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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, at 6 p.m. at the Superior Public Library. Jane Sigfrids will present a program on presidential genealogy.

Tentative Meeting Topics for 2019

February 5: Presidential Genealogy by Jane Sigfrids

March 5: Update on changes at the LDS Family History Center

April 2: Visit to the LDS Center in Duluth

May 7: Eileen Gannon, DNA

June 4: Sharing members' genealogical research

July 9: Calvary Cemetery tour

August 6: www.vintagevickie.com, Proctor resident and professional genealogist

September 3: Dan Reed to discuss immigration

October 1: Members' will share their genealogical research

November 5: Location and topic to be determined.

December 3: Holiday Party; location to be determined.

January Meeting Minutes

The January 8, 2019 meeting of the Douglas County Genealogy Club was called to order at 6:04 PM. Officers present were President Jim Mattson and Interim Treasurer Jane Sigfrids. Absent officers were Vice President Jan Resberg and Secretary Dave Johnson.

Minutes of the November meeting were read by President Jim Mattson with correction noted. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Arnold Johnson and seconded by Jackie Plunkett. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Interim Treasurer Jane Sigfrids has reconciled the 2017 and 2018 treasury. Jane will pay dues owed to the Wisconsin Genealogical Society. The Financial Review Committee will attempt to meet before the February meeting with a goal to be up-to-date on the club's finances. Jane Sigfrids passed around the membership list for additions and/or corrections. A motion to accept the report was made by Emily Fredrick and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

With the closure of the Upper Deck, the location of the March meeting of the Executive Board and Program Committee is to be determined.

Request Committee: no report with absence of chair, Dave Johnson.

Report on annual holiday party: attendance 27 people

President's Report: no contact with Keith Fine or Mark Liebert

Review of Constitution and Bylaws: available at http://www.douglaswigenealogy.org

New Business: Election of Vice President and Treasurer to serve until January 2021. Marie Mattson nominated Jan Resberg for Vice-President; the nomination was seconded by Marlene Case. The motion unanimously passed. Jackie Plunkett nominated Jane Sigfrids for Treasurer; the nomination was seconded by Marlene Case. The motion again passed unanimously.

Review of Membership Committees:

At Large Executive Board members – A motion to accept was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Marie Mattson. The motion passed.

Program Committee: A motion to add Jackie Plunkett to the committee made by Marlene Case and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The motion passed.

Financial Review Committee: consists of Marlene Case and Dave Johnson. A motion to accept was made by Jackie Plunkett and seconded by Arnold Johnson. The motion passed. It is hoped a third person could be added to replace Jane Sigfrids.

Research Committee: Motion to accept by Jane Sigfrids and second by Marlene Case. Motion passed.

Lock In Committee: A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Jane Sigfrids to accept the membership as listed. The motion passed. The Committee has not as yet met.

Upcoming Event:
"Making Sense of DNA"
A mini workshop sponsored by Twin Ports Genealogical Society at the Duluth Public Library is scheduled for April 6, 2019 in the Green Room from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Topics will include the basics of DNA and inheritance and how to navigate your results. Free and open to the public. No pre-registration is required.

The next meeting of DCGC will be February 5, 2019 at the Superior Public Library with Jane Sigfrids presentation on Presidential Genealogy. A motion to adjourn was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Jackie Plunkett. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm. A presentation by Marie Mattson followed.

Members present: Marlene Case, Jim Mattson, Emily Fredrick, Arnold Johnson, Edna and George Johnson, Marie Mattson, Jackie Plunkett and Jane Sigfrids

Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick, Acting Secretary

Reminder: Membership dues for 2019 are now payable. You can pay at the monthly meeting or send a check to me at:
Jane Sigfrids
4521 S County Rd E
South Range, WI 54874

Please be sure to make your check out to the club, not to me personally. Also, please write "2019 Dues" in the memo field on your check. Thank you.

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

<u>WSGS</u>
Webinar
Introduction to a Surname Study
Presenter: *Julie Goucher*
Date: *Tuesday, February 19, 2019*
Time: *7:00 pm CST*
Description: *In this presentation, we will explore what a Surname Study is and then look at the approaches to begin and construct a study, identifying the likely size of such a study,*

geographical distribution of the surname and where to look to understand the history of surnames. We then move on to the practical elements of the study, where to keep data, how to gather it and feature some of the "quick wins". We then explore analyzing and synthesizing the data gathered. We discuss sharing, promoting and advertising the study so that you can hopefully connect with others and then focus on incorporating DNA projects into a surname project as another research tool.

Register *at:* *https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4292 568557610295555*

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar and handout information. Please remember that this is a first-come, first-served webinar. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar. If you have problems connecting to the software, be sure to check that your browser software is running the most current version available.

Information for the 2019 Gene-A-Rama is now available on the WSGS website, https://wsgs.org.2 The event will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Onalaska, WI, on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30. Speaker and schedule information is there, along with registration information.

Please note: The deadline for early-bird conference registration is **March 4, 2019;** the deadline for the discounted hotel room rate is **February 28, 2019.**

MNGS
Webinar
DNA for Beginners

Presenter: Julianne DeWalt Adamik
Date: Wednesday, February 6
Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm
Description: Have you taken a DNA test and wonder "now what?" Curious about using DNA for genealogy research but don't know where to begin? This is the presentation for you! We start at the beginning…the very beginning. Learn all about genetic genealogy, but without all the science. Okay, maybe we touch on it a tiny bit. But just enough to build your understanding of what DNA is, types of DNA, how it's used in genealogy, how the different testing companies compare, and much more. We'll go over common genetic genealogy terminology and basic inheritance patterns. Join us for this informative and entertaining presentation designed to get you on your way to discovering more about your ancestors through DNA!

After a long career as a corporate executive, Julianne DeWalt Adamik embarked on a journey to discover her roots. Using the brief handwritten notes found among her father's papers, she set out to learn more about the ancestors whose DNA she shares.   She became intrigued by the advances in DNA technology and its use in genealogy research. Julianne has taken several courses in genetic genealogy including the Genealogy Research Institute of Pennsylvania (GRIP) course on Practical Genetic Genealogy. She is President of the North San Diego County Genealogy Society and a member of the Genealogy Speakers Guild, National Genealogical Society, Illinois Genealogical Society, Peoria Genealogical Society and the Irish Genealogical Research Society.
Cost: Free!
Please see the Events page at mngs.org for registration information.

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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 her 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

Free Genealogy Programs
Dick Eastman · January 17, 2019 · Software · 14 Comments

A newsletter reader wrote recently and asked if there are any free genealogy programs available today. I thought perhaps others might have the same question so I will respond here in the newsletter where anyone interested can read the answer.

In fact, there are many free, full-featured genealogy programs available for Windows, Macintosh, Chromebooks, Linux, or even for installing in a web server you control. The various programs do vary widely in features and capabilities.

In addition, the handheld systems that run Chrome or Apple's iOS operating system also have many free genealogy apps available although most of them are somewhat limited in capabilities. I would not describe any of the genealogy apps for handheld devices as "full featured" programs that compete with the desktop genealogy products for

Macintosh, Linux, and Windows. However, even that is changing.

The following is a list of free genealogy programs that may meet your needs. However, the paid programs usually offer more features.

For **Microsoft Windows**, there are: [RootsMagic Essentials,](#) [Legacy Family Tree Standard Edition,](#) [Family Tree Builder](#) from MyHeritage, [Gramps,](#) [AncestralQuest Basics](#), and maybe some others that I do not recall right now.

For **Macintosh**, there is: [Family Tree Builder](#) from MyHeritage, [Gramps,](#) and [Personal Ancestry Writer II](#).

For **Linux**, see [Gramps](#). Don't bother with anything else. Other Linux genealogy programs do exist but pale in comparison to Gramps.

For **Chromebooks**, see my article, *Genealogy Applications for Chromebooks*, at: https://blog.eogn.com/2017/04/19/genealogy-applications-for-chromebooks/ and the list in the Google Play Store at https://play.google.com/store/search?q=genealogy&c=apps.

I am sure you can find other free genealogy programs as well. However, the above list shows the ones that have been around for a while and have become popular.

For Android or Apple's iOS operating system, see the App Store for your system. It should list a number of free genealogy apps but, again, I would not describe any of them as "full featured" programs that compete with the desktop genealogy products for Macintosh, Linux, and Windows.

My Solution(s)

As for myself, I don't use any genealogy program installed in a personal computer. My favorite

method of keeping my own genealogy database is to store all the data online where it is accessible to me when I use any computer and (optionally) accessible to the people that I allow to see the data. I would suggest you use an online genealogy service that is designed for the purpose. Using an online genealogy service is easier and more reliable than installing, maintaining, and updating software in a personal computer yourself. There are several ways of accomplishing that.

My favorite genealogy "program" is [MyHeritage.com](#), the sponsor of this newsletter. I will quickly admit that I am biased to the company that pays the bills for this newsletter. However, I honestly believe that if this newsletter had a different sponsor or no sponsor at all, I would still use MyHeritage.com as my primary genealogy "program."

However, with MyHeritage.com or any other genealogy program, I do make complete backups of all my data at least once a month and store the backups in my home computers and also in at least two different file storage services in the cloud operated by other companies. (That's one copy at MyHeritage.com, more than one copy at home, plus at least two copies in two or more file storage services in the cloud, such as Dropbox, Google Drive, and others.) That's cheap insurance. I cannot imagine any disaster that would lose all four or more copies simultaneously!

I prefer MyHeritage simply because I have my own, separate database on the service. Nobody else can ever change any information in my database without my permission. That's not true of all the online genealogy services. In addition, nobody can even SEE my data unless I give permission. I can give read-only permission to only one person, to a group, to everyone on the World Wide Web, or to no one. I like those choices.

Using MyHeritage.com as a genealogy program is free for small databases of up to 250 people. However, for larger databases, you do have to pay

fees. Pricing may be found at: https://www.myheritage.com/pricing.

Another Solution: Install a Genealogy Program Online

For anyone with some technical expertise, having your own personal online genealogy program installed in a web server you control can be very attractive. Again, as the owner, you can give read-only permission to only one person, to a group, to everyone on the World Wide Web, or to no one. You can also give full read/write permission to anyone you wish. That is a great feature for group efforts when several people are cooperating at researching the same family.

For more information about having your own genealogy program installed in a private web server that you control, look at **The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding** ("TNG") at http://www.tngsitebuilding.com/. TNG does cost a modest $32.99 US. Also, look at **Webtrees,** a **free** genealogy program that installs in a web server at https://www.webtrees.net/index.php/en/.

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