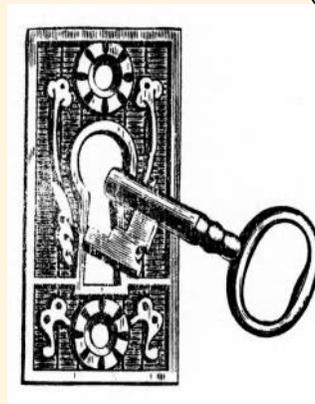


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# Chamberlain Key Hole



A QUICK PEEK AT THE WCGS  
FROM THE DESK OF THE  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

WEB SITE



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## Fall 2016 WCGS Meeting

We completed our annual meeting in East Lansing, Michigan on September 12th. We had a really nice turnout. A special moment was the recognition of Ted Chamberlain, Phil Chamberlain, and Jim Parker for their twenty years service to the WCGS. And speaking of special, it was particularly nice that both Jim and Phil were in attendance. Guests had the opportunity to speak to Phil regarding DNA studies and to discuss those elusive kinfolk with Jim. After the meeting and lunch, we were given a guided tour of the Archives including one of the huge storage vaults.

## Web Site Update

The web site is back on-line, albeit at a new WEB URL. The new link is <http://worldchamberlaingenealogy.org> We are rebuilding the site, and trying to keep all the information from the past available to users. We are taking this opportunity to freshen its layout somewhat, as it has been over five years since the old site was created. We will use this newsletter to let everyone know of our progress. I'd say we are about 80% there at this time. The really great news is that THE DAVID C. CHAMBERLIN FAMILY GROUP RECORDS are once again AVAILABLE! They are found under the RESOURCES FOR CH'LAIN RESEARCH tab. We have some way to go, before all files are uploaded and linked to the pages, but we are plugging away. Let us know if something you often use is not shown. Likely, I'll jump right on it.

I would like to remind everyone that any user name and password you had for the old (Chamberlain-Society.org) website did not transfer to the new site. I am in the process of creating web site accounts for all members whose dues are paid through this year and beyond. If you have not received an email notifying you of the account's creation let me know. I have

about 100 people to add, so I am just plodding along. I can jump to anyone who notifies me. At the moment, I have not tagged pages as “Private (Members Only)”. That will likely happen in the next couple of weeks as I link a file to its name on the website.

During the meeting we also reviewed using PayPal as a way to pay membership dues with a credit card. The PayPal account set up is complete and paying is available now. Remember, that January 1st is when everyone’s renewal fee is due unless you are on a multi-year plan. You will find multiple links that take you to our PayPal account to renew your membership or to make a donation to the society. Each link corresponds to the number of years you desire to pay. Look for the “Join the WCGS or Donate” tab at the top of each web page. Contact me at: [suggir@gmail.com](mailto:suggir@gmail.com)

Here is a screen shot of the new front page.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society (WCGS). At the top, the title "The World Chamberlain Genealogical Society (WCGS)" is displayed, followed by the subtitle "a Michigan 501c3 organization". A navigation menu includes links for "HOME", "JOIN THE WCGS OR DONATE", "RESOURCES FOR CHLAIN RESEARCH", and "CHLAIN DOCUMENTS". Below the navigation is a search bar with a "Search" button. The main content area features a heading "We are here to help with your Chamberlain genealogy research efforts." and a section titled "Goal of the WCGS". The text under this heading describes the society's mission to facilitate genealogy research for Chamberlain descendants. To the right of the text is a collage of historical photographs and documents, with the caption "Chamberlain Ancestors" below it.

Why pay to view “Members Only” pages on the WCGS website? Because you will see:

- The transcribed draft of the first Chamberlain Assoc. of America’s “*The Chamberlain Genealogical and Historical Book*”. This traces the first ten generations of Chamberlain progenitors: William, Edward, Thomas, Henry, and Richard. This manuscript was the source for many of David Conrad Chamberlin’s research notes.
- The entire collection of *The Chamberlain Keys*. These have been published quarterly since the WCGS was founded in January 1996.
- The *Chamberlain Chain* newsletters published by Ms. Carolyn Weidner
- The second Chamberlain Assoc. of America *Chamberlain Association News* published by Ms. Alison Chamberlain Ogilvie
- The findings of our consulting researchers in Great Britain who combed through parish records for us.

*YOU CAN FIND US ON THE WEB*

*WWW.CHAMBERLAIN-SOCIETY.ORG*

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**A REMINDER FROM YOUR CORRE-  
SPONDING SECRETARY— ANYTIME YOU  
NEED HELP WITH WCGS MATTERS,  
CONTACT PAT AT THE ABOVE EMAIL  
ADDRESS.**

One of the Goal's in the formation of the World Chamberlain Genealogical Society (WCGS) was the creation of a membership-friendly organization that would enhance the exchange of information and experiences associated with the study of a common surname. Although members are scattered widely around the world, the WCGS serves as a center for facilitating and coordinating inter-communication, and as a repository for information useful to persons who wish to learn more about their own ancestry in particular and the history of the surname as well. We welcome all who share this interest to join us in documenting the surname and its many variant spellings.

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**WEBSITE NEWS  
(NEW CONTENT)**

**The Web Site is being improved daily and it is back on line. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the down time. As a volunteer organization we are often short-handed for unique projects like this.**

Social media has helped several of our members (and non members), connect with each other and share information. If you are on Facebook, you can find us at World Chamberlain Genealogical Society. It is an open group and anyone can join.

Facebook is also how we get quick, up to date, information about our activities to everyone as well as links to events of interest to our group.

*Follow us on FACEBOOK at- World Chamberlain Genealogical Society*