

**Excellent Speakers Series Program for
U.S. Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011 – 2015)**

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The 1st Michigan Colored Troops in the Civil War: Also known as the 102nd U.S.C.T. This company saw action at Honey Hill, SC and fought beside the famed 54th Massachusetts soldiers. Some information on specific Michigan soldiers is presented from cemetery records and their military and pension records.

Company K of the Michigan First Sharpshooters: This company was composed of enlisted men (and one officer) from Michigan Ojibwa (Chippewa), Ottawa and Potawatomi tribes. After training at the U.S. Detroit Arsenal at Dearbornville, they were sent for guard duty at Camp Douglas in Chicago. They saw action in the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, the Battle of the Crater and Weldon Railroad. Some soldiers were captured and sent to Andersonville prison.

The Irish Brigade in the Civil War: The "Irish Brigade" included men of Irish descent in the 28th Massachusetts, 63rd New York, 69th New York, 88th New York and 116th Pennsylvania. They fought at Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. This talk goes beyond this famous Irish Brigade to include other Irish companies, such as the 23rd Illinois formed at Chicago, which was partially composed of Michigan Irishmen who couldn't get into the original Irish Brigade.

Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors: Information on soldiers' military experience and later life is available from federal, state and local records. Some of these records have been reproduced or are available online. Many useful internet research sites are presented.

What I learned by indexing over 500,000 Civil War Soldiers: Some of the terms, unusual listing and oddities hidden in the many volumes of Civil War reference works.



Presenter James N. Jackson has been interested in Genealogy and Local History since the mid-70s, having served as President of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, Inc, President of the Oakland County Genealogical Society, the index editor of the *DSGR Magazine* since 1994, the current President of the Calhoun County Genealogical Society, and the current Camp Commander for Camp #22 of the Sons of the Civil War (SUVCW) in Marshall. Also member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and Genealogical Speakers Guild.

His current project is producing an online cumulative full-name index merging many Michigan publications and manuscripts which currently has over two million citations at www.michlist.com.

All talks are PowerPoint presentations, about one hour in length, including Q&A. For booking information, contact:

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