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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at 6 p.m. at the LDS Family History Center, 521 Upham Road in Duluth. (See the TPGS description in **Upcoming Events.**)

Meeting Topics for 2018

April 3 – LDS Research Center in Duluth

May 1 – Downtown Superior Guided Walk – the New York Block, the Washington Block and/or the Luyre Block. Dave Johnson will work on getting the community room at the Washington Block in case of inclement weather. We will possibly have one presenter for each building.

June 5 – Location to be determined; tentatively, Dan Reed will be the speaker

July 10 – Cemetery Walk at the Greenwood Cemetery, 6 miles south of Superior on Highway 35. We will tour the Firefighters' Area and the Soldiers' Circle. We can arrange to obtain World War I veterans' names a month early and give individual presentations.

August 1 (Wednesday) – Presentation by Rachael Martin, the Executive Director at the Carlton County Historical Society. Location to be confirmed; either the Douglas County Historical Society or the Old Firehouse and Police Museum. **Please note day change.**

September 4 – Timeline of 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; location to be determined.

November 6 – The 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Presenter Jan Resberg; 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.

March Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2018

@ Douglas County Historical Society

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

Members present: Emily Fredrick, John Buczynski, Marlene Case, Jane Sigfrids

Guest: Keith Fine

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2018 meeting was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Emily Fredrick. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was not available. Note: The Financial Review Committee met at 5:00, one hour prior to the general meeting, but was

unable to finish the 2017 financial review as time ran out. They will convene at a date before the April meeting.

Review of Memberships:

Treasurer Barrett reports we have about 26 members.

Committee Reports:

The Executive Board and Program Committee will meet March 13 at the Upper Deck at 5:15 pm.

Program Committee:

President Mattson gave an overview of the upcoming meetings and responsibilities for the balance of 2018.

Research Requests:

No new requests since last report.

President's Report:

President Mattson presented our guest, Keith Fine, a certificate for the outstanding work he has done for the preservation of the Parkland Cemetery.

A discussion ensued concerning the current status of the cemetery and the land that abuts it. There is talk of a large construction project happening in that area soon and efforts should be expended to ensure the sanctity of the site. Secretary Johnson brought up the idea of "ground penetrating radar". It was also suggested that either Douglas County or the City of Superior take over responsibility of the cemetery, in part because it has been abandoned for over 5 years and that may be a legal requirement.

Also, that a fence should be placed that would contain the area believed to encompass the cemetery. This area is much larger than what is currently fenced in.

Old Business:

The Vital Records Handbook: Previously the club had voted to purchase a copy of this book for the library. The book has not yet been purchased but

on Ex-libris, a used copy was purchased by Marlene. It was passed around. Discussion ensued. Jane Sigfrids made a motion to not continue with the previously approved purchase; the motion was seconded by Marlene Case. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Jan Resberg to donate \$100 to the Superior Public Library to be used for genealogical purposes. The motion passed.

It was advised that the subject of donations be brought up at every January meeting as a yearly agenda item.

New Business:

The Northern Waters Board (Superior Public Library is part of this group) sent a letter stating that they would no longer purchase subscriptions for Ancestry.com for the libraries in their system. President Mattson sent a letter on behalf of DCGC requesting that they continue to fund Ancestry.com. Judy Aunet assisted with the letter. A thank-you was extended to her by President Mattson.

There was a discussion concerning sharing information from other genealogy groups.

President Mattson gave the floor to the members to tell genealogy stories, successes, failures, etc.

J. "Buzz" Buczynski told of his contribution to a book produced by the Carlton County Historical Society: "Fire Speaks Our Words: A Centennial Tribute to the 1918 Fires". (\$20 at CCHS) Afterwards, Buzz donated a signed copy of the book to the Superior Public Library. Thanks, Buzz!

Jan Resberg shared a Patnode family story.

Dave Johnson shared his success in finding relatives of his 2 great-grandfather in the Minneapolis area. They are to meet in April.

Lock-In: The date of October 5th conflicts with another genealogy function. The date of October 19th is the likely new date. **(Please see Program Committee meeting minutes and Upcoming Events.)**

Next meeting: April 3, 6:00 pm at the LDS Library in Duluth.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jane Sigfrids and seconded by Marlene Case. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary David Johnson

**Douglas County Genealogy Club
Executive Board and Program Committee**
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018 5:15 pm at the
Upper Deck Restaurant

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Officers present: President Jim Mattson, Vice-President Jan Resberg, Secretary David Johnson, Treasurer Robin Barrett

Members present: Jane Sigfrids, Marlene Case, Judy Aunet, Emily Fredrick, Bobbi Hoyt, John Buczynski

The minutes of the last executive board meeting were approved at the last general membership meeting.

Jan Resberg made a motion to donate either \$50 in check or gas card to Keith Fine for his efforts and expenses working at the Parkland Cemetery. Bobbi Hoyt seconded the motion, which passed. President Mattson will speak with Keith and see if he would accept either offer.

Financial Report: Treasurer Barrett was unable to give a report. The annual financial review committee still needs to get together one more time to finish their report.

Membership Report: Treasurer Barrett reports that we have 14 members paid for 2018.

Contact/Address List: President Mattson requests members notify Robin Barrett of changes and then produce a new, updated list at the next meeting.

Jane Sigfrids made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Bobbi Hoyt seconded. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, at 5:15 at The Upper Deck.

Secretary Johnson departed; Jane Sigfrids continued recording minutes of the Program Committee meeting.

**DCGC Program Committee Meeting, Tuesday,
March 13, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jan Resberg directly following the adjournment of the Executive Board meeting. The attendance was the same, with the exception of Dave Johnson, who needed to leave early.

The first item on the agenda, finalizing the May program, was discussed during the Executive Board meeting, to allow Dave Johnson to give details before he had to leave.

The committee then discussed the remainder of the calendar of events for 2018.

The April 3 meeting at the LDS Family History Center at 6:00 pm was confirmed; this meeting will be held in conjunction with the members of the TPGS. Jim Mattson stated we will not conduct a business meeting.

Dave Johnson will not be able to present a program at our monthly meeting on June 5; he has to work. Buzz Buczynski has been in contact with local author/historian/playwright Dan Reed, who

will probably be agreeable to conducting a genealogical presentation for us.

We are still planning to conduct the Cemetery Walk at Greenwood Cemetery on July 10.

The date of the August 7 meeting has been changed to Wednesday, August 1 in order to accommodate Rachael Martin's schedule. Her program on Anna Dickie Olesen will most likely be conducted at the Douglas County Historical Society, although Dave Johnson will see if it can be held at the Fire Museum should a backup be needed.

No changes are anticipated for the September 4 or October 2 meetings.

Jan Resberg has volunteered to present a program at the November 6 meeting, which is still scheduled to be held at the Richard I. Bong Center.

There is no change to the December 4 meeting, which will be our holiday party.

There was an update on the Library-Lock-In; the date has been confirmed for Friday, October 5. Lori Bessler from the Wisconsin Historical Society will be our keynote speaker. Judy Aunet suggested that we ask Dan Rood to be our keynote speaker in 2019.

(Editor's Note: This date has since been changed; please see Upcoming Events.)

Judy Aunet announced that due to receiving funds from the state of Wisconsin, the NWLB has rescinded its decision to stop providing Ancestry.com Library Edition to northern Wisconsin libraries; the contract has been renewed for another two years.

There being no further business, Jim Mattson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Barrett seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

(An informal discussion followed, as we shared questions and stories about our current activities in our family trees.)

Respectfully submitted, Jane Sigfrids



Upcoming Events

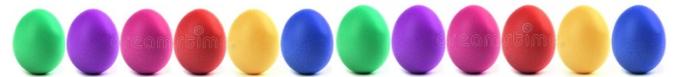
- DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
- TPGS= Twin Ports Genealogical Society
- WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
- MNGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society
- WHS= Wisconsin Historical Society



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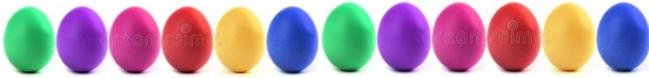
Library Lock-In

The tentative date of the Library Lock-In is now October 19, 2018. Further details are still being worked out.



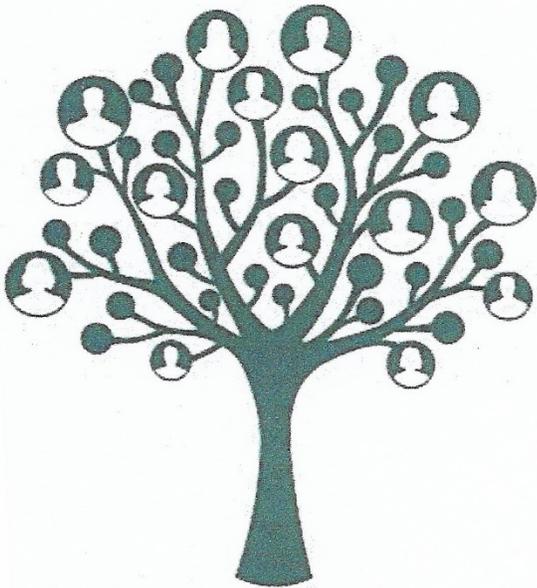
TPGS

The April meeting for TPGS is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd, 6-8 p.m., at the Family History Center, Duluth, 521 Upham Road. Bob Krepps, Director of the Duluth FHC, will provide an update on the Center, the status of microfilms currently housed there, and will discuss some content available on the Family History website, e.g., the blog, techniques for searching, etc. Attendees will also have an opportunity to see the non-electronic holdings available there, and to meet some of the wonderful volunteers who share their expertise and passion for genealogy.



**Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
2018 Gene-A-Rama**

**Rediscovering Your Love of Genealogy:
Moving from Overwhelmed to Organized**



April 13-14, 2018

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Hosted by:

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As genealogists, we are always on the hunt for more stuff. But what do you do with it once you've got it? And how do you unclutter the mounds, bookshelves, file cabinets, and boxes that patiently await you? *Join us* – we'll help you find a way to move from overwhelmed to organized.

Featured Speaker

Tony Burroughs, FUGA

Internationally known genealogist, author and lecturer, Tony Burroughs has been recognized as a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association (FUGA) for his contributions and ongoing

commitment to the field of genealogy. He is founder and CEO of the Center for Black Genealogy.

An educator, Tony has taught genealogy at Chicago State University, as well as worked for public schools in Chicago and New York. In addition to consulting for Ancestry.com, he has appeared as a guest genealogy expert on numerous national and international broadcasts.

Registration information and other details are available at wsgs.org.

Webinar

On a Mission: Religion in the Great Lakes Region

Presenter: Cari Taplin

Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Webinar Description: Some of the first settlers in any region were missionaries who wanted to convert native tribes already in the region. The area around the Great Lakes was explored by Jesuits, Methodists, Moravians, Baptists, Anglicans, Quakers, Presbyterians and others. These groups built early churches and religious meeting places that served settlers and native people alike. This class will focus on major religions in the Great Lakes region, a history and timeline of their arrival and expansion in specific areas, and will include a discussion on the main denominational repositories for research.

Register at:
<https://attendees.gotowebinar.com/register/6940041915140711427>

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**

Signs of the Times: Timelines in Genealogy

Presenter: Diane L. Richard

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Time: 7:00 to 8:15 pm, CST

Description: Timelines are very visual. Creating a timeline helps you focus on gaps, contradictory information, invisible relationships and more. Timelines are multi-column matrices that can summarize complex information in an easy-to-see format. They are “living” summaries too. As you acquire new data, add it in! Timelines can help you meet the Genealogical Proof Standard, and they can save you from constantly referring to your files. They are an invaluable tool.

Diane L. Richard is a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. She focuses on research in the Southern states, and on tools, tips and techniques for effective research anywhere. She has researched for *Who Do You Think You Are?* (and appeared on the Bryan Cranston episode).

Cost: **Free!**

See <https://mngs.org> for registration information.

Spring Workshop

The MGS Spring Workshop on Saturday, April 28, features some basic resources for research. The sessions will be great for beginners as well as those who want a comprehensive review.

Registration is now open: see info at <https://mngs.regfox.com/minnesota-genealogy-society-2018-spring-conference-back-to-basics-works>

2018 Writing Contest is Open

You are invited to enter the Minnesota Genealogical Society Family History Writing Competition. Entries are due **July 1, 2018**. Rules and FAQ's are available at mngs.org. Winners announced at the North Star Conference (5-6 October 2018).



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.



Siblings Can Have Surprisingly Different DNA Ancestry

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When it comes to tracing your roots through your genes, biological siblings may have less in common than many people expect. The fact is that

one sibling might inherit more from Mom than from Dad while the other sibling might inherit a different mix.

An article by Nicole Wetsman in the *National Geographic* web site explains it all at <http://bit.ly/2DPLSBj>.

Meritorious Service Medals Now Available Online at [TheGenealogist](http://TheGenealogist.co.uk)

[Dick Eastman](#) · [March 22, 2018](#) · [Online Sites](#) · [No Comments](#)

The following announcement was written by the folks at TheGenealogist:



[TheGenealogist](http://TheGenealogist.co.uk) has released the records of 29,000 individuals who were decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). The roll of names for those who were awarded this British honour in the First World War have been released by TheGenealogist. Researchers can now look for holders of this medal up to 1920 from within their ever growing military records collection.

- See a copy of the image of the Medal Card with the theatre of war where the medal was won

- Details the name, rank, regiment and service number
- Unique “SmartSearch” links to the comprehensive military records on TheGenealogist.co.uk
- These new records cover British servicemen from The First World War

The medal was first awarded in 1845 to non-commissioned officers in the British Army who had a record of long service in the forces. Given originally for long service of at least 20 years to servicemen who were of irreproachable character and already held the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of their service, the First World War saw it awarded to those who performed acts of non-combatant gallantry in the performance of their military duty. In the second case the bravery was not necessarily while the serviceman was on active service and may have been in the saving or attempted saving of the life of an officer or an enlisted soldier.

Family history researchers searching for ancestors who had been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in the First World War will be able to find their forebears in this new addition to the military collection of records on [TheGenealogist](http://TheGenealogist.co.uk).

Read our article on a First World War NCO awarded his medal ‘For exceptionally good work’ operating night and day to keep the RFC’s aeroplanes at El Hammam flying. <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/finding-ancestors-awarded-the-meritorious-service-medal-768/>

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DCGC Committees (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