

# St. Clair County Genealogical Society

## Genealogist's Code of Ethics

*In order to protect the integrity of public records and library material,*

*I am ethically bound and hereby agree to the following as a member of the St. Clair County Genealogical Society: That*

- (1) I will treat with the greatest of care and respect all public records and library materials which may be made available for my use.
- (2) I will speak with courtesy to all employees of a vital records office, or of a public library when requesting to see any vital record or library materials, and that when finished with such a record or material, I shall express my thanks to the person attending to my requests.
- (3) I will not tear, erase, mark or remove any public record or library book, and will refrain from mutilating, defacing or otherwise destroying any part of such public record or library material.
- (4) When I have finished viewing any public record or library material, I will return it to the proper or designated place.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership year is from January 1 through December 31. New members receive a welcome packet by mail from the Membership Chair. **To ensure uninterrupted access to the member-only website for the coming year,** renewal applications should be received *before* September 30. Allow up to 6 weeks to process mailed applications. Members receive all four (4) issues of the *Quarterly* for the year joined (current year also is available on the member website); *Newsletters* current and past are archived on the member website. To protect privacy, only local surnames you submit will be posted to "LET'S COLLABORATE!" on stclair-ilgs.org. Address and e-mail address may be printed in the *Quarterly* and *Newsletter* unless your permission is specifically withheld. These are member benefits.

Name (as you wish it to appear on your membership card) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (not for publication) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ (required for member site access for Individual Memberships only)

Local surnames of interest:  No change from previously provided. \_\_\_\_\_

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Memberships (Check one) New memberships received after September 30 will be applied to the coming year unless otherwise directed. All memberships expire December 31. Members may purchase our *Research Guide* at the special price below.

**Individuals, Libraries, or Societies:** New \_\_\_\_ \$30.00; Renewal \_\_\_\_ \$30.00

**Charter Renewal (Joined before 1 Jan 1978)** Individual \_\_\_\_ \$27.00

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (On renewing member's mailing label).

Please send me the *St. Clair County Research and Resources Guide* on CD Rom for an additional \$10.00

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Choose one: *Newsletter* (8 pages): \_\_\_\_ I will download from the member website; \_\_\_\_ mail me a paper copy.\*

Choose one: *Quarterly* (60 pages): \_\_\_\_ I will download from the member website; \_\_\_\_ mail me a paper copy.\*

\* overseas mailing of member publications require additional postage. Please inquire before mailing your dues.

Complete this form, enclose payment, and stamped, self-addressed envelope (to receive membership card) and mail to:

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