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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for 3 at 5 pm at the Riverside Cemetery in Superior off Hwy 105. If it is raining we will meet at Shamrock Pizza in South Superior

On the agenda:

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

July 26 Tower Ave. BID- Judy
Any other Business

We will honor folks in the cemetery by choosing a person and reading their obituary at their grave site. Jan has asked that it be a bring your own beverage night due to no electricity.



Minutes

May 6, 2014 minutes

Called to order at 5:03 pm by Co President Vicki Garro

Newsletters were sent out but 1/2 came back so Lorrie read the minutes. Correction Harrison Community center address should be 3002 W 3rd St. Motion by Jim, 2nd by Bobbi, MC to accept with correction

Treasurer's report: 36.62 for checking, and 1905.65 for savings. Total 1942.27 No action except .09 dividend. Dave Johnson, Motion to accept, Judy Aunet 2nd, Motion carried

Committee Reports

Ed/Prog/Presentation committee met and came up with a list of entries to add to the Fair premium guide and are listed in the May newsletter. Judy asked when the entries need to be in. Vicki said July and you can register at <http://holfair.com>. It will be listed in the premium book under antiques. Will need a 5x7 card describing your entries. DCGC will sponsor the premiums for the entries. Motion made by Dave Johnson, 2nd by Emily Fredrick. Motion Carried.

Discussion on how to allow us to get publicity from this event. Perhaps a posterboard saying premiums sponsored by Douglas County Genealogy Club. Maybe also membership forms nearby. Could also have a drawing, Marlene made a motion of issuing certificates to all the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners. Buzz 2nd Motion carried. Presentation will be at a meeting.

July 26, Tower Avenue Rededication on Saturday. Also Superior's 125th Anniversary. Contact BID to see if we could be a participant. Judy Aunet will contact to get additional info. Possibly a table display, or Window Display. Lorrie Madden volunteered but will need helpers.

German interest group workshop July 12 at Whitewater.

Old Business

Carlton County bus trip needs to know by May 10 to check interest. Leave Cloquet at 5:45 \$45. MHS has cafeteria, MGS does not. Need to bring your own lunch.

June 3 Cemetery Walk will be at Riverside Cemetery. List of burials on website at <http://wigenweb.org/douglas/cemetery/riverside/index.htm> Meet there at 5:00 pm unless raining then meet at Shamrock Pizza in South Superior.

Motion to adjourn at 5:47 pm by Jim Mattson 2nd by Lori Madden Motion carried.

Meeting attended by Marlene Case, Jackie Plunkett, Lorrie Madden, Vicki Garro, Bobbi Hoyt, Roger Saari, Buzz Buzcynski, Jan Resberg, Emily Fredrick, Carol Kalm, Karen Smalley, Dave Johnson, Judy Aunet, Jim Mattson, Nancy Crider

Refreshment list: May- Marlene; June- Jan ; July? ; Aug- Lorrie; September- Buzz; October- Karen; November- Jan; December Potluck Party.



TPGS Invites us to *Time to Party*

Monday, 02 June 2014 – 6 p.m. – Harrison Community Club
3002 West Third Street, Duluth, MN 55806

This event is indoor/outdoor so not weather dependent. Food is potluck so come along and join friends, talk genealogy, play a few games and have fun.

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

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/>

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Time to Party – Join us and our friends from the Douglas County Genealogy Club for a joint indoor/outdoor picnic and social. Good people, good food, and genealogy games too!
June 3- Cemetery Walk: Riverside cemetery
July 1- File the Pile Day: Bring your boxes and file box to file those bits that seem to pile up.
August 5- Leaving your Legacy: Sharing your research and your story.
October 3-4 Minnesota North Star Conference with Judy Russell <http://mngs.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.



News From the Internet

It is not enough to back up your files every month but also test those backups. Don't be caught unprepared when your computer crashes.

About a quarter of the records stored in the National Archives office in Anchorage are being transferred to the state archives in Juneau, the head of the National Archives told Sen. Lisa Murkowski Friday. The transfer includes court records from territorial days and documents concerning the history of the Alaska Railroad, archivist David Ferriero wrote to Murkowski. The documents include birth and marriage records, mining paperwork and other legal paperwork.

The balance of the federal and territorial records stored in Anchorage by the National Archives and Records Administration would be moved to Seattle this summer as part of a plan to close the Anchorage facility.

You can read more in an article by Dermot Cole in the Anchorage Daily News at <http://goo.gl/GhRhZQ>.

Records for another of London's most historic nonconformist burial grounds are now available on Deceased Online. The Spa Fields records range from 1778 to 1849 and feature all the registers from The National Archives (TNA) RG4 collection. Although a tiny area, the old Spa Fields site includes nearly 114,000 records. Located in Clerkenwell, the site no longer exists as a burial ground but is a park managed by the London Borough of Islington. As with all cemetery and burial site records on <http://www.deceasedonline.com>, users are able to search, within the 'advance search facility, by name and by cemetery or burial site within a given area or location.

With records dating back to the 1770's, Spa Fields is one of London's most historic and notorious burial grounds where burials were removed and burned to make way for more new arrivals. Read all about it in Emma Jolly's latest blog:

<http://deceasedonlineblog.blogspot.co.uk/2014/05/londons-spa-fields.html>.

Deceased Online features over 8 million London burial and cremation records including the largest cemetery in the UK and the historic sites at Kensal Green, Brompton and now Spa Fields and Bunhill Fields.

Microfilm may soon be a thing of the past as more are finding it easier and cost effective to utilize digital imaging. Equipment to read and produce microfilm is already difficult to find.

It is a good idea to have an offsite backup as well as a backup on an external hard drive. You can look into backblaze, dropbox, carbonite, and many others who offer this service for a small fee.

Evernote is a great—and free—tool for genealogists and almost everyone else. Installed on Windows, Macintosh, Android, or Apple iOS systems, it is primarily a system for recording, storing, and retrieving notes about any topic. It shares your notes amongst all your systems—desktop, laptop, and handheld alike. I say it is PRIMARILY a system for storing notes, but it has many other uses as well. A smartphone user can even take pictures or videos with the phone and then store them directly in Evernote.

I am often surprised how many Evernote users are not aware of the "[forward to Evernote by email](#)" feature. Yet it is available to all Evernote users. When you sign up for an Evernote account, you are given a unique email address that works with the program. You can find this address at any time in the desktop version of Evernote: click on TOOLS, then ACCOUNT INFO. Your email address will look similar to this: dickeastman.12345@evernote.com. You can forward any email message to Evernote by sending it (or click on FORWARD) to this email address. The message should appear within Evernote within a few minutes.

FamilySearch will soon release a feature called "hinting." With this tool, the site will automatically search for records that match people in your family tree. When you go to an ancestor's page, the web site will show you what it has found just for that person amongst the vast collections of records. FamilySearch does the searching, and finding, for you.

Of course, as always, it is up to the user to confirm whether or not the individual found is really the correct one.

You can read the details in an article by David Green in the FamilySearch Blog at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/family-history-research-easier>.

If you have items on CD, you may want to copy them NOW! The report discusses music CDs but the same problem affects CD-ROM data disks as well. If the disk was commercially manufactured in a factory, it should last for years. CDs and CD-ROM disks “burned” at home, however, have a much shorter lifespan. If you have CDs or CD-ROMs that are sitting on the shelf, you need to copy them NOW. You can copy them to new CD disks or to flash drives or to most any other form of modern media. They still won’t last forever but you can get quite a few more years of life from them if you take steps now to preserve the information by copying it to new storage devices. Then, a few years from now, copy them again to more modern media. You can read more at <http://goo.gl/395Nqx>.

Here is one more article about Chromebooks. This one was written by Daniel Price and is available on the MakeUseOf web site at <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/forget-linux-chromebook-perfect-replacement-windows-xp/>.

Hewlett-Packard has a new tablet computer that I think is a bargain. The **HP 7 Plus** retails for only \$119, but HP has been selling them at an “introductory price” of \$99. This low-priced tablet has most all the features of tablet computers that cost much more. The \$99 price even includes free shipping. I purchased a 7 Plus a few days ago and now am impressed with this tablet computer. It runs all the available Android tablet applications, including genealogy programs. It also is an excellent ebook reader, capable of storing hundreds of ebooks, including Kindle books, ePub books, PDF ebooks, and more. It stores and displays thousands of digital photographs and MP3 music files, and it can even store and play several full-length Hollywood movies when riding on airplanes or on the commuter train. Not bad for \$99!

You can read more about the Hewlett-Packard 7 Plus at

http://www.shopping.hp.com/en_US/home-office/-/products/Tablets/HP/G4B64AA?HP-7-Plus and the device can usually be purchased for \$99 from the same page. However, as I write these words, the page says “out of stock.” That’s interesting for a device only announced a few days ago. Obviously, the demand has been high. I am not sure if HP will still offer the lower price when the company receives more stock or if future sales will be at the full retail price of \$119.

The Moniteau County (Missouri) Historical Society Genealogy Library committee is pleased to announce the new addition is finished and open to the public. A grand opening will be held Saturday, May 31, at 1 p.m. Details may be found at <http://goo.gl/UD1Al6>.

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

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



Our fair entry suggestions have been accepted by the Head of the Lakes Fair and will be on their website soon at <http://holfair.com>. Start getting your fair entries together so we can make a good showing. You do not have to be a Douglas County Resident to show at the Head of the Lakes fair and there is no entry fee! However, you must preregister on their website. The genealogy category will be under Open, Antiques, class B. Copies of all paper documents and photos will be accepted and judged as originals.