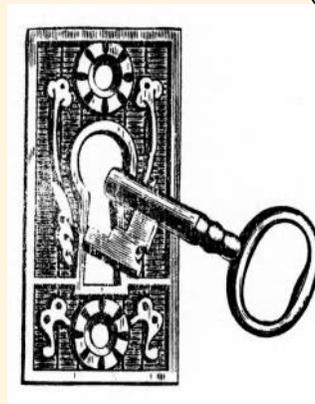


June, 2016

# Chamberlain Key Hole



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

**Hello Summertime!**

## *Seeking WCGS Executive Board Nominees*

As you may recall in accordance with our constitution, the Executive Board must be elected every two (2) years. Given that most members may not be familiar with those positions and duties, I thought it helpful to re-state the By-Laws of the WCGS constitution.

### ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty-of the-President lto preside at all-meetings of the Organization and of the Board, and perform such other duties as pertain to the head officer of an organization. The President may fill vacancies with the approval of the Board.

SECTION 2. It shall be the-duty of the Vice-president to exercise all the functions of the office of President during the absence or disability of the President.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to record the proceedings of the Organization and of the Board, to notify members of their election, and to notify members of the Organization and the Board of all meetings to be held, and in general to perform all duties usually pertaining to such office, e.g. filing annual Incorporation report.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all funds belonging to the Organization; to keep suitable books of accounts; to charge, collect, and receive all fees and dues and all other mon-ey's payable to the Organization; to make all necessary disbursements approved by the Board. The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing all tax reports that may be necessary and report the condition of the treasury at all stated meetings.

SECTION 5. The Trustees shall participate in all policy-formation and decision making activities incum-bent upon the Executive Board.

SECTION 6. It is the responsibility of the Executive Board to ensure that essential Society functions are fulfilled. These functions include, but are not limited to: publication of a quarterly newsletter; archiving of Society documents and artifacts; maintenance of a data base for pedigrees and lineages of persons related to the surname. These essential functions may be performed by the Trustees or by appointed functionaries, as decided by the Executive Board.

As you can see these positions are straightforward. During my time as a member of the WCGS, and holding the board positions of Executive Secretary and Trustee (two occasions) I am quite familiar with the roles of all these positions. The only hard commitment is to attend the prescribed meetings at your own expense. This includes travel, hotel, and meals. It has been broached by the board to go from two semi-annual meetings (spring- Executive Board and fall- General Membership) to a single annual gathering with two individual meetings being held in accordance with the constitution. The meeting minutes published in the Chamberlain Key are useful to judge what is discussed.

Our schedule is to seek nominees in the next few weeks, mail ballots by mid-August and report the election results in September. At that meeting, the new officers will take over and conduct the business of the society for the next two years.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage all current members of the WCGS to consider taking on one of these positions. Fresh ideas and new board members are always needed to keep the WCGS vibrant and functioning as we begin our third decade. That is right; twenty years have passed since the initial gatherings to form the WCGS were held in Lansing, Michigan. So please consider volunteering to serve. If you have any questions about a particular position, let its current office holder (see next page for contact information) or me, know and we will gladly provide answers.

### Coming soon- Spring 2016 Chamberlain Key issue

Editor Peter G. Chamberlain advises it is nearly ready to go. The issue is undergoing a final proofing. Peter will send the file to me for further distribution to current members. Those who are electronic delivery will see it in their emails within hours. For our paper recipients it is a trip to the printer, stuff the envelopes, apply postage and head to the post office. Of course, our Web Admin (Jim Sugg) will also post a copy on the Chamberlain Key Back Issues page on the website.

That reminds me, how many of you folks who receive your Chamberlain Key either electronically, or paper, do not have a WCGS website access account? When you do not have an account you cannot see all twenty years of the previous Chamberlain Keys. Nor can you see other collections that are restricted to only current WCGS members. If you need any help setting up an account, Jim will take care of it for you. Just send him a request at this email address: [suggjr@gmail.com](mailto:suggjr@gmail.com).

Jim can also guide you to these unique members only files on the website: CAA1 Book Source Material; In Their Own Hand- CAA membership document scans; CAA1 Chamberlain Genealogical & Historical Book; English Research Results; CAA2 Newsletters;Carolynn Wilson Weidner's Chamberlain Chain; and the aforementioned The Chamberlain Key Library (all issues).

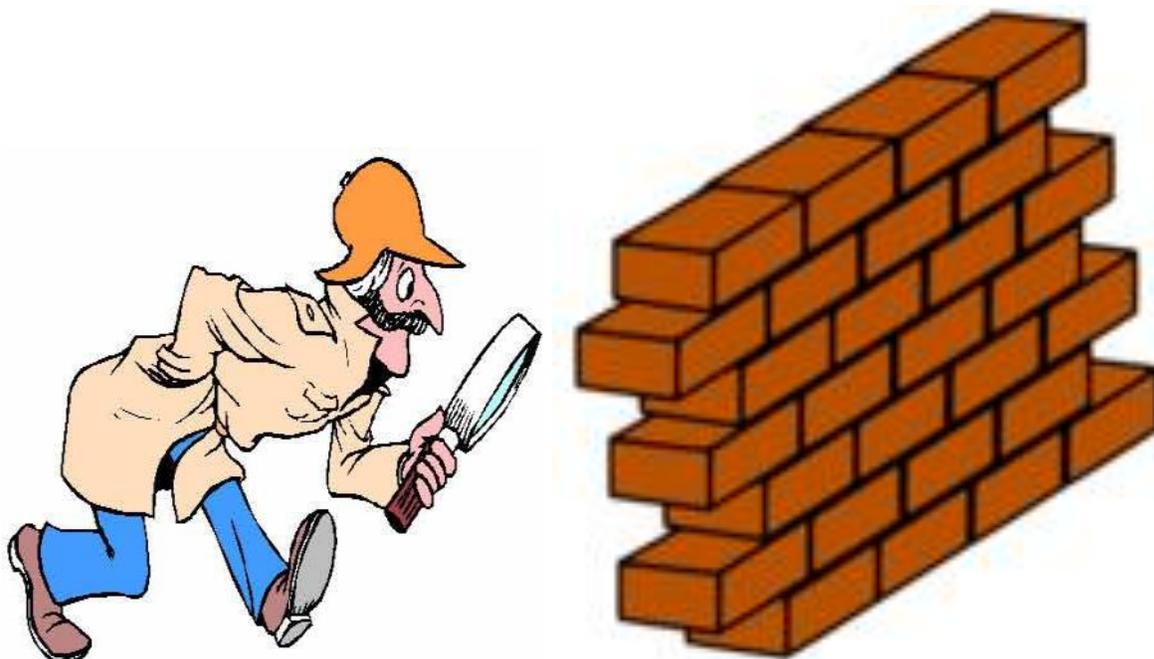
## Fall 2016 WCGS Meeting Notes

Annual Meeting Lansing, Michigan (10:00 a.m. MONDAY, September 12, 2016)- Ms. Judy Chamberlain has arranged for the meeting to be held in same "Lake Superior" room where the WCGS began 20 years ago, in the Michigan Library complex. Judy also provided information on the area for those of us who have never ventured to Lansing.

She reported- As to lodging, the best area will be in the Eastwood Town Centre and surrounding area, which is classified as East Lansing. This is a large shopping center with hotels and restaurants. There is a Holiday Inn Express and a Hampton Inn nearby. It is about 15-20 minutes from downtown Lansing where the Historical Center is located. I do not know how you arrange lodging so I will let someone else make the hotel reservations. Let me know if you need further information.

The restaurants include Smokey Bones, Claddaugh Irish Pub, Max and Irma's, PF Chang, Mitchell's Fish Market, Bravo (Italian), Tony Sacco's Pizza, Champs, and Applebee's. She believes there is another restaurant being constructed but cannot remember what it is. There are a number of restaurants/fast food places in downtown Lansing, but these can be quite busy during the lunch hour as a lot of State employees eat there.

Look for planning updates during the late spring and early summer as the meeting date approaches in both the [Chamberlain Key Hole](#), WCGS Facebook page, and on our web site ([Chamberlain-Society.org](http://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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**Coming Soon–**

Some indexes to more recent Chamberlain Keys

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 being utilized to get quick, up to date, information about our activities to everyone as well as links to events of interest to our group.

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