

**Link Between Anti-Immigration Sentiment, Prohibition,
the Mafia, and the US Border Patrol
with Katherine R. Willson**

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Early 20th century America was a time of significant social and political change, with anti-immigration sentiment heavily influencing legislative actions. Anti-German sentiment from World War I played a significant role in the passage of Prohibition, leading to a rise in illegal smuggling of alcohol into the U.S. by large criminal syndicates. U.S. border agencies were then required to shift their focus from revenue collection to maintaining control at the borders.

This presentation (with accompanying handout) explores the links between anti-immigrant sentiment, prohibition, the mafia, and U.S. Border Patrol.

A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

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Meet our presenter:

Katherine R. Willson of Dexter, Michigan is an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecturer at regional and national events; a full-time researcher for clients; and a genealogy educator for 25+ years, including courses for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. She is the founder & past President of the Virtual Genealogical Association, past President of Michigan Genealogical Council, and past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Her website (SocialMediaGenealogy.com) contains valuable resources for genealogists, including links to family interviewing questions, a catalog of almost 17,000+ genealogy/history links on Facebook, a catalog of 190+ genealogy YouTube channels, and a catalog of 76 genealogy podcasts.