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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at 6 p.m. at the Superior Public Library. Included on the agenda are elections for the Vice-President and Treasurer.



Tentative Meeting Topics for 2019

- January 8:** Election Night; presentation by Marie Mattson
- 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.



December Meeting Minutes

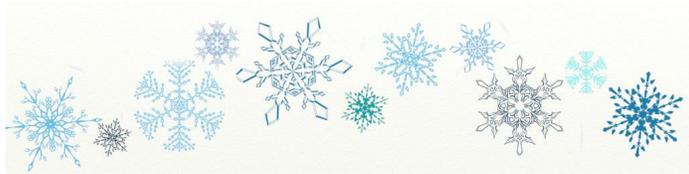
The monthly meeting was held on December 4, 2018 at the Upper Deck Restaurant. As it was our annual holiday party, no business was conducted.



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.



**Executive Board and Program Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018
Upper Deck Restaurant**

The Executive Board and Program Committee meeting was called to order on Dec 12, 2018 at 6:30PM. Jim Mattson, President and Jane Sigfrids, Interim Treasurer were present. Absent were Jan Resberg, Vice President and Dave Johnson, Secretary.

Jane Sigfrids gave an update on the financial records. Check # 1018 for dues to the Wisconsin Genealogical Society is missing. Jackie Plunkett made a motion to pay the dues. Motion was second by Marlene Case. Further discussion lead to a decision to pay dues to WGS for 2019. It was the wish of those present that the financial review committee could communicate through email/text to resolve the financial review before the Jan 8th. A replacement check for dues to WGS could then be issued. Jane Sigfrids stated there are 13 paid members for 2019.

Jim Mattson will ask Dave Johnson to send the current bylaws to paid members for review at the January meeting. A business meeting and election of Vice President and Treasurer is slated for the January meeting followed by a presentation by Marie Mattson.

Jane Sigfrids motioned by adjourn the Executive Board meeting at 6:45PM; it was seconded by Jackie Plunkett.

Program Committee meeting called to order at 6:48PM. Chair Jan Resberg was absent.

Review of the Douglas County Genealogy Club programs for 2019 are as follows:

January 8th: Business meeting/election of Vice-President and Treasurer followed by a genealogical presentation by Marie Mattson

Feb 5th: Presidential genealogy by Jane Sigfrids

March 5th: Updates at the Family History Center - speaker not confirmed

April 2nd: combined meeting with Twin Ports Genealogical Society at the Family History Center

April 5th: Lock-In at Superior Public Library

May 7th: DNA with Eileen Gannon

June 4th: sharing research successes and failures by members

July 9th: cemetery walk at Calvary Cemetery

Aug 6th: Proctor history with Vintage Vicki

Sept 3rd: Dan Reed on immigration

Oct 1st: sharing by members

Nov 5th: Bong Center topic at the Library

Dec 3rd: Christmas Party with Twin Ports Genealogical Club - location to be determined

One suggestion for new topics was a presentation from the Register of Deeds Office. Other suggestions are welcome.

The next meeting of the Executive Board and Program Committee is scheduled for March 20, 2019 at the Upper Deck.

*Respectfully submitted,
Emily Fredrick, Acting Secretary*



Correction to the December 2018 minutes: John Buczynski's daughter was mis-identified as Wendy; her name is Cheri. I apologize for any confusion.



January Events

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



WSGS Webinar

Spirit of St. Louis: Military and Civilian Records at the National Personnel Records Center

Presenter: Tina Beard

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: *The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis has many records pertinent to your soldier's service. OMPFs, Official Military Personnel Files, monthly regimental rolls, hospital records, military court-martials and graves registration service files all offer clues into your veteran's military experience. NPRC also houses civilian and government employment files as well. Was your grandfather in the Civilian Conservation Corps? Was your mother Postmaster? These records are available as well! Tina will describe the types of information to be found in these records and how you can access them in person.*

Register

at:

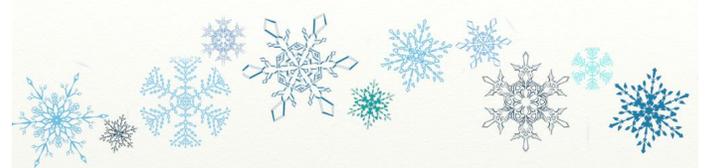
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2598641151923744771>

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>. 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

No webinar information for January was available 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 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

MyHeritage Partners with Project Life to Bring You the Perfect Way to Preserve and Share Memories with the Family Discovery Kit

Dick Eastman December 21, 2018

The following is an announcement by MyHeritage:

The holiday season is all about family and the memories you create together. This year, MyHeritage has partnered with Project Life™ by Becky Higgins to bring you the perfect way to preserve and share those unique memories with the Family Discovery Kit. With this unique gift set, you'll make incredible discoveries about your family and create a beautiful album to cherish your family story for generations to come.



Family Discovery Kit

Capture your family's unique story



cm.myheritage.com/kit

The Family Discovery Kit makes a truly meaningful

gift and presents the perfect opportunity to capture all the special moments that await you in the new year. Now more than ever, making family albums and capturing family memories will be an easy resolution to keep.

This beautiful, limited-edition gift set includes a MyHeritage DNA kit, 3 months of FREE access to MyHeritage.com, a Project Life photo album, customized full-page inserts, Project Life decorative cards, a keepsake box, and scented candles.

Buy one for your loved ones and remember to order one for yourself while supplies last.

You can learn more at: <https://cm.myheritage.com/kit>.



The National Archives to Make Changes to Fees

[Dick Eastman · December 20, 2018 · Announcements · No Comments](#)

NOTE: This is about an announcement from The National Archives in Kew, Richmond, Surrey, England, not from the National Archives and Records Administration in the United States.

Starting 1 February 2019, there will be changes to some of the fees charged by The National Archives. Quoting from the announcement at <http://live1b.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/changes-to-our-fees/>: "As a government department providing a public service, we are able to charge from some statutory services (as defined by the Public Records Act) on a cost recovery basis. The Fees Order, which regulates our fees, has been refreshed from the last calculation which came into effect 1 April 2017. We are maintaining the standard approach in line with the HM Treasury publication, Managing Public Money, to set charges at a level that will recover full costs, ensuring the The National Archives neither profits at the

expense of consumers nor makes a loss for taxpayers to subsidise.

There are both price increases and decreases, for example a digital copy up to A3 size goes up by 10p to £1.20. Currently, our research service cost £23.35 per 15 minutes, this will go up by £1.00 however, the charge for a copy of a naturalisation certificate will go down by 25p to £27.15.”

You can read the full announcement at: <http://livelb.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/news/changes-to-our-fees/>:



Findmypast Announces Trial of Revolutionary New Newspaper Search

[Dick Eastman · December 21, 2018 · Online Sites · 2 Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by Findmypast:

- Historical newspaper, *The Essex Newsman*, now available to search with greater accuracy than ever before
- New search allows researchers to accurately identify names among billions of lines of newsprint, adding colour, context and depth to their family history research
- This new method searching OCR generated text is being tested for the first time and will be developed further in the near future

Leading British and Irish family history website [Findmypast](#) has today announced the release of a revolutionary new newspapers search.

[Findmypast's Essex Newsman](#) collection is searchable by name and publication year, contains over 1.2 million names and covers a complete run

of the publication from 31st October 1881 to 6th November 1943.

The collection has been created by implementing a new method of extracting first and last names from printed text identified by optical character recognition. This allows customers to search for their ancestors' names across millions of pages of newsprint with greater accuracy and efficiency than ever before. Customers will also start to receive hints against *Essex Newsman* articles containing names that match those stored on their [Findmypast](#) family tree.

While this first iteration of the new search is focused on accurately identifying names, [Findmypast](#) plans to extract other details, such as locations, events and relationships, in 2019. This will further improve the search experience and will dramatically increase the number of hints generated by the collection.

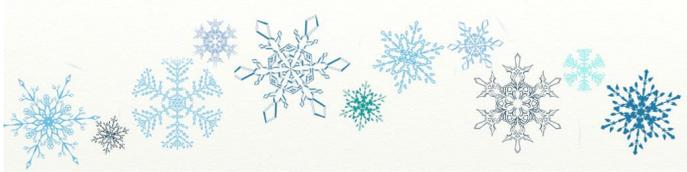
The Essex Newsman has been taken from [Findmypast's](#) wider archive of historical British and Irish newspapers. Today's release is essentially a trial for this new technology and other titles from the archive will receive similar search upgrades in the future.

Improved access to the millions of articles that make up the collection will enable family historians to discover a wide variety of details relating to the lives of the ancestors. While searching for a notice of a birth, marriage, and death, they may be presented with a report relating to any number of important life events, ranging from court cases, convictions and business notices to letters, advertisements for family businesses and even photographs.

Estelle, Calfe, product manager at [Findmypast](#), said: "The stories you find in newspapers really add colour to your family tree and tug at your heartstrings. The team have done some great work using machine learning to make the names in newspapers searchable. We plan to continue this work into 2019 and look forward to helping

customers uncover yet more fascinating articles about their family.”

As always, thanks to Dick Eastman at blog.eogn.com for permission to use the preceding articles.



Committee Memberships - 2018

Executive Board

Jim Mattson (President)
Jan Resberg (Vice-President)
Dave Johnson (Secretary)
Jane Sigfrids (Interim 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

Financial Review Committee

Marlene Case
Dave Johnson
Jane Sigfrids

Research Request Committee

Dave Johnson (Chair)
Emily Fredrick
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids

Library Lock-In Committee

Judy Aunet
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids
Leslie Mehle – library liaison

Please note: Committee memberships will be updated after the elections.

Newsletter Editor: Jane Sigfrids