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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 2 at 6 pm at the Superior Public Library. On the agenda

Approval of May Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
New Business
Old Business
Any other business

Our Program will be Jim Mattson. He will share his recent experience doing research in Salt Lake.



May 5, 2015 meeting of the Douglas County Genealogy Club was called to order at 6:05 by President, Vicki Garro.

Jim Mattson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3rd meeting as published in the May newsletter. Motion second by Bobbi Hoyt. Motion carried.

Treasurer Jane Sigfrids gave the Treasurer's report for February, March and April. Motion to accept made by Dave Johnson and was second by Roger Saari. Motion carried.

Jim Mattson, chairman of the Program Committee gave a report of the following programs:

June 2nd~Jim will share his research trip to Salt Lake City and the preparation for the trip

July 7th~Greenwood Cemetery walk if weather is inclement, meeting will be at Shamrock Pizza

Aug 4th~Terry Hammerbeck from Greenwood Cemetery will be the speaker

Sept 1st~Explore electronic resources

Oct 6th~Roundtable discussion

Nov 3rd~Bong Heritage Center

Dec 1st~Potluck Christmas Party with Twin Ports Genealogical Society at the Superior Public Library

Jan 5th~what is new in Genealogy

Feb 2nd~webinar

Jim added the program committee hopes to meet in October. Members are Jim Mattson, Lorie Madden, Vicki Garro and Judy Aunet.

New Business:

Don Hauser asked if members might be interested in helping the Scouts finish the cleanup of the Military stones at Greenwood.

The Douglas County Fair is scheduled for August 25th-29th. The guidelines were published in the May newsletter. Preregistration is required and can be done online at <http://holfair.com>. Genealogy category is under Department 19 Antiques, class B.

Announcement of the June 1st Potluck picnic with Twin Ports Genealogical Society will be held inside at Holy Family Catholic Church at 3rd St and 24-25th Ave W., Duluth at 6 PM. Attendees should bring beverage, and serving utensils for their potluck item.

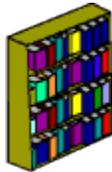
Twin Port Genealogical Society will be hosting a Beginning Genealogy Workshop on Oct 24th at the

Duluth Public Library from 10:00AM to 4:00PM in the Green Room.

Jane Sigfrids motioned at 6:60PM to adjourn the meeting to hear Karen Smoley will explain how to use FindAGrave and Bobbi Hoyt the proper technique for cleaning gravestones. Motion second by Emily Fredrick
Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick

Snack Signups for the year: April: Marlene Case, May: Jackie Plunkett, June: ? , July: Jane Sigfrids, August: ?, Sept: Karen Smoley, October: Emily Fredrick, Sandy Novak, November: Bobbi Hoyt, December: Pot Luck, January: ?

Please let me know if you can take one of the ? months. Thank you.



Time to Party!

The annual TPGS/DCGC spring party will be Monday June 1, at 6 pm at Holy Family Catholic church Social Hall. 24th Ave West and 3rd St. Parking lot on the corner and entrance to church right off the parking lot. Bring something to share, a beverage, and serving spoons. TPGS will furnish plates, napkins, plastic ware, and entertainment. Should be easy to get to off the Blatnik bridge. 27th exit and head north to 3rd street.(about 5 blocks from freeway exit) Take a right onto 3rd street and go East 3 blocks to 24th Ave. Can't miss the white church. Hope to see you all there.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Looking for items for the 2015 calendar. If you know of any events, please email them to the address below.

This is a work in progress. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to vicgarro@centurytel.net

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=TwinPorts Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society
June 1 TPGS Joint Pot Luck location to be announced.

Jun 2 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Jul 7 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Aug 4 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Sept 1 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Oct 2-3 MNGS Northstar Conference in the Twin Cities.

Oct 6 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Oct 17 WSGS Fall Seminar Marshfield
Nov 3 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Dec 1 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm

Be sure to check out the Minnesota Genealogical Society Calendar at <http://www.mngs.org/calendar.shtml> For a listing of other club events in the Twin Cities Area. Pay special attention to who is staffing the MNGS Library. Each of the affiliate clubs take turns which means you can have country focused genealogical research help.

The WSGS website is <http://www.wsgs.org/>

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email them to me at vicgarro@centurytel.net.



If your friends did not get this issue of Gen News in their email, please ask them to send a message to the editor at vicgarro@centurytel.net.

If you would like to be a published author, send your genealogical article to vicgarro@centurytel.net.



Ancestorseekers.com

Jim Mattson recently took a research trip with ancestorseekers.com and sends this info. Learn more about Jim's trip on Tuesday at the meeting.

SEPTEMBER 21st. SEPTEMBER 26th, 2015 - 8

Places Remaining

[More Information including Prices](#)

OCTOBER 26th - OCTOBER 31st, 2015 - 20 Places

Remaining

[More Information including Prices](#)

[ADDITIONAL DATES](#)

The most popular genealogy research program in Salt Lake City, designed to maximize your chances of breaking down those brick walls and finding new information on your ancestors

A week at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, housing a staggering collection of genealogical records from all over the world. Over 1 billion names under one roof.

Help provided exclusively for our guests by Ancestor Seekers professionals at regular intervals. Our experts will help you find the records you need, thus providing a more productive and enjoyable experience

Ideal for both first time and previous visitors with all skill levels catered for. Places are limited in order to provide everyone the help needed

Six nights at the Plaza Hotel (next door to the Library) included in the price. Just arrange your travel to Salt Lake City and we take care of the rest

Free airport/hotel shuttle - Complimentary Wi-Fi Internet - Microwave & fridge in each room

News From the Internet

Familysearch.org continues to add to its online collections including Minnesota, Duluth and Wisconsin, Superior Crew Lists, 1922-1958

Description

This collection contains crew lists for vessels arriving at Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin, 1922-1958. It corresponds with NARA Publication A3452: Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Duluth, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, 1922-1958. This collection is not yet indexed but fully browsable

The following announcement was written by the folks at TheGenealogist:

- More than 60,000 railway workers have been added to the Occupational Records on TheGenealogist
- Find details of railway ancestors, where they were employed and what they did
- Trace your railway worker ancestor's careers through their promotions
- Discover when they retired
- Read obituaries

The Genealogist has added over 60,000 rail workers to its online indexes of Railway Employment Records. Taken from Railway Company Staff magazines these records are useful to family historians with railway employee ancestors, wanting to find important occupation related dates and add some social history to their family tree. These records

include such details as staff changes, promotions, pension records, retirements and obituaries. Often additional personal information is revealed in the magazines. In some cases you can read about gifts from co-workers given when rail staff leave.

You can access the new Railway Worker Records at <http://TheGenealogist.co.uk>.

The folks at Mocavo.com have posted an announcement that says (in part), "Today, we are thrilled to announce that for the first time anywhere, the indexes and images for all United States Federal Census are now available for free to everyone." This is good news for anyone researching U.S. ancestry.

This [Findmypast Friday](#) marks the release over 154,000 fascinating apprenticeship records from two of London's historic liveryies. This week's additions also include mortuary register records from the London borough of Southwark, Royal Navy officer's award index records and over half a million new passenger list records from Victoria, Australia's most populous state.

Haberdasher and Ironmonger records

Containing over 136,000 records, [City of London Haberdashers, Apprentices and Freeman 1526-1933](#) lists the details of apprentices who trained with the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers in the City of London. Founded in 1516, the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers is one of London's twelve historic liveryies. Haberdashers sold accessory items such as hats, scarves, gloves, shawls, parasols, needles, buttons and thread. They traded from the shops and stalls around Cheapside and probably worshipped together in the old St Paul's Cathedral in a chapel to St Catherine of Alexandria, who was to become the Fraternity of Haberdashers' chosen patron saint. Company membership allowed individuals to become a Freeman; a person who was not tied to land as a villein or serf. Apprentices travelled from all over the country to join the company.

Each record includes an image of the handwritten registers held by the London Metropolitan Archives and a corresponding transcript. The registers list the details of apprentices, masters and freemen from a wide variety of occupations. They reveal when their apprenticeship began and the role they took as well as the names, occupations and addresses of their parents and the names of the masters they trained under. From the early 17th century, the records contain a variety of different occupations, not just haberdashers, as from that time onwards it was possible to become a Company Freeman by invitation, paid membership or patrimony.

The following announcement was written by the Maine State Archives and is available to all at <http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrecordschanges.docx>.

Per state law, all vital records – such as notices of birth, death and marriage – dating from 1892 to the present day, are no longer available at the Maine State Archives.* The records dating from 1892 – 1922 were previously held at the Archives, but have now been digitally scanned, allowing the Vital Records office to issue these documents. As of May 1, 2015, Data, Research and Vital Statistics at the Vital Records office will issue **ALL** vital records from 1892 to present.

The Maine Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives will continue to issue non-certified copies of documents prior to 1892.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have questions, please contact the Archives at 207-287-5795 or visit the Data, Research and Vital Statistics, Vital Records office at 220 Capitol St. in Augusta. The Vital Records office can also be reached via telephone at 207-287-3771 or 1-888-664-9491.

*Pursuant to Maine State Revised Statutes, Title 22, Section 2706 (revision effective August 31, 2012), the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control, Data, Research,

and Vital Statistics and the Maine Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives have entered into a cooperative agreement for the purpose of complying with MRSA Title 22, Section 2706, Disclosure of vital records.

If you have an interest in Irish ancestry, you should check out *Irish Lives Remembered*. It is an e-magazine with lots of tips and articles about tracing your family tree in Ireland. In fact, the magazine is produced in Ireland as well. The best part is the price tag: **FREE**.

You can read *Irish Lives Remembered* online in a web browser or you can download it in PDF format to save and read at your leisure in Windows, Macintosh, Linux, iPad, Android, Kindle, or most any other device. You also can subscribe to *Irish Lives Remembered* online. With a subscription, you receive one email notice about every two months notifying you of a new edition and providing a link where you may view the new edition online or download it.

The May/June edition has just been released and it contains the following articles:

- Composer and singer/songwriter ‘Sting’ visits Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan to find out more about his 3rd great grandmother, Mary Murphy from Inniskeen.
- Fiona Fitzsimons from Eneclann writes about talk show host Graham Norton’s Wicklow ancestry.
- **Tracing your County WICKLOW Ancestors**
- Findmypast Ireland records for the garden county
- Roots Ireland Wicklow branch showcases what’s on offer for the county
- The story of Nicholas Delaney ‘An Irish Convict & Rebel’ in Australia
- **The Irish in MINNESOTA**
- Genealogist and lecturer, Joe Buggy looks at tracing the Irish in Minnesota
- Maureen Wlodarczyk discusses the life Irish-American Jane Grey Cannon Swisshelm

- **General News**
- National Library of Ireland announces July launch of 400,000 free catholic parish microfilms
- Eneclann & Ancestor Network return to the National Library of Ireland with their free genealogy advisory service
- Jayne Shrimpton covers a photo of the O’Grady Clan from Waterford in 1915
- Latest schedule of speakers at the prestigious Irish Genealogy Summer School at U.C.C.
- Fly Leaf Press are offering a special discount to Irish Lives readers on their title ‘Tracing Your Galway Ancestors’
- Townlands of Ulster – A case study on the parishes of Moire and Magheralin
- Rare artefacts brings Limerick’s military history back to life
- The North of Ireland Family History launch new Tyrone research book at WDYTYA
- New Irish records on Findmypast Ireland
- The story behind Irish Painted Clans – a new Irish business
- News, Events and Book store

There’s a lot more you can do with Google than just search the Internet. Instead of searching the entire Internet, you may be more interested in seeing search results from just one web site. To do this, go to <http://www.Google.com> and enter the word “site:” followed by a colon (:) followed immediately (with no space) by the web site’s address. Next, add a space and then the word(s) you wish to search for. It should look something like this:

site:xxx.com search-term

Notice the web site’s address is given without the letters “http”, without the colon, without the slashes and without “www.”

For instance, perhaps you only want to search the web site of the Indiana Genealogical Society at [indgensoc.org](http://www.indgensoc.org) to see what databases the society has for Pike County, the county where your ancestors lived. To do so, go to <http://www.Google.com> and enter:

site:indgensoc.org “Pike County”

The US Geological Survey has an online collection of more than 178,000 maps, dating back to 1880. They cover the entire country. Best of all, they're free to download. However, the digital images were not always of the highest quality and the search software for finding maps was confusing, at best. All that has now changed with the introduction of a new online map viewer.

Browsing and searching for maps is now much more intuitive. You can type or zoom in on a particular place, limit your search to maps of a particular scale or from a particular range of dates. You can download them in a variety of formats, from JPGs (fine for printing out a nice map to put on your wall), to KMZ files (to import into Google Earth), to GeoTIFFs (for the power users who wants to import maps into GIS software).

You can learn more about the National Map Viewer and Download Platform at

<http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/viewer>.

Further details may be found in an article by Greg Miller in *Wired*

at <http://www.wired.com/2015/05/amazing-collection-historical-maps-just-got-easier-see>.

The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library of Ireland - 400,000 films amounting to the most important source of Irish family history - is to be made available online this July.

The National Library of Ireland (NLI) has been working to digitise the microfilms for more than three years under its most ambitious digitisation programme to date. Announced in December (see my earlier article with the announcement at <http://goo.gl/i1QNfl>), the National Library of Ireland has now announced an exact date: the archive of parish register microfilms now is expected to go live on 8 July 2015.

You can read the details in an article in the *Silicon Republic* at <http://www.siliconrepublic.com/digital-life/item/41819-irish-genealogy-resource-wi>.

As always, thanks to Dick Eastman <http://blog.eogn.com> for information in this article.



DCHS takes pleasure in welcoming the Wisconsin Historical Society's History Tour from June 2 thru July 30. The Tour will be bringing some special exhibits you won't want to miss! During this time, admission will be FREE. You'll also enjoy a week of special events June 9-13, and we'll be open expanded hours that week.

For a complete Schedule of special events, see <http://www.wisconsinhistorytour.org/Route/Cities/Superior.aspx>

Wednesday June 10

- 10 AM

[Practical Preservation for Your Family Treasures - in Superior](#)

Come and learn pragmatic ways to preserve a variety of family treasures including scrapbooks and digital photographs, as well as inherited family heirlooms or archives. Learn when and where to find a conservator to help.

Location: Douglas County Historical Society:
1101 John Avenue, Superior, WI 54880

- 2 PM

[Discover the Roots of your Family Tree and Local History - in Superior](#)

Society staff will discuss techniques and resources for researching your local and family history.

Location: Douglas County Historical Society:
1101 John Avenue, Superior, WI 54880

Be sure to check out the rest of the schedule!