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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Avenue.

Meeting topics for 2017

January 3 – Business Meeting
February 7 – Cathy Tonkin on writing and publishing a family history (*postponed due to weather*)
March 7 – Cathy Tonkin on writing and publishing a family history (*see note in the meeting minutes that follow*)
April 4 – LDS Family History Center in Duluth
May 2 – Presentation on Superior Fire Department history at the Old Firehouse & Police Museum
June 6 – Open
July 11 - Cemetery Walk at the Hebrew Cemetery
August 1 – John Colletta video
September 5 – Meeting at the Douglas County Historical Society
October 3 – DAR
November 7 – Richard I. Bong Center
December 5 -Holiday Potluck, VIP Restaurant

August Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Jim Mattson. Officers present were: Jim Mattson, President; Jan Marc Resberg, Vice President and Robin Barrett, Treasurer. Absent was Dave Johnson, Secretary.

Approval of the June meeting minutes was motioned by Jan Marc Resberg and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The motion passed.

Robin Barrett gave the Treasure's reports for June and July. A Motion to approve was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Marlene Case and Arnold Johnson. Review of memberships remains at approximately 30.

A report was given on the tour of the Hebrew Cemetery with Sam Pomush. It was very informative and much appreciated.

Committee Reports:

-The Executive Board and Program Committee met on June 21st. The next meeting of the Executive Board and Program Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 5:15 PM at the Upper Deck.

President's Report:

-The informal discussion with the Douglas County Board Chair regarding Parkland Cemetery remains on the agenda.

-No report on the Douglas County Genealogy Club website was given as Dave Johnson was absent.

Old Business:

-A motion to accept the recognition document designed by Jane Sigrids was made by Karen Smoley and seconded by Marlene Case.

-Update on project indexing vital records at the public library: questions were raised as to limiting to obituaries and coordination with the library as to what has been previously done.

New Business:

-Review of the fall schedule

-The December Holiday Party is planned for December 5th at the VIP. A buffet for approximately \$8.00 has been suggested. The buffet could be pastas, pizza or salads. Attendees are asked to RSVP by the October meeting with a final account in November.

-Karen Smoley gave a report on the photographing of tombstones at Calvary Cemetery that she and Bobbi Hoyt have done. Karen suggested others might want to consider photographing the tombstones.

-John Buczynski will attend a dedication in Automba, MN. Automba was destroyed in 1914 by a fire.

-The next meeting of the Douglas County Genealogy Club will be at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Ave at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 to view John Colletta video.

Present at the August meeting: Robin Barrett, John Buczynski, Marlene Case, Emily Fredrick, Arnold Johnson, Jim Mattson, Jan Marc Resberg, Jane Sigrids, Karen Smoley and Lois Teich.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick, acting Secretary for the August 1, 2017 meeting.



Upcoming Events

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

WSGS

September 2017 Webinar: Third Coast: How the Great Lakes Shaped America

Presenter: Cari Taplin

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM CST

Webinar Description: This program will examine the rich history of the Great Lakes region, particularly its role in U.S. expansion, through transportation, economic growth and defense. We will look at the geography of the Great Lakes through early explorers' reports, maps and tales. There will be an examination of influences throughout the regions such as Native Americans in the area, commerce, and shipping routes. The program will examine routes into and out of the Great Lakes such as the Erie Canal, railroad lines, and others. The roles that the lakes played in war and defense during the "Sixty Years' War" will be discussed. An examination of major ethnic groups that traveled through the region including immigrants from the British Isles,

Germany, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, and others. The session concludes with a survey of records useful for tracing Great Lakes ancestors from census, naturalization, homestead, passenger lists, border crossings, and other records.

at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3501731608073294083>

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar, and that there is a limited number of spots to view the webinar live. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar.

The WSGS presents the 2017 Fall Seminar:

***Successful Genealogical Research:
Update Your Toolbox***
Saturday, October 28, 2017

at the
**Best Western Plus
Eau Claire Conference Center**
3340 Mondovi Road
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

The featured speaker will be **Paula Stuart-Warren, CG®, FMGS, FUGA**

The cost is \$45.00 for WSGS members and \$70.00 for non-members for reservations made by September 27th. A buffet lunch will be offered for \$15.00 and must be ordered by September 27th. Full details are at the WSGS website at <https://wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=256>



**MNGS
Webinar**

Getting Started in Genealogy - What I Wish I Would Have Known When I Started:

Date: September 6

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Presenter: Kelli Bergheimer is a writer, teacher, and editor. Kelli holds a Master's Degree in Education: Curriculum and Instruction, and a Master's in Business Management. Kelli runs three small businesses: Writers Etc., Geo-Centric Learning and Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company.

Description: How do you get started in genealogy? How do you organize what you know? Learn tools for success such as pedigree charts and family history software, where to go, and how to avoid common assumptions that can lead you astray.

Cost: Free!

Visit the website at <https://mngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38> for registration information.

2017 North Star Genealogy Conference

Set your compass to the Tenth Annual North Star Genealogy Conference, October 6-7, 2017. Meet at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota to enjoy featured speakers Paula Stuart-Warren and Cyndi Ingle, 20 topical breakout presentations, door prizes, exhibitors, the annual Awards Banquet and more!

Also, learn the value of adding DNA to your genealogy toolbox at the North Star DNA Day pre-conference on October 5th.

Find complete conference information on the **North Star 2017** page on the MNGS website.


Every attempt is made to keep **Upcoming Events** pertinent and timely. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to jnjsig@yahoo.com.

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email me at jnjsig@yahoo.com.



News from the Internet

New Historic Records on FamilySearch: Week of August 23, 2017

 blog.eogn.com/2017/08/23/new-historic-records-on-familysearch-week-of-august-23-2017/

Dick Eastman

The following announcement was written by the folks at FamilySearch:

SALT LAKE CITY, UT—This week over 8 million new records from the Netherlands were added and millions more from Denmark and England! Search these new free records and new records from Belgium, BillionGraves, Chile, Kansas, Liberia, Louisiana, Ohio, South Africa, and

Sweden at FamilySearch by clicking on the links in the interactive table below.

Collection	Indexed Records	Digital Images	Comments
Belgium, Namur, Civil Registration, 1800-1912	69,544	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection
BillionGraves Index	311,318	311,318	Added indexed records and images to an existing collection
Chile, Cemetery Records, 1821-2015	269,183	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection
Denmark Census, 1925	3,627,893	134,037	New indexed records and images collection
England, Staffordshire, Church Records, 1538-1944	4,852,180	278,569	New indexed records and images collection
Kansas County Birth Records, 1885-1911	21,152	4,671	Added indexed records and images to an existing collection

Kansas State Census, 1865	149,601	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection	1604-1900; index 1628-1860	collection
Kansas State Census, 1875	618,774	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection		
Liberia, Marriage Records, 1941-1974	15,126	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection		
Louisiana, Parish Marriages, 1837-1957	146	0	Added images to an existing collection		
Netherlands, Archival Indexes, Miscellaneous Records	8,751,272	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection		
Ohio, Crawford County Obituaries, 1860-2004	90,389	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection		
South Africa, Dutch Reformed Church Records (Stellenbosch Archive), 1690-2011	7,754	0	Added indexed records to an existing collection		
Sweden, Kopparberg Church Records,	23,383	0	Added indexed records to an existing		

Searchable historic records are made available on [FamilySearch.org](#) through the help of thousands of volunteers from around the world. These volunteers transcribe (index) information from digital copies of handwritten records to make them easily searchable online. More volunteers are needed (particularly those who can read foreign languages) to keep pace with the large number of digital images being published online at FamilySearch.org. Learn more about volunteering to help provide free access to the world's historic genealogical records online at [FamilySearch.org/indexing](#).

[FamilySearch](#) is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources for free at [FamilySearch.org](#) or through more than 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

***Editor's Note:* Please read the attendant comment and reply:**

VirginiaBAugust 24, 2017 at 8:51 am
 FamilySearch's microfilm ordering system has been down all week. It's now Thursday. I have done LiveChat, phone and email contacts and they just say they are working on it. The cut-off date is next week. Like so many, I have a list of films I'm desperately trying to get before the cut-off. They are not digitized. Dick, is there anyone

at FS you can contact to get more info and to extend the deadline to account for this tech issue? Please reply. And thank you.

Like
Reply

Dick Eastman August 24, 2017 at 7:50 pm

—> Dick, is there anyone at FS you can contact to get more info and to extend the deadline to account for this tech issue?

Not really. I do know that FamilySearch is firmly committed to shutting down the microfilm order process for a number of reasons. I am not sure why it stopped working about a week ahead of schedule but must say I am not surprised.

Like
VirginiaB
August 24, 2017 at 9:27 pm

If they don't get it running again, it will be 11 days earlier than the publicized date. I can't believe they would do something so problematical and dare I say deceptive to so many people. My numerous queries get the same response—they are working on it. Very bad PR for FamilySearch. Anyway, thank you for your reply. I appreciate it.

The Genealogist Releases Half a Million Criminal Records, Adding Significantly to its Court & Criminal Collection

Dick Eastman · August 22, 2017 · Online Sites · No Comments

The following announcement was written by the folks at TheGenealogist:

TheGenealogist has enlarged its **Court & Criminal Records collection** so that even more black sheep ancestors can now be searched for and found on its site. With a new release of records you can unearth all sorts of ancestors

who came up against the law – whether they were a victim, acquitted, convicted of a minor offence or found guilty of a major crime such as murder.

These **fully searchable records** cover **H077 – The Home Office: Criminal Registers, England and Wales** and **ADM 6 – The Registers of Convicts in Prison Hulks Cumberland, Dolphin and Ganymede** with indexes from The National Archives.

- Uniquely this release allows you the ability to search for victims of the crime (Over 132,000)
- Hunt for people using their name or alias, or look for an offence
- See images of the pages from the books and registers that reveal even more fascinating information about the individual

As these records cover a vast range of transgressions we are able to find men and women who stole small items such as shirts, potatoes, boots etc. We can also discover people who had married bigamously, forged money, uttered a counterfeit half-crown, burgled, murdered or were accused of many more other crimes. One example of a number of unusual offences found in TheGenealogist's new release, is that of Christian Crane, tried in February 1811 – 'Being a person of evil fame and a reputed thief' was adjudged to be 'a rogue and vagabond'.

These records, joining those already available within TheGenealogist's Court & Criminal collection, will reveal the sentence of the court handed out to our ancestors. Judgements can be seen to vary massively from a fine, a short imprisonment in Newgate, a public whipping, a longer spell inside, or the ultimate sanction of death.



Newgate Prison London

Other ancestors were sentenced to be 'transported beyond the seas' and TheGenealogist already has many registers of convicts sent to Australia between 1787 and 1867. Joining them in this new release are the ADM 6 records for convicts who were waiting to begin their voyage to the penal colonies in Australia and were locked up on a number of Prison Hulks.

You can search for your lawless ancestor at www.thegenealogist.co.uk

Or see our article: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2017/criminal-records-discover-black-sheep-ancestors-621/>

Thanks to Dick Eastman at <https://blog.eogn.com> for the above articles.