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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Avenue in Superior. Elections for the President and Secretary were postponed due to the lack of a quorum and will take place at this meeting. Jān Resberg will present a program of 1918 events as they relate to genealogy.

Meeting topics for 2018

February 6 – Timeline of 1918 events as related to genealogy. Jān Resberg will be the presenter; at the DCHS

March 6 – John Colletta video; topic to be determined; at the DCHS

April 3 – LDS Research Center in Duluth

May 1 – Downtown Superior Guided Walk – the New York Block, the Washington Block and/or the Luyre Block. Dave Johnson will work on getting the community room at the Washington Block in case of inclement weather. We will possibly have one presenter for each building.

June 5 – Superior Fire Department history; at the Old Firehouse & Police Museum, 402 23rd

Avenue East in Superior. Gary Carino and Dave Johnson will be the presenters.

July 11 - Cemetery Walk at the Greenwood Cemetery, 6 miles south of Superior on Highway 35. We will tour the Firefighters' Area and the Soldiers' Circle. We can arrange to obtain World War I veterans' names a month early and give individual presentations.

August 1 – Topic to be determined; tentative location – Superior Public Library. Arrangements are being made to have Rachael Martin, the executive Director at the Carlton County Historical Society, speak in return for a potential presentation there.

September 4 – Timeline of the 1918 Influenza Epidemic. Jane Sigfrids will be the presenter; at the DCHS.

October 2 – Story of the 1918 Moose Lake Fire. Dave Johnson will be the presenter; location to be determined.

November 6 – The 100 year anniversary of the end of World War I. Presenter to be announced; at the Richard I. Bong Center.

December 4 -Holiday Party; at the Upper Deck Restaurant, 1415 N 46th St in Superior. Approximate cost: \$15-\$16 per person.

December Meeting Minutes

Douglas County Genealogy Club

Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m at the Douglas County Historical Society

Roll Call:

Officers: Pres. James Mattson, Vice-Pres Jān Resberg, Secretary David Johnson

Members: Jane Sigfrids, Marlene Case, Jill Johnson
Excused: Treasurer Robin Barrett.

The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were read by Dave Johnson. Jān Resberg made a motion to accept the minutes; Jane Sigfrids seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was not presented as the treasurer was absent.

Membership: dues are due and can be paid at next month's meeting. There are approximately 28 current members.

Committee Reports:

- The Executive Committee report was read by Dave Johnson
- The Program Committee report was read by Dave Johnson

A motion to accept both reports was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed.

- Constitution and By-Laws: A report was given by Marlene Case. She reported the history of our by-laws including various small changes made over the past several years. All of the changes have been put into place with the current document being listed as being accepted January 5, 2016.
- A motion was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Jān Resberg to publish the current Constitution and By-laws on the website. The motion passed.
- A big "Thank you" was given to Marlene for her work in organizing the documents.
- The 2018 program list was read and discussed. List is subject to change.
- Jane Sigfrids reported on the Christmas party. A net loss of under \$6 was realized.
- The 2018 Christmas party has been booked at the Upper Deck restaurant. Cost will be approximately \$16 or \$17 each.

- Family Tree Requests: No new requests have been made.

President's Report

- President Mattson has been in contact with Mark Liebert in reference to the Poor Farm and the Parkland Cemetery. Of note, there is a possible development happening in the area of the old Parkland Sanatorium. Of concern is the on-site cemetery and that it is not properly marked. This information will have to be officially brought to the Douglas County Board. Dave Johnson suggests that ground penetrating radar could be used to mark the boundaries of the cemetery.
- Keith Fine has not been contacted yet. We still need to get him his thank you certificate.
- The "Vital Records Handbook" that was requested to be purchased through the library was not available through them. Cost of the book through Amazon would be about \$70. It was decided to hold this item until next meeting as we had just discovered that we did not have a quorum and could not conduct this type of business.

New Business

- Information sharing between other genealogy organizations was discussed briefly.
- Elections: President and Secretary positions are due. Elections were not held as we did not have a quorum.
- Next Meeting: February 6, 2018 @ DCHS. The presentation will be the "Timeline of 1918 events." Presenter will be Jān Resberg.

A motion was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Jān Resberg to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary David Johnson

FEBRUARY

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 Webinar

How Understanding and Researching European Surnames Can Help Your Genealogical Research

Presenter: Julie Goucher

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Webinar Description: We begin with an explanation of what a surname study is before covering what might be the catalyst for a study and why such a study might be a resourceful way to research. We then explore the key research methods for exploring European surnames and how they can help with researching in Europe and breaking down brick walls. We explore how to collaborate and undertake analysis of the data and look at surname variants and deviants and if they are an important part of European surname research. We then focus on surname distribution maps and the part they play in understanding surnames in Europe. In the last segments of the presentation we explore promotion of our European surnames so connection can be made with others, the use of social media, and DNA surname projects.

Register at:
[https://attendees.gotowebinar.com/register/
2167486350452662785](https://attendees.gotowebinar.com/register/2167486350452662785)

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 are 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.

2018 Gene-A-Rama Conference Rediscovering Your Love of Genealogy: Moving from Overwhelmed to Organized April 13 & 14, 2018

Our featured speaker will be *Tony Burroughs*, an internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer, and Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA). He is also the founder and CEO of the *Center for Black Genealogy*.

The conference will be held at the *Best Western Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center, Oshkosh*. Watch the *WSGS website* and the *WSGS Facebook page* for more information coming soon!



MNGS Webinar

The Everyday Life of Our Ancestors

Presenter: C. Ann Staley

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Webinar Description: Our ancestors led lives, just like we do – only different. Using our lives as an example, how can we parallel our lives to theirs? They ate and drank, married and had families, dressed, had trades and occupations, practiced a religion, dabbled in the arts and sciences, participated in politics and economics, etc.

This presentation will examine the various aspects of life and provide resources to discover the historical context and personal details of our ancestors' lives. A case study will demonstrate how these details help us to understand better our ancestors' daily lives.

C. Ann Staley, CG, CGL, is an educator, consultant and co-leader of Ann-Mar Genealogy Trips. Her specialties are methodology, research resources, computer resources, vital records and their sources, and conference planning. She is author of several articles for the NGS Magazine, and the co-author of the NGS Research in the States Series-Florida.

Cost: **Free**

See <https://mngs.org> for registration information.

Class

Researching Maps and Land Records

Presenter: Cathi Weber

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am, CST

Minnesota Genealogy Center, 1385 Mendota Heights Road, Suite 100, Mendota Heights, MN

Class Description: Locating your family using Maps and Land Records – how to read plat maps and use the clues in maps and records to find your ancestral properties and migration routes.

Cathi Weber has been researching her family for over 35 years and started NorthStar Genealogy to help others with their research and teach classes. She is President of the Anoka County Genealogical Society and the chair of the Education Committee of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. She has researched and compiled a number of charts and books for family, friends and clients.

See <https://mngs.org> for registration information.

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

JSTOR: the Great Online Genealogy Resource that Few Genealogists Know About

Dick Eastman January 24, 2018

Genealogy information can be found in many places. Most genealogists know about and use the various online sites that have census records, vital records, pension application files, and user-contributed family trees online. These are great resources but they are not the only ones available to us. For instance, have you used JSTOR?



JSTOR is an online library of hundreds of years of academic research and presently contains

more than 1,900 journal titles in more than 50 disciplines. The web site started in 1995 as a site containing back issues of academic journals. Since then, JSTOR has grown to include books and primary sources, and current issues of journals.

A quick search for “genealogy” on the JSTOR web site produced 105,889 “hits” to that word.

As always, I searched for some of the surnames in my own family tree. Here is one that I found that can serve as a typical example of the information found on JSTOR:

JOURNAL	ARTICLE
<i>Eastman's Maternal Ancestry: Letter from Charles Alexander Eastman to H. M. Hitchcock, September</i>	<i>8, 1927</i>
A. LAVONNE BROWN RUOFF	
Studies in American Indian Literatures Series 2, Vol. 17, No. 2, Honoring A. Lavonne Brown Ruoff (SUMMER 2005), pp. 10-17	
Published by: University of Nebraska Press Stable	
URL: http://www.jstor.org/stable/20737262	
Page Count: 8	

JSTOR provides full-text searches of more than 1,900 journals and more than a few of those are journals published by some of the most respected historical societies of our time. Most of the journals are published online on JSTOR about 3 to 5 years after publication in print. However, if a journal's publishers agree, journals may be published even earlier.

Journals available in JSTOR typically do not contain lists of individual residents of an area. However, they are very useful for:

- Researching historical figures, places, and events
- Finding state- and region-specific information and history

- Learning about immigration patterns, political movements, and social issues of the day
- Some of the available online journals include:

The Arkansas Historical Quarterly published by the Arkansas Historical Association

- Massachusetts Historical Review
- Michigan Historical Review
- Virginia Magazine of History and Biography
- Wisconsin Magazine of History
- Tennessee Historical Quarterly

The above is an abbreviated list; there are many more.

JSTOR is a subscription web site although it is possible to read up to three articles at no charge. Plans start at \$9.99 per month or \$99 per year if paid one year in advance. However, many libraries have subscriptions to JSTOR so it is possible to gain free access by visiting a local library in person or, in some cases, accessing JSTOR remotely by first logging onto your library's web site and using its “gateway” to JSTOR. More than 7,000 academic institutions, public libraries, research institutions, museums, and schools in more than 150 countries have access.

JSTOR is available at: <http://www.jstor.org>.

The Genealogist Releases More than 5 Million U.S. Records

Dick Eastman January 24, 2018

The following announcement was written by the folks at [The Genealogist](http://www.genealogist.com):

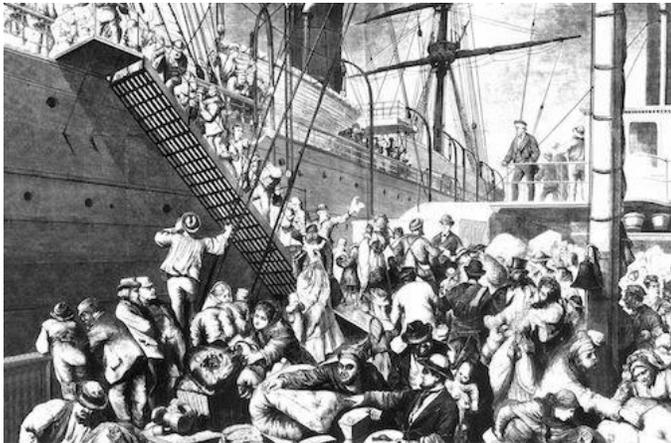
[The Genealogist](http://www.genealogist.com) has added over 5 Million passenger records to their US records, featuring people that migrated to the USA between 1834

to 1900. The mass movement of people from one country to another isn't a new thing. The motivation can be economic, political upheaval or religious persecution.

The data covers:

- 3,956,780 German passengers who arrived in the United States between 1850 and 1897
- 836,122 Italians immigrating into the USA between 1855 – 1900
- 522,638 Russians who emigrated to America from 1834 to 1897

Most were drawn to the U.S.A by the attractions of land and religious freedom, after being forced to leave Europe by shortages of land and religious or political oppression.



"From the Old to the New World" shows German emigrants boarding a steamer in Hamburg, Germany, to come to America. Image published in Harper's Weekly, (New York) November 7, 1874 (Public Domain).

This release joins the millions of US census, death records, trade directories, wills and poll books already available on [The Genealogist](#).

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DCGC Committees (2017)

Executive Board

Jim Mattson (President)
Jan Resberg (Vice-President)
Dave Johnson (Secretary)
Robin Barrett (Treasurer)
Judy Aunet (at-large)
Marlene Case (at-large)
Emily Fredrick (at-large)
Bobbi Hoyt (at-large)
Jackie Plunkett (at-large)

Program Committee

Jan Resberg (Chair)
Judy Aunet
Jim Mattson
Jane Sigfrids

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Marlene Case
Dave Johnson
Jane Sigfrids

Research Request Committee

Dave Johnson (Chair)
Emily Fredrick
Jane Sigfrids

Library Lock-In Committee

Judy Aunet
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids
Leslie Mehle – library liaison