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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Superior Public Library.

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 Jewish Cemetery
August 1 – Open
September 5 – Meeting at the Douglas County Historical Society
October 3 – DAR
November 7 – Richard I. Bong Center
December 5 -Holiday Potluck

May Meeting Minutes

The Douglas County Genealogical Club Membership met on May 2, 2017, 6:00 P.M. at the Old Firehouse & Police Museum. Board members present were: Officers; President Jim Mattson, Vice President Ján Resberg, Treasurer Robin Barrett, Secretary David Johnson
Members: Names are on sign-in sheet.

The minutes of the March meeting were read, as there was no April meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Arnold Johnson and seconded by Jackie Plunkett; the motion passed. The Treasurer's reports for the months of March and April, 2017 were given. A motion to accept was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Bobbi Hoyt; the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Robin reports 28 current members

Program Committee: met March 15, 2017

Executive Committee: met March 15, 2017

A report on the Genealogy "Lock In" was given. We received requests from a few attendees to have the event go longer, possibly all night. The Library staff will have to be consulted.

Website Update: David Johnson reported that the website is being visited consistently month to month. A few genealogical requests have come in through the site. Dave was able to assist with one request and has another about adoption procedures used in the 1920s which he will email out to the members for assistance.



President's Report: Parkland Cemetery: An informal discussion was had with the current County Board Chair. President Mattson requests to keep this item on the agenda.

Old Business: None.

New Business: In regard to non-internet connected members – at least one member has expressed concern that she no longer receives meeting notices or the newsletter. A discussion was held and we will develop a way to mail meeting notices to members who do not use the internet and they will be able to pick up the current newsletters at the monthly meetings.

Posters: One member asked if we had posters that could be placed in area businesses. She volunteered to place some in the Lake Nebagamon area if the club would supply her with them.

Christmas Party: A discussion about location ensued. VIP and Shamrock were listed as possible venues. VIP would charge about \$8 per person and would not charge for the room. Drinks would be separate. A motion was made by Emily Frederick and seconded by (?) to pick VIP. The motion passed.

TPGS Picnic: DCGC has been invited to join them for their summer party on June 5 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24th Ave. W. and 3rd St. beginning at 6:00.

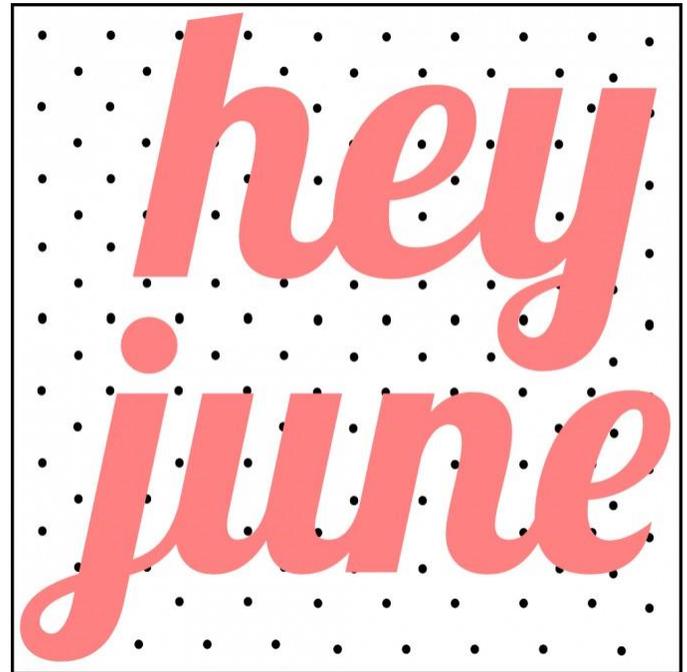
The Library vital records index project was discussed. Former and now current member Carol Lindberg updated the club on the history of the project. A request was given to our members to spend some time to help complete this.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Jackie Plunkett and seconded by David Johnson. The motion

passed; the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Following the meeting a tour and conversation about the history of the Superior Fire Department and the Museum building was given by David Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted; David Johnson, secretary



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

TPGS

The TPGS will hold their annual summer party on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 24th Ave. W. and 3rd Street, in Duluth, beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share, serving spoons, and a beverage. Water and coffee will be provided It's a time to connect,

share stories, enjoy good food and fun!

A suggestion is to bring a small container for leftovers, in case you find something you really like and want to take a sample home.

WSGS

June 2017 Webinar:

100 Years Later: World War I Genealogy

Presenter: Russell Horton



Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Webinar Description: Russell Horton, the Reference Archivist at the Wisconsin Veterans' Museum, will introduce the museum's online World War I database to help genealogists find their Wisconsin veterans to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I. He will also discuss other resources to help you dig for the doughboy in your family tree.

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7746449023659591426>

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.

MNGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Looking for a Man Who Didn't Want to Be Found - Using Military, WPA Records & More (Webinars)

7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Description: People sometimes disappear intentionally. Midwestern scofflaw and bigamist Robert Lee Chamberlain stole church funds and abandoned his family, rattling around the Midwest and Pacific Northwest before dying in New Mexico. By following clues in the records it's possible to track down even a 20th-century scofflaw.

Presenter: *Diane L. Richard* is a professional researcher, lecturer, and author since 2004. She focuses on the south, African-American, lineage research, and genealogy tools. She has appeared on *Who Do You Think You Are?*; writes for *Internet Genealogy*, *Upfront with NGS*, etc., and edits two genealogy journals. She has emigrant landless peasant ancestry!

Cost: *Free!*

See the MNGS website at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8995103909792889602> for registration instructions.

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

Update of MacKiev's FamilyTreeMaker 2017 Release Plans

Dick Eastman · May 24, 2017 ·

MacKiev has been working feverishly on the new release of Family Tree Maker 2017. There have also been hints in the MacKiev status reports that the folks at Ancestry.com also have been burning the midnight oil on their end as well.

The details have not been released but apparently one big show stopper has been getting the Family Tree Maker 2017 software in both the Windows and Macintosh computers to synchronize properly with Ancestry.com's servers. Apparently, the problems are believed

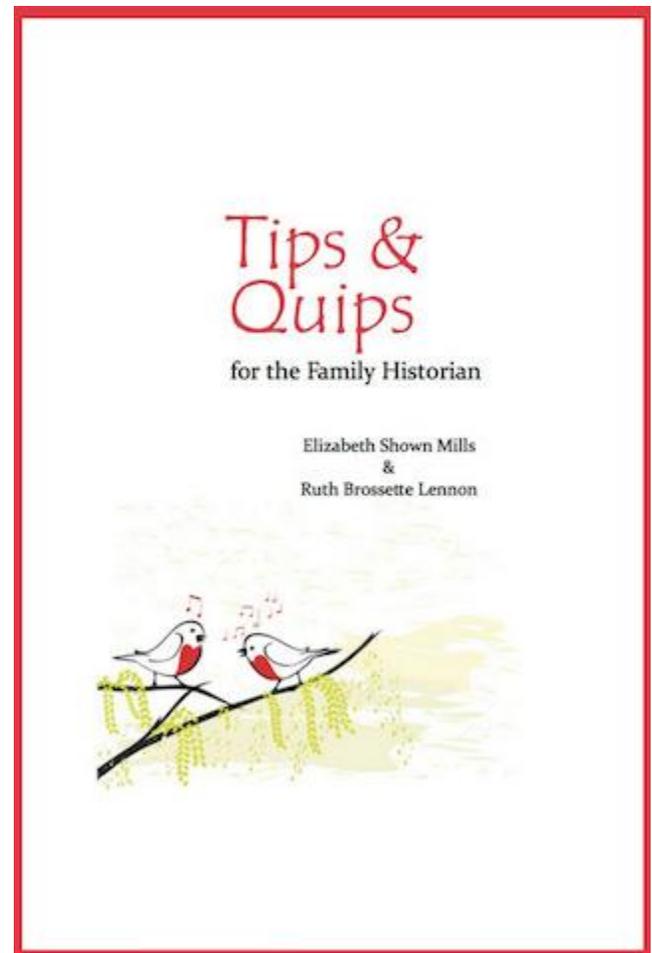
to be close to resolved. Beta test users reportedly have been performing updates for several days now.

If you are curious when the release will be finalized, keep an eye on the MacKiev.com status reports at <https://support.mackiev.com/498640-RELEASE-OF-FTM-2017>. Those status reports seem to updated about every week or so.

Book Review: Tips and Quips for the Family Historian

Dick Eastman · May 22, 2017 · Books · No Comments

The following book review was written by Bobbi King:



Tips and Quips for the Family Historian
By Elizabeth Shown Mills and Ruth Brossette Lennon.
Genealogical Publishing Co., 2017. 173 pages.

On a lighter note.....Elizabeth Mills has collaborated with her granddaughter Ruth Brossette Lennon in producing a smallish book of “tips and quips,” presenting a more lighthearted approach to words from the wise.

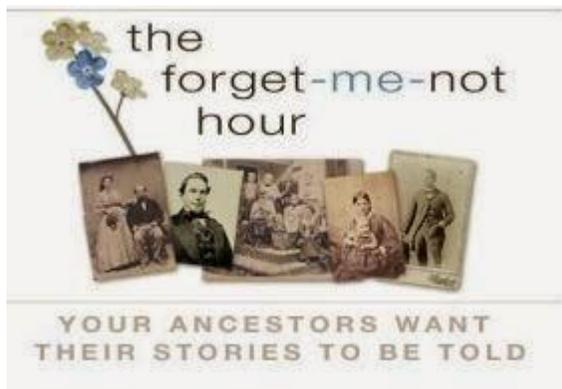
Ms. Lennon typeset the book and created the look. Her innovative style gives a cheerful and sunny air to the deep thoughts of master genealogists: “Genealogy can not only help kids understand the world but can give them respect for their elders, bridge generation gaps, and heal family wounds.” (Tony Burroughs.)

Different fonts for different voices lend a sense of distinction to each individual and quote. And true to form, she cites each source to perfection.

I like this little book. It’s like sipping an effervescent cucumber-mint spritz: the same ingredients as in a salad, but put together in a sparkling new way.

Please keep writing, Ms. Lennon. You’re imaginative.

Tips and Quips for the Family Historian may be purchased from the publisher, Genealogical Publishing Co., at <http://bit.ly/2qOnbCj> as well as from Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2raL9cg>.



Can Ancestry.com Claim Ownership of Your DNA Data?

Dick Eastman · May 23, 2017 · DNA, Legal Affairs



A controversial article by a consumer protection attorney and former deputy attorney general of New Jersey has stirred up a hornet’s nest. Joel Winston published an article with the claim that the genealogy website Ancestry.com is “taking DNA ownership rights” from customers and their families. In other words, he says that Ancestry.com claims to own their customers’ personal DNA data.

Strong words, indeed. In fact, Mr. Winston’s assertions seem to be a bit far fetched.

Ancestry.com responded on the company’s DNA blog. Without mentioning Attorney Winston by name, Ancestry.com’s Chief Privacy Officer Eric Heath called Winston’s post “inflammatory and inaccurate.” Heath emphasized that Ancestry.com never takes ownership of customers’ DNA. Instead, the customers license the information to Ancestry DNA but the customers always retain ownership.

At first, ownership versus licensing appears to be a minor point, one that is of concern only to lawyers. However, after reading both sides of the issue, it appears that both parties believe the other party is mis-stating the facts.

I like the explanation on Snopes.com, a well-respected web site that specializes in correcting the lies and “urban legends” that seem to circulate frequently on the Internet. Snopes.com’s analysis of the controversy is written in plain, non-legalese, English. It points out there is a major difference between owning versus licensing.

For background information, you can read Attorney Joel Winston’s original article at: bit.ly/2qMkQrl. The rebuttal by Ancestry.com’s Chief Privacy Officer Eric Heath is available at: <http://ancstry.me/2qe3dhx>.

The legally binding AncestryDNA Terms and Conditions can be found at: <https://www.ancestry.com/dna/en/legal/us/termsAndConditions>.

If you manage to read through all of those articles, I then **STRONGLY** urge you to read the common-sense analysis by Snopes.com at <http://www.snopes.com/ancestry-dna-steal-own>.

As for me, I have no concerns about licensing my personal DNA information to anyone, especially to a genealogy organization. It strikes me that DNA is simply a fact, something that is not under my control. I didn’t ask for my DNA and I had no means of influencing or changing it. I am neither especially proud of or ashamed of my DNA. It is strictly a fact, the same as my fingerprints, my hair color, and the color of my eyes. There is nothing “magic” about my DNA information.

I will suggest, however, that you need to make up your own mind about your DNA information.