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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 6 p.m. at the Richard I. Bong Center, 305 Harborview Parkway in Superior. Jän Resberg will present a program about World War I.

Meeting Topics for 2018

November 6 – The 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Jän Resberg will be the presenter; at the Richard I. Bong Center.

December 4 – Holiday Party; at the Upper Deck Restaurant, 1415 N 46th Street in Superior. Approximate cost: \$15-\$16 per person.

Tentative Meeting Topics for 2019

- January 8:** Election Night and sharing
- 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

- September 3:** Dan Reed to discuss immigration
- October 1:** Sharing members' research
- November 5:** Bong Heritage Center. Topic to be decided
- December 3:** Holiday Party at the Upper Deck Restaurant

October Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

Douglas County Genealogy Club

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2018

@ The Old Firehouse & Police Museum

Roll Call: Officers present – Vice-President Jän Resberg, Secretary David Johnson, Interim Treasurer Jane Sigfrids.

Members present: Emily Fredrick, John Buczynski, Jill Johnson, Marie Mattson, Karen Smoley, Bobbi Hoyt, Jackie Plunkett, Don Erickson
Guests: Jerry Johnson, Dorothy Johnson

The minutes of the September meeting were read. Emily Fredrick made a motion to accept them; it was seconded by Jackie Plunkett. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report: There was no report available.

Update on the status of Treasurer and financial overview/update: Robin resigned from treasurer position. Jane Sigfrids accepted the appointment as interim treasurer. Jane will need to get to the bank to fix signature cards. The financial review committee will be Robin Barret, Jän Resberg, David

Johnson. (Jane Sigfrids cannot remain on the committee as she is the interim treasurer.)

Membership Review: We currently have 24 paid members.

Update on balance of 2018 meeting schedule: Next three meetings will be: November 6 at the Bong Center, December 4 at the Upper Deck Restaurant for our Holiday Party, and January 8 at the Superior Public Library for election of officers.

Committee Reports:

The Executive Board and Program Committee will meet December 12, 2018 at the Upper Deck at 5:15 pm.

Program Committee: Library Lock-In – Friday, Oct 5, at 4:30 pm. Plans are moving forward. Lori Bessler from the Wisconsin Historical Society will be our keynote speaker. Teddie Meronek from the Library and club member John Buczynski will present breakout sessions.

Representatives from the Douglas County Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Richard I. Bong Center will have exhibits. The Superior Public Museums have been invited and at least one book vendor has been asked.

Volunteers are needed at noon to set up tables and chairs.

4:15 will be the set-up time for registration.

A big “Thank You” goes out to Leslie Mehle who worked on the packets and organization.

Judy Aunet is going to Tri-State for folders, pencils, etc.

There will be a tour of the new Local History Center at 4:45 pm.

Research Request Committee: Chair Dave Johnson reports no requests.

President’s Report: There was no report due to James Mattson’s absence.

Old Business:

It has been requested and approved to add a disclaimer on our website to warn that any information gotten through requests or from the website should be double checked. Dave Johnson will add this to the site.

New Business:

Jackie Plunkett requests Bobbi Hoyt write up what information on Irish she received from Mary Long. There is a lot to go through.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 6:00 pm at the Richard I. Bong Heritage Center.

Following the meeting David Johnson will give a presentation on the Superior response to the Minnesota Fires of 1918.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Emily Fredrick and seconded by David Johnson. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary David Johnson*

The annual DCGC Holiday Party will be held on Tuesday, Dec 2, 2018 at the Upper Deck Restaurant, 1415 N 46th Street in Superior. There is a slight change to our Genealogy Bingo game: each person is asked to bring 25 pennies to use as markers on their game board (in place of the paper squares we’ve used in the past).

The Upper Deck has requested that attendees make their dinner selection from one of four menu options: roast beef, chicken kiev, baked cod or the salad buffet. The options cost between \$12 and \$15.

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.



November 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

More than Just the Census: Federal Government Publications for Genealogical Research

Presenter: Anne Kasuboski

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: Most researchers know that the National Archives hold a wealth of original records valuable for family history. But the U.S. Government Printing Office is the largest publisher in the world, giving federal depository libraries in each

Congressional District government-published books full of personal information and history on our ancestors. This session will demonstrate the types of information to be found in books and databases as close as the nearest federal depository library in your Congressional District.

Register **at:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7343375765735486211>

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.



MNGS Webinar

Using Free Online Services to Map Your Ancestors

Presenter: Zbigniew Stettner

Date: Wednesday, November 7th

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Description: See how to build interactive and attractive-looking maps of places our ancestors lived, which can provide us additional insights about their lives.

The presenter will introduce free, mostly online mapping services and show how to combine old maps from various timeframes, current maps and location information (from gedcom files, grave databases, land owners' registers, etc.). The resulting combined map shows our ancestors visually in a new way. One example of such a map is here: www.polishgen.com/kulaszne.

Zbigniew Stettner has 10 years of experience researching in Poland, Ukraine, Belarus and

Lithuania. He works as a guide for people looking for their family roots (PolishGen.com). He speaks Polish, English and Russian and has experience teaching at the university level and speaking at international conferences.

Cost: Free!

Please see the Events page at mngs.org for registration information.



WHS **Webinar**

Researching Your Community's World War I History

Presenter: Dr. Rick Pifer, Retired Archivist, Wisconsin Historical Society

Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: World War I was a "total" war that touched everyone down to the smallest community. The entire society mobilized to win the war. After briefly outlining the history of Wisconsin during the war, this webinar highlights records that document community history during the war and how to find them.

Dr. Richard L Pifer is an expert not only on Wisconsin history, but on the sources that document that history. He began studying the history of Wisconsin during World War I in 1974. He has spent almost 45 years researching and teaching Wisconsin history and helping researchers find and interpret historical records.

Dr. Pifer's work has focused primarily on local communities during the war. He was director of the UW-Eau Claire Area Research Center for ten years and then worked for 25 years as an archivist and librarian for the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Dr. Pifer's recent book, **The Great War Comes to Wisconsin**, has been praised for its contribution to Wisconsin history. He is also the author of **A City at War: Milwaukee Labor During World War II**.

Cost: Free!

Please see the Events page at wisconsinhistory.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



News from the Internet

Forces War Records Now Has Over 20 Million Military Records Available to Search Online

[Dick Eastman](#) · [October 19, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [One Comment](#)

Forces War Records has achieved a major milestone: more than 20 million U.K. individuals' records transcribed, online, and available to search by name. Here is the announcement written by Forces War Records:

Forces War Records, the website to visit for anyone researching their family's military history or searching for ancestors through military data,

are excited to announce we have now reached the milestone of **over 20 million** individuals' records transcribed and available to search by name.

That's over 20 million reasons to search Forces War Records to find the war hero in your family.

Included in our vast database, we have:

- Millions of exclusive records, only available at Forces War Records
- Military records from the Napoleonic Wars to WWII and beyond
- WWI actions and troop movements (ORBATS)
- An extensive Historical Documents Library
- Unique 'Dedication Wall' to post a lasting memorial to your ancestor

Original Documents Transcribed



Every detail of these original, often fragile and fading records is painstakingly transcribed by a team of fastidious data entry analysts. To ensure the very highest levels of accuracy they are all UK-based with English as their mother tongue – and Forces War Records is the only site that transcribes virtually all its own data, meaning records can be amended or altered if more verifiable, correct data subsequently comes to light.

Specialising only in military history, Forces War Records also has a crack team of professional researchers and military experts on hand to personally uncover extra layers of history about long gone forebears. Our mission is to hold the most in-depth, accurate and helpful military records available.

Are you looking for the war heroes in your family?

Do you know enough about your ancestors and their military past?

Why not log on to Forces War Records and search our vast collection of records to find out more – there could be a war hero in your family just waiting to be discovered, and remembered...

SEARCH – <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>

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



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

Newsletter Editor: Jane Sigfrids

