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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, at 6 p.m. at the Douglas County Historical Society, 1101 John Avenue, in Superior. Dan Reed will be our guest speaker.

Meeting Topics for 2018

June 5 – Guest speaker Dan Reed; at the DCHS

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 DCHS or the Old Firehouse and Police Museum. **(Please note day change,)**

September 1 – 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. 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.

May Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2018

@ Douglas County Historical Society

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

Members present were: Emily Fredrick, John Buczynski, Marlene Case, Jill Johnson, Sandy Novak, Judy Aunet and Arne Johnson.

The minutes of the March meeting were read (there was no April meeting). A motion was made by Jan Resberg and seconded by Arne Johnson to accept the minutes; the motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was not available.

There was an update on the balance of the 2018 meeting schedule.

Committee Reports

The Executive Board and Program Committee will meet Wednesday, June 13th at the Upper Deck Restaurant at 5:15 pm.

Program Committee: The Library Lock-In is scheduled for Friday, October 5 at 4:30 pm. Plans are moving forward: Teddy Meronek will be a keynote speaker, as well as Lori Bessler from the Wisconsin Historical Society. Buzz will conduct a breakout session. Exhibitors will include the DCHS, the DAR and the Bong Museum. The Superior Public Museums will be invited and at least one book vendor has been asked.

Research Request Committee: Dave Johnson reports that he had one request via Find-A-Grave. Emily Fredrick found some information and passed it on to the requestor.

President's Report: President Mattson presented Keith Fine (Parkland Cemetery curator) with our \$50 donation. He reluctantly accepted it. The cemetery is in need of people to be advocates for the property and keep it from being mis-used and/or developed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Judy Aunet reports having had issues with SMGF "Sorenson's" DNA testing. This company has been bought out by Ancestry DNA.

Also, reports are coming in that old DNA tests are getting new information added to them and forwarded to their clients.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 5, at 6 pm at the DCHS (originally planned for the Old Firehouse and Police Museum).

Following the meeting the group will take a three block Tower Avenue tour with a stop at Empire Coffee and the Empire Block. The Boston Block visit was canceled due to an emergency of the new owner.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Resberg; it was seconded by Arne Johnson. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.



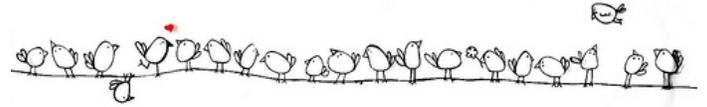
Events

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



DCGC

The date of the Library Lock-In is October 5, 2018. Further details are being worked out.



TPGS

Come join the TPGS for this annual social event! Bring a dish to share, serving utensils, and a beverage. They will provide coffee, plates and plastic ware. Here's a chance to get to know TPGS members and some DCGC (Douglas County Genealogy Club members, too! The event will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church, 2430 W 3rd Street in Duluth, beginning at 6 p.m.



WSGS Webinar

50+ Online and Offline Sources for Finding Photos of Your Ancestors

Presenter: Katherine R. Willson

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm CST

Description: *If you haven't inherited photos of your ancestors, learn about the 50+ potential sources that you may have overlooked, including printed media, organizations, digital sources and even distant relatives that you may not know about (with tips on initiating contact that ensures a response).*

Register

at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6089521292721167363>

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
The featured speaker will be
Louise St. Denis
More details to come!



**MNGS
Webinar**

We're Here in America, Now What?

Presenter: Jennifer Alford

Date: Wednesday, June 6

Time: 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Description: *Our immigrant ancestors came to America with their hopes and little money. While some families arrived to relatives or friends who had already settled in the area, many were facing a world that was quite foreign to them.*

Focusing on the largest European immigration period of 1880 to 1920, we'll discuss procedures at places like Ellis Island, and travel modes and resources from immigrants' ports of entry. Learn about how immigrant homes, tenements, unions, settlement houses, benevolent and fraternal societies, churches and synagogues helped guide immigrants to jobs, residences, and more. We'll also discuss immigrant newspapers and their role in strengthening immigrant communities.

Presenter Jennifer Alford is a Professional Engineer by day and a genealogist by night. Her work includes a specialty in Jewish research, publishing, and teaching others. She finds much joy in her work as publisher of The In-Depth Genealogist Magazine, Going In-Depth.

Cost: Free!

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

**North Star Genealogy Conference
Registration opening June 9**

Make your plans to attend the 2018 version of Minnesota's premier genealogy event. Registration is scheduled to open June 9 for the 11th Annual North Star Genealogy Conference 5-6 October at the Crown Plaza Minneapolis West Hotel in Plymouth, Minnesota. For detailed conference information, visit the **North Star 2018 page** on the MNGS website at mngs.org.

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 FAQs 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



News from the Internet

The following link to historical information about U.S. immigration was provided by John Buczynski: <http://metrocosm.com/us-immigration-history-map.html>. It's a dynamic and thought-provoking animation.

“Aboriginal” Redacted from Australian Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates After Being Deemed an Offensive Term.

Dick Eastman May 21, 2018 Current Affairs
Legal Affairs 5 Comments

Vital records worldwide are becoming more and more politically correct. A West Australian bureaucrat has deemed the use of the term “Aboriginal” may be regarded as offensive and exercised a little-known power to redact it from birth, death and marriage certificates. However, not everyone agrees with this decision.

It has shocked historians, who were unaware of the practice and say Aboriginal is considered by most to be an inclusive term. “Way back in the past people might have hidden their Aboriginality ... it’s now a source of pride for many people of Aboriginal descent today,” according to Jenny Gregory, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Western Australia.

This means historians, native title claim groups and members of the public may be spending up to \$49 to buy a document which may have historical detail like Aboriginality removed without their knowledge.

You can read the full story by Rebecca Turner in the ABC News web site at: <https://ab.co/2GFRRKE>

Thanks to Dick Eastman at <https://blog.eogn.com> for the above article.

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

