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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jim Dan Hill Library on the UWS campus, to give us an introduction to their resources.

Meeting topics for 2016

January – Business Meeting
February – Meeting with the DCHS
March – Potluck celebrating our heritages and cultures
April – Joining TPGS at the LDS Center in Duluth.
May 3 – Library resources at UWS.
June – Picnic with TPGS on Monday, June 6;
Native American research on Tuesday, June 7
July 5 – Cemetery Walk at the cemetery on County Highway Z
August 2 – *Songs of the Mariners*, a musical group that sings sea chanties and gives some history of sailors' lives.
September 6 – Clerk of Courts and other courthouse research resources available
October 4 – DAR
November 1 – Bong Center; Jane will contact them
December 6 – Holiday Potluck

April Meeting Minutes (Submitted by Bobbi Hoyt)

April 5, 2016
Members of the Twin Ports Genealogical Society and the Douglas County Genealogy Club met at the Family History Center (FHC) on Tues, April 5th, hosted by FHC volunteers. Michael Olson, director at FHC, talked about getting started on FamilySearch and then answered

questions from the members and showed where to find the answers. After the presentation, members were able to tour the center and four different Premium sites (only available at FHC) were up on computers for people to try as well as learn about the card catalogue of resources on site in microfilm form.

(Editor's note: No business was conducted.)

Upcoming Meetings and Events

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=Twin Ports Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MNGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on June 23 at 9:30 A.M. at Perkins' Restauarant, with a program committee meeting to follow.

Tuesday, April 5th (Note the day change due to when the site is available) Visiting the Family History Center. Meeting will be at 6 PM. Location Church of Jesus Crist of Latter Day Saints, 521 Upham Road (Duluth Heights area) The Family History Center has a large repository of microfilm for research and has many "in house" databases for searching Free.

Monday, May 2nd 6 PM in the Green room. (tentative) **"Why Genetic Genealogy"** by Mary Lukkarila . Q & A to follow.

1923. She went back and forth to Germany coming the last time to the United States in 1939. In 1940, she registered with the United States government as a registered alien and by presidential proclamation became an enemy alien in 1941. Russell spoke on the two times in United States history that residents who were not citizens were required to register with the government and were treated as enemy aliens.

Other sessions on Friday included Rochelle Pennington, an award winning columnist and author, who did a program on "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald". She discussed the various theories and opposing views of what led to the sinking of the ship and about things to do and see around Lake Superior. Two more speakers that day were Cathy A. Dailey, a member of various genealogical societies and the Metropolitan representative for Milwaukee County on the WSGS board, who spoke on property records and Lori Bessler, reference librarian and outreach coordinator at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives, who spoke on the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives collections and services. Both Marlene and I attended Dailey's session.

At the Friday night banquet, Lorraine Zula Markee, who passed away in September 2015, was inducted into the Virginia V. Irvin Volunteer Hall of Fame. Markee was a charter member of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Her passion was genealogy and helping people with their family histories. The hall of fame was established in 2006 to honor exceptional service rendered to, or through, the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society or one of its affiliate societies. Russell was the speaker that evening. Her topic was "Blackguards and Black Sheep – The Lighter Side of the Law". It covered humorous deaths, obituaries and judicial rulings. We all had some good laughs.

The first session on Saturday morning was "More Than Just the Social Security Death Index", presented by Donald Schnitzler. He gave a brief history of the Social Security Administration, the number, and what social security records are of interest to genealogists. Donald has more than

40 years of experience in local and family history research. He is an instructor and locally-recognized lecturer.

Judy Russell's first session this day was "No Vitals? No Problem! Building a Family through Circumstantial Evidence". She spoke on how to applying the Genealogical Standard of Proof to all records can often provide clues to reconstruct families using circumstantial evidence.

For the next session it was decision time for Marlene and me. Marlene decided to attend the session Dailey presented on obituaries, death notices and funeral records while I went to listen to Lee Grady, Senior Reference Archivist at the Wisconsin Historical Society, speak on using maps for genealogy and local history.

Russell was the final speaker of the day. Her presentation was titled "After the Courthouse Burns: Rekindling Family History through DNA". It was about what happens when using traditional methods is combined with DNA.

There were numerous vendors that offered a variety of items for sale where attendees could shop before and between the sessions on both days. One could find used and out-of-print books as well as new ones, maps, t-shirts, library bags, magnifiers, grave stone cleaning kits plus much more.

It was well worth the time and I would suggest that everyone should attend it at least once. Speaking of that – next year might just be the year to attend. It was announced that next year's Gene-A-Rama will be April 6 -8 in Madison and the Federation of Genealogical Societies will be there. There will be three tracks to choose from.

WSGS Announcement *(Submitted by Marlene Case)*

Exciting news was announced at Gene-A-Rama by President Vickie Schnitzler. The Federation of Genealogical Societies would be teaming up with the Wisconsin Genealogical Society to sponsor a Regional Conference in Madison in 2017. That

would have meant that the state conference would be augmented with national speakers. Unfortunately negotiations with Madison venues broke down, and it was thought it would no longer be possible. However, since then it appears there may be a possibility to hold it in Wisconsin Dells. Stay tuned for further developments.

News from the Internet

PBS' "Genealogy Roadshow" Season 3 Premieres May 17

 blog.eogn.com/2016/04/19/pbs-genealogy-roadshow-season-3-premieres-may-17/

Dick Eastman

The following announcement was written by the folks at PBS:

ARLINGTON, VA; APRIL 19, 2016 – From possible links to the accused in the Salem Witch Trials to heroes of the Wild West, PBS' **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** uncovers more family secrets in the series' third season, which premieres Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. ET and airs Tuesdays through June 28 (check local listings). Part detective story, part emotional journey, **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** combines history and science to uncover fascinating stories of diverse Americans this season in and around Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles. Each story links to the larger regional (and often, national) history, to become part of America's rich cultural tapestry. See a season three clip here.



GENEALOGY ROADSHOW's professional genealogists **Kenyatta D. Berry**, **Joshua Taylor** and **Mary Tedesco** are matched with everyday people whose unique family claims are explored in each episode. Among this season's mysteries: A man seeks to find out if he is descended from Boston's key founders; a woman explores connections to an ancestor's participation in the Manhattan Project; a couple hopes to recover the true story of their family pharmacy during Hollywood's Golden Age; and a woman learns of her family's involvement in the Trail of Tears.

Over the course of the series and from coast-to-coast, Berry, Taylor and Tedesco work with participants' anecdotal clues, documents and family heirlooms to reveal surprising turns and incredible personal histories, filling in lost family details and in some cases, introducing them to relatives and other important people they never knew existed.

Albuquerque, Miami, Houston, Boston, Providence and Los Angeles were chosen this season as representative of America's cultural crossroads for diversity, industry and history, as well as for deep pools of riveting stories. **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**'s hosts and experts add color and context to the investigations, ensuring every artifact and every name becomes part of solving the mystery.

"Our third season of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW** visits six of America's history-rich

cities and unearths engaging stories, dark mysteries and emotional reveals that link to the very founding of our country,” said Beth Hoppe, Chief Programming Executive and General Manager of General Audience Programming for PBS. “This series illustrates that no matter one’s culture and background, everyone is part of the diverse American story.”

Below are descriptions for each of **GENEALOGY ROADSHOW**’s six episodes this season. For images and screeners, please visit [PBS PressRoom](#).

Albuquerque – The Old Airport Terminal
Premieres May 17, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at the Old Albuquerque Airport Terminal. A woman seeking a connection to a Native-American code talker learns that a missing branch of her family tree has been searching for her; a man is shocked to find out just how deep his New Mexican roots go; a woman finds out that her ancestor’s life was straight out of a Wild West tale; another questions her family connection to the explosive Trinity Test; one man is linked to a famous comic book heroine; and a woman looks to verify family lore about a connection to Pancho Villa.

Miami – History Miami Museum

Premieres May 24, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At the History Miami Museum, one woman suspects she is related to Pocahontas; another explores the mystery of her Cuban roots, uncovering her grandfather’s secret past; a man learns more about his Filipino heritage and the impact of World War II on his ancestors; the team reveals how the history of the tragic Tuskegee experiment changed a woman’s family forever; and a woman comes to the Roadshow thinking her ancestor was a villain, only to learn he was a hero.

Houston – Downtown Houston Public Library

Premieres May 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A woman seeks to find out if her roots in Texas are as deep as the character she portrays in her

historical re-enactments; at the Julia Ideson Building of the Houston Public Library, the Roadshow team investigates the notorious Andersonville prison; a man wants to know if his African-American ancestors fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War; a woman uncovers her link to a prominent figure in Texas history; another learns of her connection to the Cherokee Freedmen; and one man traces his roots to the conflicts that shaped early American history.

Boston – Faneuil Hall

Premieres June 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At an iconic Boston landmark, Faneuil Hall, a team of genealogists unravels the haunting mystery of one woman’s ties to the Salem Witch Trials. Another woman seeks to understand her family’s connection to the historic orphan trains; a woman seeks to find out whether the Great Boston Fire of 1872 or the small pox epidemic claimed the lives of one branch of her family tree; for one man, the team researches a link to the founders of Boston; and one woman learns that her family’s remarkable route went from the Caribbean through Ellis Island.

Providence – Providence Public Library

Premieres June 21, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

At the Providence Public Library, the passport of a woman’s ancestor reveals how her family survived the Holocaust and ended up halfway around the world; a woman discovers more about an African-American relative who served in World War I; experts unlock the mystery of one man’s Amish ties; a woman discovers how deep her roots run in the New England whaling industry; a Rhode Island macaroni company takes a woman all the way back to Italy; and one man’s search for his ancestor reveals a scandal that made headlines.

Los Angeles – Union Station

Premieres June 28, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. ET

A team of genealogists uncovers fascinating family stories at Los Angeles Union Station. A woman questions her family’s connection to the legendary Hollywood hot-spot, Schwab’s Pharmacy; another seeks a connection to one of

the first African-American college graduates; a woman's family tree is wrapped in a genealogical web that has captivated the Roadshow team for years; one man's ancestor lived in the right places at the right times, finding himself connected to historic events and iconic companies; a woman discovers a scoundrel in her family tree; and a Roadshow host shares a unique insight on the Ellis Island immigration experience.

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is proudly sponsored by [Ancestry](#).

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is part of PBS' commitment to high-quality programming highlighting American culture, diversity, history and heritage, which provides viewers with a greater understanding of our communities, our country and our world. PBS history and heritage programs in the primetime schedule have included [Finding Your Roots](#) and [other titles](#) by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., [The Italian Americans](#), [Latino Americans](#) and [more](#).

GENEALOGY ROADSHOW is produced by Krasnow Productions. President and owner Stuart Krasnow is a longtime television industry veteran, having worked for all the country's top news and entertainment broadcasters, as well as numerous cable networks as a creator and executive producer. Under his banner, Krasnow has developed and produced series in almost every genre of unscripted television. This series is executive-produced by TV veteran Carlos Ortiz, who has produced mega-hits for nearly every major television network. He brings 20 years of development and producing experience to the table and returns to PBS for his third season on the series.

About Big Mountain Productions

Big Mountain originated the GENEALOGY ROADSHOW format for Irish public broadcaster RTÉ Television. Run by husband-and-wife team and former BBC/RTÉ executive producers Jane Kelly and Philip McGovern, Big Mountain produces non-scripted series for national

broadcasters, specializing in shows that combine great content and entertainment value, including *Generation Foundation*, *Addicts Symphony* and award-winning *Wild Ireland*. For more information: bigmountainproductions.com.

About Krasnow Productions

Krasnow Productions is named for its founder and president, Stuart Krasnow, a 30-year veteran television producer. Under his banner, Krasnow has developed and produced series in almost every genre of unscripted television for broadcast and cable networks, including *The Weakest Link*, *Average Joe*, *Dog Eat Dog* and *The Janice Dickinson Modeling Agency*. Krasnow Productions also sold and produced *Searching For...*, one of the first original series to be produced for Oprah Winfrey's OWN network. Additionally, Krasnow Productions has sold and produced original projects for NBC, A&E, TBS, GSN, MTV, HGTV, E! and Fremantlemedia.

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