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July 11 - Cemetery Walk at the Hebrew 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, VIP Restaurant

June Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM by President Jim Mattson. Officers present were: President Jim Mattson, Vice President Jan Resberg, and Treasurer Robin Barrett. Absent was Secretary David Johnson.

Approval of May minutes: amendment to May minutes should be made to reflect that, under old business, Jane Sigfrids had a sample of a Certificate of Recognition for contribution(s) made by an individual to the genealogy community. A motion to accept amendment was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Jan Resberg.

The Treasurer's report was given by Robin Barrett. A motion to accept the report was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. Robin Barrett gave membership update. The club presently has 32 members and Robin asked members to check for correct/current phone numbers and email addresses. In regard to getting notices of meetings to members without email, Jane Sigfrids will check with Robin Barrett concerning addresses and missing email addresses.

Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hebrew Cemetery on Hwy 105, Superior, WI. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at the Shamrock Pizza on Tower Avenue. (A map to the cemetery is on the last page.)

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

Committee Reports: The Executive Board and Program Committee will meet Wednesday June 21st at 5:15 PM at the Upper Deck.

There was no report on website activity as David Johnson was absent.

Annual Holiday Party: Jane Sigfrids will confirm with VIP; and let them know we will order off the menu. Attendees are asked to RSVP by October. We are looking for a host/hostess to organize "Genealogy Bingo" and take over acquisition of prizes for bingo.

President's Report: President Jim Mattson is continuing his discussion with Douglas County Board Chairman Mark Liebert in regard to the Parkland Cemetery. It is believed a cell phone tower will be erected near the Parkland Cemetery.

Old Business: In recognition for the work Keith Fine has done at the Parkland Cemetery, Jane Sigfrids has a sample/template of certificate to which DCGC's logo would be added. Jan Resberg made a motion to donate \$100 to Mr. Fine; the motion was seconded by Emily Fredrick.

New Business: Carol Lindberg explained the newspaper indexing of the vital records available at the Library. Karen Smoley also spoke about Calvary Cemetery. Both Karen and Bobbi Hoyt have been at the cemetery taking pictures to add to the memorials created on FindAGrave.

Next meeting will be July 11th at the Hebrew Cemetery at 6PM. If rain, the meeting will be held at Shamrock Pizza.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. Meeting adjourned.

List of members present was not available.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick, acting secretary for the June 6th meeting

*Editor's note: members attending the meeting were: Marie Mattson,, Bobbi Hoyt, Buzz Buzcynski, Jane Sigfrids, Emily Fredrick, Karen Smoley and Carole Lindberg.

Douglas County Genealogical Club Executive Board and Program Committee Quarterly Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017, 5:15 pm at the Upper Deck Restaurant.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Board members present: President James Mattson, Vice-President Jan Resberg, Secretary David Johnson

Excused: Emily Fredrick

Certificate of Appreciation: For Keith Fine. Will attempt to present at or before the August meeting.

Website: Update by D. Johnson: reports 411 visitors in May, with a site all-time average of 140.

Cemetery Walk: Final arrangements will be made with Sam Pomish who is leading the talk/walk of the Hebrew Cemetery on July 11.

Map to Hebrew Cemetery will be added to the website and posted to Facebook.

Sign-Up Sheet: Will be brought back to meetings.

Adjourned @ 5:40

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING:

Committee members present: Jan Resberg, James Mattson, Jane Sigfrids

2017 Calendar:

July 11: Cemetery Walk, Hebrew Cemetery. (Moved from July 4 due to Holiday)

August 1: Colletta video at the Superior Public Library

September 5: Meeting at the Douglas County Historical Society

October 3: Daughters of the American Revolution at the Superior Public Library; coordinated by Judy Aunet

November 7: Bong Veteran's Historical Center

December 5: Holiday Party at Vintage Italian Pizza

2018 Calendar

January 2: Business Meeting, Elections (President & Secretary) Location TBD

February 6: Introduction into adding timelines to your tree (1918 emphasis)

March 6: Open

April 3: Open

April 6: Tentative date of Genealogy Lock in @ Superior Public Library

May 1: Open

June 5: Possible walking tour of downtown.

July 3: Cemetery Walk. With a WWI or Influenza theme.

August 7: Open

September 4: Tentatively at the DCHS. Talk of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic

October 2: Moose Lake Fire by David Johnson, Location TBD (Fire Museum?)

November 6: World War I? Location TBD

December 4: Holiday party. Location TBD

Next Executive Board meeting - Wednesday, September 13 @ 5:15 A.M., Upper Deck Restaurant. With a program committee meeting to follow.

Adjourned @ 6:30

Respectfully submitted, David Johnson, Secretary DCGC



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

WSGS

Tuesday, July 18
Finding Online Resources from Lineage Societies (WSGS Webinar)
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Presenter: Elizabeth O'Neal

Webinar Description: Many of us know that lineage societies have been collecting and preserving family histories for over 125 years, but did you know that some of these treasures can be found for free online? And you don't even have to be a member to take advantage of them!

Thousands of applications and supporting documents have been submitted to lineage societies over the years, and your brick wall ancestor could be hiding in the file of one of their members. From the databases and downloadable documents of the DAR, to simple lists of pioneers and soldiers, this class will show you what gems are available online and where to find them. By the time we are finished, you just might be inspired to join!

Register

at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7132402566148077570>

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 and More (Webinars)

7:00 pm to 8:15pm

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.



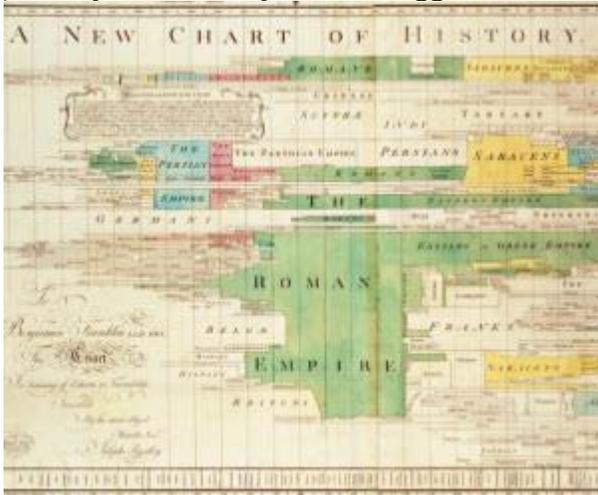
News from the Internet

FamilySearch Blog

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Using Timelines to Plot Out Your Ancestor's Life

January 22, 2016 By [Guest Blogger](#)



A few months ago I visited my parents in California. While cleaning off dusty tools in the garage together, I asked my dad what he had thought of the Civil Rights movement. I knew my dad's birth year, but I had never placed him in the intersection of world events. I was surprised to learn that he was in college in California during that time and wished he had flown east to participate in a civil rights march.

Plotting out the events of an ancestor's life on a timeline can help you gain a fuller picture of them as a person. You may notice different locations they have lived, how old they were when their parents died, or which significant historical events took place during their lifetime.

There are several digital tools available to help you create these timelines.

FamilySearch

[FamilySearch](#) builds a simple timeline for you. Every time you add a census record, for example, you can choose to add the information about where a person lived during that year to the respective family record. This information is immediately added to the person's profile on FamilySearch under "Other Information" in chronological order. A sample is shown below.

Other Information

[Open Details](#) | [+](#) Add

Residence
[Puyallup, Washington, United States](#)

1920
[Ottumwa, Coffey, Kansas, United States](#)

1930
[Pleasant, Coffey, Kansas](#)

1935
[Ottumwa Township, Coffey, Kansas, United States](#)

1940
[Ottumwa Township, Coffey, Kansas](#)

Occupation
[Farmer](#)
1918
[Kansas](#)

Custom Event
[Draft Registration](#)
1917-1918
[Coffey County, United States, Kansas](#)

[Draft Registration](#)
1942
[Puyallup, Washington, United States](#)

An example of a simple timeline created using [FamilySearch.org](#).

Ancestry

[Ancestry.com](#) has a similar feature on their new interface. A timeline of life events you have added to their personal page is featured on the left-hand side of each individual's profile, conveniently including the person's age beside each event.

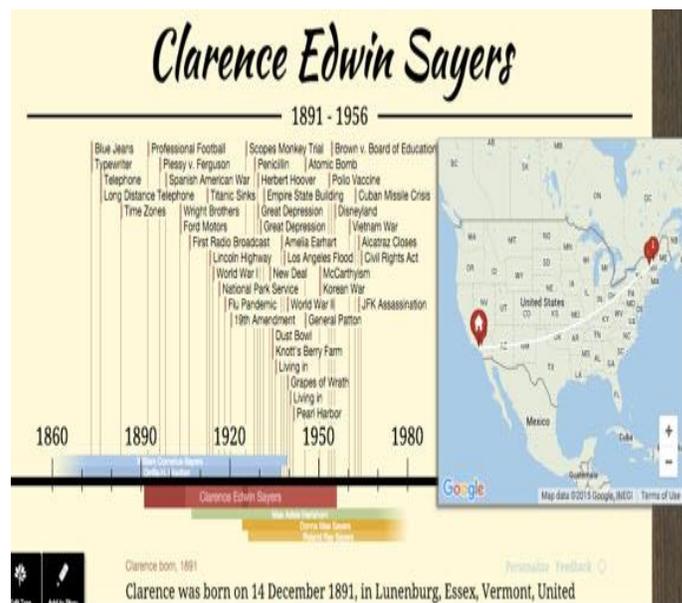


An example of a timeline created on the Ancestry website.

HistoryLines

[HistoryLines](#) is the easiest way I found to create a timeline that integrates life events with historical events. HistoryLines uploads your family tree or gedcom file (.ged) from FamilySearch, Ancestry, or MyHeritage. You can also manually enter data from an ancestor's life right into the program.

One click later, you have a beautiful timeline of your ancestor's life juxtaposed with significant historical events. A small Google map shows you different places your ancestor lived, with pins you can click for details. Below the timeline, the site adds a detailed narrative describing aspects of daily life at that time (everything from diet, commerce, and entertainment to politics) as well as historical events ("Clarence was 4 when the case of Plessy v. Ferguson was heard before the United States Supreme Court.").



This is one example of a timeline that you can create on the HistoryLines website.

These timelines and stories can be shared in a variety of ways:

- Hyperlink
- Embed in a blog

- Save as a pdf
The easiest way to attach the timeline to your ancestor's FamilySearch profile is to save it as a pdf and add it as a document to your ancestor's FamilySearch Memories page.

You can create two timelines from HistoryLines for free. If you would like to continue using the site, you can subscribe monthly for \$9.99 or yearly for \$59.

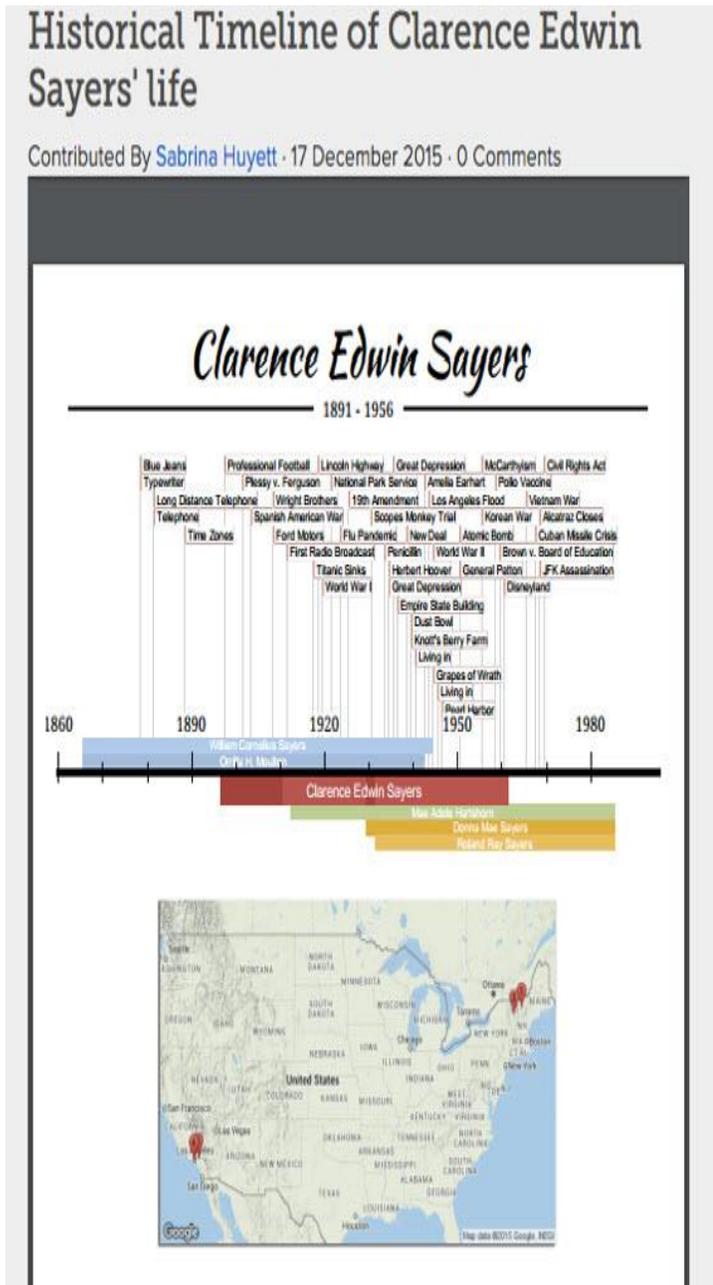
Other Sites

If you have the time and want the freedom of customizing content, adding pictures, and personally designing your timeline, there are several options for you. Here is a small sampling of free timeline-making websites:

[Pinterest](#) – Create a board for an ancestor's life. See this blog post, [Creating an Ancestor Timeline on Pinterest](#), about creating this [example board](#).

- [TimeToast](#) – Create a free account; manually add events and pictures to timeline. Timelines with TimeToast appear as a line with dots representing events; when you hover over a dot you see a picture with brief text. If you click the dot you can see an expanded explanation of the event. With TimeToast, you can publish a public timeline with unlimited media, and share drafts with others. With an easy-to-use interface, it's a great site for beginners!
- [Tiki-Toki](#) – With Tiki-Toki you can create one free timeline or pay for a subscription. This site allows for greater customization, with the ability to display multiple ancestors' events on one timeline, categorize and color code events, and even add 3D elements. Events can be enriched with audio, video, and text. If you want a more aesthetic timeline and aren't afraid of figuring out settings, Tiki-Toki could be for you.
- [OurStory](#) – Create a free or paid account, and post rich media and family history information on a personal or collaborative timeline.

Whichever tool you choose, creating an ancestor timeline will breathe life into the dash between your ancestor's birth and death dates



This is a second example of a timeline you can create on the HistoryLines website.

This article was submitted for publication by Sabrina Huyett, a freelance writer working in Provo, UT.

Map to Hebrew Cemetery

