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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, at 6 p.m. at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Avenue, in Superior. Jane Sigfrids will conduct a presentation on a possible family connection to the 1918 Influenza Epidemic.

Meeting Topics for 2018

- September 4** – The 1918 Influenza Epidemic. Jane Sigfrids will be the presenter; at the DCHS.
- October 2** – The story of the 1918 Moose Lake Fire. Dave Johnson will be the presenter; at the Old Firehouse and Police Museum.
- November 6** – The 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Jan 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.

Please note: The DCGC Library Lock-In will be held on Friday, October 5, at the Superior Public Library. See **September Events** for further details.



Tentative Meeting Topics for 2019

- January 8:** Election Night and sharing
- February 5:** Presidential Genealogy by Jane Sigfrids
- March 5:** Immigration by Jane Sigfrids or Bobbi Hoyt (Irish)
- April 2:** LDS Library 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:** D.A.R. by Judy Aunet
- November 5:** Bong Heritage Center. Topic to be decided
- December 3:** Holiday Party at the Upper Deck Restaurant



August Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2018

@ Douglas County Historical Society

Roll Call of Officers: President James Mattson, Vice-President Jan Resberg and Secretary Dave Johnson.
Absent: Treasurer Robin Barrett.

Members present: Judy Aunet, John Buczynski, Emily Fredrick, Arne Johnson, Lorrie Madden, Marie Mattson, Jackie Plunkett, Jane Sigfrids

Reading of the June meeting minutes. Note: There was no business meeting in July. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Jackie Plunkett. The motion passed.

Approval of the Treasurer's reports: Treasurer Barrett was not present due to personal reasons; excused. The be discussed during Executive Board Meeting.

Review of memberships: no report. PLEASE PAY YOUR 2018 DUES, IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO. \$10.00) Payments can be given to President Mattson.

Committee Reports

Executive Board and Program Committee reports from June 13, 2018 meeting.

A motion to accept the Executive Board report was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Marie Mattson; the motion passed.

The remainder of 2018 programs and meeting locations reported.

Upcoming programs being considered for 2019 were outlined, along with possible locations.

A motion to accept the Program Committee report was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Lorrie Madden. The motion passed.

The next Executive Board and Program Committee meetings will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 5:15 pm at the Upper Deck Restaurant.

Research Request Committee: Chair Dave Johnson reported no new requests.

President's Report: James Mattson will be meeting with Keith Fine and Mark Liebaert to tour the Parkland Cemetery and will give an update later.

Old Business:

The Library Lock-In will be Friday, October 5, 2018, starting at 4:30 pm. Club members are encouraged to volunteer as helpers. A sign-up sheet was sent around. There is also a need for door prizes.

New Business:

Jane Sigfrids received a WSGS quarterly newsletter, along with a brochure for their fall seminar being held October 13 in Marshfield, WI. (*Editor's Note: The registration deadline for the seminar is September 12.)

Emily Fredrick has received an electronic version of a Calvary Cemetery map she will share with those who want one.

An invitation was received for members to attend a presentation at the library on August 3 from noon to 1 pm. There will be a presentation of a 30-volume set of *The Mayflower Families* from the Mayflower Society.

A general discussion was held concerning members' experiences with DNA testing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

After the meeting, our guest speaker Rachael Martin from the Carlton County Historical Society gave a presentation on the 1918 Cloquet Fire.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4 at 6 pm at the DCHS. Jane Sigfrids will present a program about the 1918 Influenza Epidemic.

Respectfully submitted,
David Johnson, Secretary DCGC



Douglas County Genealogy Club
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Members present: President James Mattson, Vice-President Jan Resberg, Secretary Dave Johnson, Emily Fredrick, John Buczynski, Jane Sigfrids, Jackie Plunkett

A discussion was held concerning our treasurer being unable to attend to the duties of the office due to personal reasons. President James Mattson was asked to request monthly statements from SCCU and give them to the Financial Review Committee to review.

President Mattson, as per the by-laws, appointed Jane Sigfrids as interim treasurer, at least until a time when Robin Barrett can resume her duties. A motion to accept the appointment was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Emily Fredrick. The motion passed. This appointment will be brought before the general membership for a final vote at the September 4th meeting.

President Mattson requested that the Financial Review Committee present a report regarding the credit union statements at that meeting as well.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Johnson, Secretary DCGC*



Events

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



DCGC Third Annual Library Lock-In “Foolin’ Around With Your Family Tree”

October 5, 2018, at the Superior Public Library, 4:30-9:30 pm. Lori Bessler from the Wisconsin Historical Society will be our keynote speaker; she’ll teach us how to find genealogy collections – anywhere. Two breakout sessions will also be conducted; John Buczynski will talk about his experience with genealogical research and Teddie Meronek will discuss her research into a 100-year-old murder in Poplar, Wisconsin

We’re offering a box lunch option, at a cost of \$10.00. Our thanks go to the Friends of the Library for providing beverages. Door prizes will be provided.

There will be an opportunity for research with assistance from DCGC members and library staff.

Volunteers are needed to assist with registering attendees, accepting payment for and handling distribution of lunches, and with table/chair set-up and take-down. Please contact me at jinisig@yahoo.com if you want to give us a hand.

Lock-In Schedule

4:30-5:00: Registration and sign-in (no entry allowed after 5 pm). **Optional tour of the library’s new local history area.**

5:15-5:30: Welcome to participants

5:30-6:30: Keynote speaker Lori Bessler

6:30-7:00: Dinner break

7:00-8:00: Breakout session with John Buczynski, DCGC member (optional)

8:00-9:00: Breakout session with Teddie Meronek, SPL librarian (optional)

7:00-9:30: Research time

Prize drawings will be held at 9:15; must be present to win.

Program registration deadline is September 28 and registration is limited to 50 people. Registration forms are available at the library.



WSGS
Webinar

**On, Wisconsin! The 24h Infantry, 1862-1865,
Brothers Forever**

Presenter: Jean Wilcox Hibben

Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: In 1862, Wisconsin got the 2nd call for volunteers for the Union Army in the Civil War. The 24th was comprised of many Germans, along with many long-time Milwaukee residents, including the commanding officer, Arthur McArthur. The life of this unit is seen records of a Milwaukee pioneer and private in Company I, focusing on what records are available (and where) for others searching Wisconsin Civil War soldiers. The soldiers from this and other units made up part of the population of the state, contributing to it long after the war. But the veterans were forever connected because of their shared experience; find out why and how. Drawing some from the book by W.J.K. Beaudot, historical records, newspapers, military and GAR documents, the regiment's history will come to light for family, Civil War, and Wisconsin historians.

Register **at:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1858458712039712771>

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.



**2018 WSGS Fall Seminar (WSGS
Conference/Workshop)**

Friday, October 12 through Saturday, October 13
Hotel Marshfield, 2700 S Central Ave, Marshfield

***Fine Tuning Your Genealogical Puzzle: Using
Different Techniques and Strategies for
Organizing and Researching***

Featuring

Louise St. Denis, PLCGS

Hosted by

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

Lectures:

Making the Mountains of Paper Disappear

I Found It Once; Why Can't I Find It Again?

Am I Doing Everything Right?

Adding Social History to Your Family Research

A **Deli Luncheon Buffet** will be available for purchase but must be ordered by **September 28th**.

Rooms are available at **Hotel Marshfield, Best Western Premier Collection** for \$109.00 plus tax for a double queen, single or double occupancy. Contact the hotel at **715-387-2700** by **September 12th** and identify yourself as being with the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society to reserve a room.

Registration information and a brochure are available on the WSGS website at wsgs.org.



MNGS
Webinar

Probate: Wills and a Whole Lot More

Presenter: Annette Burke Lyttle

Date: Wednesday, September 5

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Description: Probate records can be some of the richest genealogical resources. Yes, they can contain wills, but often the best probate packets are for our ancestors who died intestate or who didn't have to die at all to make an appearance in a probate action. We'll look at wills and the wonderful information they can contain, but beyond that we'll examine records generated by disposing of an estate without a will, as well as guardianships and competency determinations.

Presenter Annette Burke Lyttle speaks at the national, state and local levels. She loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. Annette is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Genealogical Speakers Guild, in addition to national, state, and local societies.

Cost: Free!

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



North Star Genealogy Conference

Looking Back, Sharing Forward

5-8 October, 2018

Crown Plaza Minneapolis West
Plymouth, MN

Featuring

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG, FNGS
&

Karen Mauer Jones, CG, FGBS

Tom Jones is an award-winning author, editor, educator and researcher focusing on methods for challenging genealogical problems. He coordinates courses at GRIP, IGHR, and SLIG institutes, and speaks often for local, state, national and international genealogical societies. Since 2002 he has co-edited the National Genealogical Society

Quarterly, and he wrote *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and *Mastering Genealogical Proof*.

Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty-five years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys and rewards of tracing ancestors reliably and of fully understanding their lives. Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogy Society Quarterly, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Documentation* and *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. Using his nearly life-long teaching career as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national and international conferences.

Lecture Topics:

- Documentation: The What, Where, Why and How
- Going Beyond the Bare Bones: Reconstructing Your Ancestors' Lives
- The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames

Karen Mauer Jones of Monroe, New York, is an author, lecturer, professional genealogist, and former editor of *The New York Genealogist and Biographical Record*. She was named a fellow of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society in 2012 and has served on the NYG&B Family History Advisory Committee, and on the APG and FGS boards. She has lectured at national, state, regional and local conferences. And coordinates the institute course "Researching New York: Resources and Strategies" at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh.

Lecture Topics:

- This Article Isn't About Your Family? You Should Read It Anyway
- "Beginning at a Black Oak...": A Neighborhood Reconstruction in Lancaster County

MGS Annual Awards Banquet
Friday, 5 October
Speaker: Thomas W. Jones
“How Genealogy Hasn’t Changed in a Half-Century Plus”

Pre-Conference Day, 4 October
Getting the Most Out of Family Tree Maker
2017 Software

Mark Olson of Software MacKiev will demonstrate features of Family Tree Maker 2017 and answer user questions in a special vendor-sponsored session from 9:30-11:30 am.

Advance registration is required. This event is offered free to MGS by Software MacKiev but a \$10 registration fee covers refreshments and administrative costs. Enrollment is limited to 75 attendees.

Full Conference Program Schedule

The conference offers two full days of learning opportunities for genealogists and family historians! View the complete program schedule and find out more about the twenty-five breakout sessions being offered by fourteen regional and national genealogy experts. This year, breakout sessions are organized in the program into five general tracks: DNA, Heritage Research, Problem-Solving, Sources and Records, and Research Tools.

New This Year – Hotel Accommodations

See the MGS website at mngs.org for complete conference 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 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

Committee Memberships – 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

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