.censusfinder.com**

Another source for census records

### **www.cyndilist.com**

Genealogy from 1996-2004; adoptions, obituaries, Canadian index and more

### **www.ellisland.com**

Immigration and passenger ship records for ships coming into New York Harbor

### **www.familysearch.com**

Includes data bases, ancestral files, Canadian 1881 census, International Genealogy Index, Pedigree Resource File, Social Security Index

### **www.familytreebuilder.com**

One of the best genealogy software programs to build a family tree that supports 23 languages; free

### **www.genealogyforum.com/gfaol/resource/**

Census and vital records, cemetery stone transcriptions, military, land, church, school records and more

### **www.heritagequestonline.com**

Federal census, 1790-1930

### **www.howtofindyourroots.com**

Greek genealogy, genealogy forum and more  
<http://jewishwebindex.com>  
Thousands of links relating to Jewish genealogy

### **www.mayflowerhistory.com**

Most complete source on the Mayflower and Pilgrims with genealogy, history and passenger list

### **www.myheritage.com**

Build a family tree; communicate with others

## **GENEALOGY CENTERS/ GROUPS**

### **Macomb County Genealogy Group**

c/o Mt. Clemens Library

150 Cass Ave

Mt. Clemens, Michigan

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mimcgg/>

[macombcogg@gmail.com](mailto:macombcogg@gmail.com)

### **Warren Genealogy Group**

Warren Historical Gallery/Office

Warren Community Center

5460 Arden

Warren, Michigan

586-258-2056

[bbhetch@hotmail.com](mailto:bbhetch@hotmail.com)

<http://members.glis.net/whgs/gengrp/>

[wghomepg.html](http://www.wghomepg.html)

### **Roseville Historic and Genealogical Society**

Roseville Public Library

<http://www.libcoop.net/roseville/rhgs.htm>

Roseville.RHGS@gmail.com

St. Clair Shores Public Library

Genealogy Group

[http://www.libcoop.net/stclairshores/genealogy.](http://www.libcoop.net/stclairshores/genealogy.htm)

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### **Macomb County Clerk's Office**

40 North Main Street

Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

[www.co.macomb.mi.us/clerksoffice](http://www.co.macomb.mi.us/clerksoffice)

Michigan County Clerk's Genealogy Directory

[http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635_20736--,00.html)

[7-160-17449\\_18635\\_20736--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17449_18635_20736--,00.html)

### **Allen County Public Library**

Fort Wayne, Indiana

[http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html)

html One of the largest genealogical libraries in the country

### **French Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan**

<http://fchsm.habitant.org>

### **Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan**

[www.pgsfm.org](http://www.pgsfm.org)

### **Clinton Macomb Library**

Genealogical Research Tools

[http://www.cmpl.org/Eresources/Results.](http://www.cmpl.org/Eresources/Results.asp?Subject_ID=63&Page=eResources)

[asp?Subject\\_ID=63&Page=eResources](http://www.cmpl.org/Eresources/Results.asp?Subject_ID=63&Page=eResources)

### **Jewish Genealogical Society of Michigan**

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

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## ***OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES***

### **Romeo Historical Society**

<http://www.libcoop.net/romrhs/>  
Sons of the American Revolution  
<http://www.missar.org/>

### **New Baltimore Historical Society**

51065 Washington St  
New Baltimore, Michigan  
586-725-4755  
<http://www.newbaltimorehistoricalsociety.org/>

### **Sterling Heights Historical Commission**

40255 Dodge Park Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313  
(586) 446-2665  
<http://www.shpl.net/histcom.html>

## ***MUSEUMS***

Detroit Historical Museum  
5401 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, Michigan 48202  
313-833-7935  
[www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org)

### **Michigan State University Museum**

East Lansing, MI 48824  
517-432-3355  
[www.museum.msu.edu](http://www.museum.msu.edu)

### **Port Huron Museum**

1115 Sixth Street  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
810-982-0891  
[www.phmuseum.org](http://www.phmuseum.org)

### **Wisner House**

405 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
248-338-6732  
[www.ocphs.org/museum.html](http://www.ocphs.org/museum.html)

## ***AREA CULTURAL SOCIETIES***

### **American-Polish Century Club**

33204 Maple Lane  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
586-264-7990  
[american-polishcenturyclub.com](http://american-polishcenturyclub.com)

### **Carpathia Club**

38000 Utica Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
586-978-2292  
[www.carpathiaclub.com](http://www.carpathiaclub.com)

### **Finnish-American Heritage & Historical Archive at Finlandia University**

601 Quincy Street  
Hancock, MI 49930  
986-487-7302  
[www.finlandia.edu/Department/FAHC/fahc.html](http://www.finlandia.edu/Department/FAHC/fahc.html)

### **Gaelic League of Detroit**

2068 Michigan Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48216  
313-964-7474  
[www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org](http://www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org)

### **Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans**

18740 Thirteen Mile Road  
Roseville, MI 48066  
810-776-9579  
[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gsfa/gsfainfo.html#publications](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gsfa/gsfainfo.html#publications)

### **Italian American Cultural Center**

43843 Romeo Plank Road  
Clinton Twp, MI 48038  
586-228-3030  
[www.iacsonline.net/IACS.htm](http://www.iacsonline.net/IACS.htm)

### **Ukrainian American Archives and Museum**

11756 Charest Street  
Hamtramck, MI 48212  
313-366-9764  
[www.ukrainianmuseumdetroit.org](http://www.ukrainianmuseumdetroit.org)

### **American Immigration Law Foundation**

1331 G Street, NW  
202-507-7500  
Washington, DC 20004  
<http://www.aifl.org/>

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## **LESSON PLANS**

### **Who Came from Europe?**

[http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451\\_18670\\_18793-94384--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18670_18793-94384--,00.html)

### **Would you be able to become a citizen of the United States?**

[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

### **How did my family and I get here?**

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1999/3/99.03.06.x.html#c>

### **A Walk through Ellis Island**

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1999/3/99.03.06.x.html#c>

### **U.S. Immigration policy in Historical Context, 1788-1986**

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1999/3/99.03.06.x.html#c>

### **Learning About Immigration Through Oral History**

<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/97/oh1/ammem.html>

### **The Italian Immigrant Experience in America (1870-1920)**

<http://www.yale.edu/ynhti/curriculum/units/1999/3/99.03.06.x.html#c>



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