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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Avenue in Superior. After the meeting, we will view a video from John Coletta's "Introduction to Genealogy" series.

Meeting topics for 2018

March 6 – John Coletta 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 10 - 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 7 – 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.

February Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Douglas County Genealogy Club was called to order on Feb 6, 2018 at the Douglas County Historical Society. Officers present were: Jim Mattson, President, Jan Resberg, Vice President and Robin Barrett, Treasurer. Dave Johnson, Secretary, was absent.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting was made by Arnold Johnson and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed.

Robin Barrett gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in savings as of January 31, 2018 was

\$1,724.45 and the balance in checking as of December 31, 2017 was \$239.47. A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Judy Aunet to include the balance of both accounts in the newsletter. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

The Executive Board and the Program Committee will meet on Tuesday Mar. 13th at 5:15 PM at the Upper Deck. All members are welcome to attend.

No report was given from the Research Committee as the chair, Dave Johnson, was absent.

President's Report:

President Jim Mattson is conducting an on-going discussion with County Board Chair Mark Liebaert in regard to the Parkland Cemetery. The Old Brule Historical Society was given a book about residents of the "Poor Farm" that was located on Sam Anderson Road.

Old Business:

Discussion continued on the purchase of the "Vital Records Handbook". Judy Aunet, Marlene Case and Robin Barrett will do more research as to when the book was published; would it meet the criteria for placement at the Library and if not, where would it be placed if purchased?

In regard to recognition of Keith Fine's work at the Parkland Cemetery - Jim Mattson has not been able to make contact with him as of yet.

Review of committee members: **See listings elsewhere in newsletter**

Executive Board membership - A motion to accept was made by Bobbi Hoyt and seconded by Judy Aunet. The motion passed.

Program Committee membership - A motion to accept was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Carol Lindberg. The motion passed.

Financial Review Committee membership - A motion to accept was made by Emily Fredrick

and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed.

Research Request Committee membership - A motion to accept was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Judy Aunet. The motion passed.

Library Lock-In Committee membership - A motion to accept was made by Emily Fredrick and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed.

New Business:

A motion to renew the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society membership for 2 years was made by Jackie Plunkett and seconded by Judy Aunet. The motion passed.

Bobbi Hoyt announced the Twin Ports Genealogical Society will have a genealogical workshop with presenter Vickie Churpurdia at the Duluth Public Library on October 20th.

The Election of Officers for President and Secretary was conducted - Jim Mattson and Dave Johnson will remain in their respective positions as President and Secretary. A motion to accept these results was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The motion passed.

Marlene Case made a motion to contribute \$100 to the Douglas County Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Bobbi Hoyt. The motion passed.

The next meeting of the Douglas County Genealogy Club will be by March 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Douglas County Historical Society to view a John Coletta video.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 PM by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The meeting adjourned for Jan Resberg's presentation on the timeline of 2018 events as related to genealogy research.

Members present were: Judy Aunet, Robin Barrett, Marlene Case, Don Erickson, Emily

Fredrick, Bobbi Hoyt, Arnold Johnson, Carol Lindberg, James Mattson, Sandy Novak, Jackie Plunkett, Jan Resberg, Jane Sigfrids, and Karen Smoley, with guest, John Arthur.

Respectfully submitted, Emily Fredrick



Upcoming Events

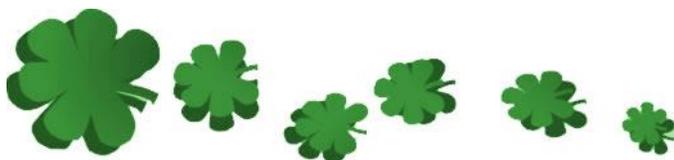
DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=Twin Ports Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MNGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society
WHS= Wisconsin Historical Society



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Library Lock-In

The lock - in has been changed from its customary schedule of sometime close to April 1st to October 5th, due to library construction. Further details will be published as they are established.



WSGS Webinar

Oy Vey! You Want to Research Jewish Ancestors?

Presenter: Jennifer Alford

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Webinar Description: Whether you have a Jewish ancestor or are looking to assist others, this session will introduce you to the history of the Jewish people, immigration to the United States, and aspects of their lives. Using this information we can get to know our Jewish ancestors in depth and find records that can take us back to the homeland.

Register at:
<https://attendees.gotowebinar.com/register/128276871720927113>

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**

**Researching Family History Records in
Quebec**

Presenter: Tammy Priolo

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Webinar Description: Quebec has had a unique history, which left unique records including birth, marriage and death, census, land, and estate files. Understanding these collections is the path to finding your ancestors in Quebec.

This presentation will also address linguistics, and dit names, which are a must to navigating through the Quebec records back to the 1500-1600's. It's a rewarding journey worth taking!

Tammy Priolo, the Ancestor investigator, is a professional genealogist, BASc, PLCGS 17+ yrs. She consults, researches, writes and lectures nationally and internationally on various genealogical topics. She's a member of APG, GSG, OGS and the Advisory Board of Ancestry.ca. She specializes in Native, French-Canadian, and British areas.

Cost: **Free**

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

Class Description: Come and learn some tips and tricks for using Family Tree Maker genealogy software program. See how it interfaces with Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. See the new color coding feature. Find out what's new in Family Tree Maker 2017.

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.

\$25 members, \$30 non-members

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.

Class

Using Family Tree Maker Software

Presenter: Cathi Weber

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, CST

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



Fires of 1918

WDSE WRPT Duluth Public Television will be releasing a new documentary movie on the Fires of 1918 in March. There will be a public preview at 2 PM Sunday, March 4th, at Lake Theater, 320 Elm Street, Moose Lake, MN, and the documentary will air on WDSE-TV at 7 PM Monday, March 5th. I was asked to tell my mother's story in this documentary and it went well, so don't miss it.

I have been working hard with the Carlton County Historical Society with getting my mother's fire story, "The Killing Fires", published in their newly released book, "Fire Speaks our Words, Creative Meditations on the Fires of 1918, A Centennial Tribute". The commemoration was held Sunday, February 18, 2018, and a good crowd was present for refreshments and camaraderie.

I have a copy to donate to our club which in turn, I hope, will donate to the Superior Public Library. There will be order forms available with prices and shipping information, for those interested in obtaining their own copy. Total cost will be \$20.00.

(Many thanks to John (Buzz) Buczynski for the above article.)



News from the Internet Online U.S. Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

[Dick Eastman](#) · [February 21, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#)
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One of the more useful tools for genealogists is the ***Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*** created by the Newberry Library in Chicago. When I first started in genealogy, one of my biggest frustrations was trying to find records of ancestors in the county where they lived. Many genealogical records are created by counties. In many cases, I knew the town where they lived and I also knew what county the town was in. Yet I couldn't find the records that normally are kept in county courthouses, such as probate records or the deeds of land transfers.

As I gained more experience, I soon learned that the problem was mine. I had looked in the country records for the county lines of today. In many cases, the county lines had moved over the years, even though my ancestors had not moved an inch. Once recorded at the county courthouse, records normally remain at that courthouse forever, even if the county lines are redrawn later and the property or the town in question is then "moved" to a different county.

For instance, if your ancestor lived in the town of Smallville in Washington County when the information was recorded at the courthouse and

later the county lines were redrawn so that town of Smallville and your ancestor's location were later in Lincoln County, you still need to look for older records in the Washington County courthouse. Existing courthouse records usually are not moved to a new courthouse when county lines are redrawn.

Experienced genealogists all know that you need to look in the county courthouse for the correct county as of the date the records were filed. But how do you find the correct county lines as of the date(s) your ancestors lived there and left records? You can find several books at well-equipped libraries that will provide that information. However, the *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* will provide the information as well without requiring the time and travel expenses of visiting a well-equipped library. Yes, you can find the information without leaving home. The *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* web site is available **FREE** of charge. You can even download the files to your own computer and save them or use them as you please. The online atlas has been available for years but I find that many genealogists are unaware of its existence and do not know how useful it can be.

With the *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries*, you can view records on a per state basis, an interactive map, or choose the time slots that best meet your requirements. You can search by location or by time or by both. To use the web site for the first time, select a state from the map on the site's home page to view all of the Atlas' content related to that state, including shapefiles, chronologies, and metadata. If you cannot quickly find the information you seek, narrow the search by choosing from the available list of options. Probably the most useful option for genealogists is to display maps by dates.

A lot of helpful information about the site can be found on the "Using the Atlas" page

at: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/usngatlas.html>.

This is a web site worth bookmarking. You probably won't need to use it often but, if you do ever have a need, it can supply the information you seek quickly.

The *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries* is available at the Newberry Library's web site at: <http://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp>.

(Your readers may also find this free tool I built based on the excellent Newberry source in your article: <https://www.randymajors.com/p/maps.html> Simply type a PRESENT-DAY address, city or place, then type any HISTORICAL date, and the historical county boundaries from that date will appear overlaid on a familiar Google Map (including satellite view). Then optionally overlay research locations on the map such as courthouses, cemeteries, churches, and libraries, and link right to them for more information. It also displays the statute that formed the boundary, and optionally will animate the change in boundaries over time for that location. Over 60,000 visits to this tool I think largely due to its simple usability.)

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DCGC Committees (2018)

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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Dave Johnson
Jane Sigfrids

Research Request Committee

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Emily Fredrick
Jane Sigfrids
Jackie Plunkett

Library Lock-In Committee

Judy Aunet
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids
Leslie Mehle – library liaison