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# Gen News

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## Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 5 pm at the Superior Public Library

On the agenda:

- Minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Committee Reports
- New Business
- Any other Business

Our program will be a display of the entries from the Head of the Lakes Fair



## Minutes

**August minutes were Not received in time for publication.**

Refreshment list: September- Buzz; October- Karen; November- Jan; December Potluck Party.



## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Looking for items for the 2014 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](mailto:vicgarro@centurytel.net)

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club  
TPGS=TwinPorts Genealogical Society  
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
MGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society

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/>

Sept 2 regular meeting at Library  
Sept 8 TPGS at the Depot  
September 20 WSGS Leaders Workshop in Marshfield.  
October 3-4 Minnesota North Star Conference with Judy Russell <http://mngs.org>  
Oct 6 TPGS  
Oct 7 DCGC  
October 18- TPGS Workshop at Duluth Library  
October 18 SWEDGEN at MNGS in South St Paul  
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.

News From the  
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Internet

Ancestry.com has recently launched an app for the Iphone and other devices. Go to ancestry.com for more info or to download.

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FamilySearch has added more than 7.2 million indexed records and images to collections from Argentina, Germany, Jamaica, Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 1,703,079 indexed records from the [Jamaica, Civil Registration, 1880-1999, collection](#); the 2,522,767 indexed records and images from the [United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014, collection](#); and the 852,481 indexed records from [U.S., New York, Passenger Lists, 1820-1891, collection](#). See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at [FamilySearch.org](#).

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A vast archive of photographs of pre-Holocaust Eastern European Jewish life is being made available to the public and researchers. The International Center of Photography in New York and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., announced the joint creation of a digital database to facilitate access to photographer Roman Vishniac's archive.

Vishniac was a Russian-born Jew who moved to Berlin in 1920. He documented the rise of Nazi power and its effect on Jewish life in Central and Eastern Europe. The International Center of Photography said it believes the project "represents a new model for digital archives" and it's excited to bring Vishniac's collection to a wider audience.

You can read more in an Associated Press article published in the *National Post* at <http://goo.gl/A5vSRr>.

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Dropbox recently dropped their price for online storage. For \$9.99 a month you can get 1 terabyte of storage.

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Findmypast has added Australian records: inbound passenger lists to Victoria, 1839-1923 (2,125,578 records) and outbound from Victoria 1852-1915 (1,753,919 records).

These inbound and outbound passenger lists will usually contain names, estimated birth years, nationalities, native places, month and year of arrival,

ship name, destination port and departure port, so they contain a lot of information that can be instrumental in filling in blanks that you may have in your research. You can read the details in the Findmypast Blog at <http://goo.gl/eORKxR>.

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FamilySearch has added more than 1.5 million indexed records and images to collections from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ghana, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, and the United States. Notable collection updates include the 524,584 images from the [Italy, Torino, Ivrea, Civil Registration \(Tribunale\), 1866-1937, collection](#); the 217,208 images from the [New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Probate Records, 1848-1991, collection](#); and the 148,311 images from [Spain, Province of Tarragona, Municipal Records, 1430-1943, collection](#). See the table below for the full list of updates. Search these diverse collections and more than 3.5 billion other records for free at [FamilySearch.org](#).

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What happens to your email, Facebook, Twitter, blog, and other accounts when you die? Delaware has now passed a law that ensures families' rights to access the digital assets of loved ones during incapacitation or after death. House Bill (HB) 345, "Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets and Digital Accounts Act," gives heirs and executors the same authority to take legal control of a digital account or device, just as they would take control of a physical asset or document.

While some states, including Idaho and Nevada, have some existing provisions pertaining to limited digital assets for heirs, they are not as broad as the new Delaware law. For now, the state's version of UFADAA only applies to residents of Delaware.

An attorney with DLA Piper, and the director of the State Privacy and Security Coalition, an umbrella group that represents Google, Yahoo, Facebook and other firms, said that he opposes the new Delaware law because of privacy concerns for those who may have communicated with the deceased.

You can read more in an article by Cyrus Farivar in the *Ars Technica* web site at <http://goo.gl/8GOqbd>.

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The birth, wedding and death records of Chaska Moravian Church parishioners are handwritten in ledgers and kept in a church safe. During the night of July 14 and early July 15, burglars broke into the church and lugged out a 3-foot by 3-foot metal safe. The safe held about four ledgers recording births, weddings and deaths, as well as an index. The records reportedly have never been digitized or recorded in any way. The safe also contained \$50.

Luckily, records written prior to 1920 had previously been sent to the church's headquarters in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for safe keeping. However, all records from about 1920, up to a baptism recorded within the last two weeks, were in the stolen books.

You can read more about the theft in an article by Mark W. Olson in the Chaska Herald web site at <http://goo.gl/g3AeIV>.

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All that remains of the Hancock County GA Courthouse

Another huge loss for genealogists and historians: Property deeds, birth and marriage certificates and many other vital records dating back to 1795 were destroyed when most of the Hancock County Courthouse in Sparta burned down early Monday.

The fire broke out around 3 a.m. on Monday, August 11. When fire crews arrived, the building was engulfed in flames. The cause of the blaze is unknown. The building and its contents appear to be a total loss.

Some of the records held in the Sparta County Courthouse apparently were microfilmed some years ago. The FamilySearch catalog lists copies of many of the earlier records as being available on microfilm and/or online. However, fewer listings are shown for twentieth century records.

You can read more in the WMAZ web site at <http://goo.gl/1RVjjo>.

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More than 700 hours of moving film footage from the great war has been newly released online for the first time, in a joint European project involving the UK's Imperial War Museum. The footage, available on the

Imperial War Museum website, has been released online for the first time. You can learn more at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/exhibitions/iwm-london/first-world-war-galleries> and in a video at <http://bcove.me/hfedsjvf>.

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The "Honor Those Who Served Act of 2014" would enable veterans service agencies, military researchers, historians or genealogists to request a free headstone or marker from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a veteran's grave.

Until 2012 the VA provided headstones for unmarked veterans' graves based on documentation of that vet's identity and service provided by these groups or individuals. That policy was then changed, limiting headstone requests to a veteran's next-of-kin or authorized family representative – a difficult requirement when dealing with graves dating back 100 years or more, and unknown family descendants. (The policy does not apply to replacement of worn, illegible or damaged markers.)

The proposed new legislation will change that policy again, making it possible for non-relatives to obtain a headstone for a documented veteran.

You can read more in an article by Brian Albrecht in The Plain Dealer at <http://goo.gl/dPkRCn>.

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



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Wisconsin State Genealogical Society  
 Society Leaders Workshop - A Local Society Officer  
 and Board Member Training  
 Saturday, September 20, 2014  
 Marshfield Clinic, 1000 N Oak Ave., Marshfield, WI  
 54449

**Morning Program:**

8:30 a.m. Registration opens (coffee & juice served)  
 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Welcome/"Your Society on Facebook"  
 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break (popcorn)  
 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. "Blogging: What can you learn?"  
 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. "Workshop or New Members?"  
 Learn the basics of setting up workshops sponsored by your society and some of the advantages your society might get in return.  
 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch - Sloppy Joes, Chips, Veggies/Pickles, Bars, Water  
 (Please bring your own lunch, if Sloppy Joes are not in your diet plan.)

**Afternoon Program:**

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. "By-Laws: How Does Your Society Rank?" (Bring along a copy of your By-Laws for a hands-on evaluation workshop.)  
 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. Break (cookies/bars)  
 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. "Award Winning Newsletters: Let's All Do It" (Bring along copies of several of your newsletters for a hands-on evaluation workshop)  
 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. "Brick-Wall/Fact Finding on Society Issues" (Bring along problems that your society might be having in regards to membership, fund-raising, speaker or whatever to discuss)  
 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Wrap Up

Signup at WSGS.org



**Norwegian Genealogy: A Ten Step Program to Get You Started and Addicted**

*Presenter: Jerry Paulson*

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 PM CDT

**Webinar Description:** Confused by the naming patterns in Norwegian genealogy? This class will help to clear up some of the mysteries associated with this ethnic group. Topics to be discussed include naming patterns, using Norwegian and Norwegian American church records, relationship of church and state in Norway, websites of value for doing Norwegian and Norwegian American research and migration patterns.

**Register at:** <http://tinyurl.com/kztpyvo>

Webinar ID: 106-999-027

Remember: If you are a member of WSGS, you can watch the webinar's at your leisure from the website. This is their second year of doing webinars so there are many to go back a watch.



Thank you to the 3 exhibitors who took the time to exhibit at the Head of the Lakes Fair in the categories that the club added this year.

Mikayla Maijala,  
 Bobbi Hoyt  
 Vicki Garro

Bobbi Hoyt received Grand Champion and Vicki Garro received Reserve Champion.

Many people stopped to look at and comment on the display. Next year we hope to have many more take the plunge and show off their genealogy.



