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Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Vintage Italian Restaurant, 1201 Tower Avenue, in Superior. We'll be having our annual holiday celebration and no business will be conducted.

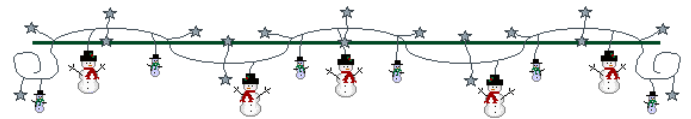
Meeting topics for 2017

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
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
July 11 – Cemetery Walk at the Hebrew Cemetery
August 1 – John Colletta video
September 5 – Meeting at the Douglas County Historical Society

October 3 – DAR

November 7 – Richard I. Bong Center; Clyde Annala presentation on World War I

December 5 – Holiday Potluck, VIP Restaurant, 1201 Tower Ave, Superior



November Meeting Minutes November 7, 2017 Richard I. Bong Veterans' Museum

Roll Call of Officers: Jim Mattson, President; Jan Marc Resberg, Vice President were present. Absent were Dave Johnson, Secretary and Robin Barrett, Treasurer.

Approval of October minutes: A motion was made by Carol Lindberg to accept the minutes of the October meeting as appeared in the newsletter; it was seconded by Judy Aunet and Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: no report was given as Robin Barrett was absent with an arm injury.

Update on membership: membership is at 26; given by Jane Sigfrids

Committee Reports: The next meeting of the Executive Board and the Program Committee is scheduled for Dec 19th at 5:15 PM at the Upper Deck. All members are welcome to attend.

The Research Request Committee consists of Dave Johnson, Chair and members: Jackie Plunkett, Emily Fredrick, and Jane Sigfrids. No report was given as the Chair was absent.

Old Business:

The Recognition Award for Keith Fine's work at the Parkland Cemetery has not be given as Jim Mattson has been unable to connect with him.

Jane Sigfrids continues to work on a list of all committees and members serving on them. Discussion was tabled to add the standing committees to the club's website until January with absence of Dave Johnson.

The date for the Genealogy "Lock-In" may be changed as there is a conflict with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Robin Barrett continues to research the purchase of the "Vital Records Handbook".

New Business:

The Northern Waters Library Board is considering not renewing the Ancestry Library Edition for the libraries under their services. The counties of service are: Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Iron, Vilas, Sawyer, Washburn and Burnett. A motion was made by Marlene Case and seconded by Jackie Plunkett to inform the Northern Waters Library Board that Douglas County Genealogy Club would encourage them to continue funding for the Library Edition of Ancestry.com.

Final arrangements for the December Holiday Party at VIP for Dec 5th at 6:00 PM continue. Coffee and pop will be available. The menu is Rigatoni, assorted pizzas and Caesar Salad for \$10.00. Spouses and partners are also welcome. Genealogy Bingo is also scheduled. Robin Barrett is accepting checks. Her address is 313 Homecroft Court Superior, 54880.

A review of the constitution and by-laws was tabled until January.

Jane Sigfrids shared information from other organizations.

Judy Aunet and Marlene Case gave an update on the conference they attended.

A suggestion to send Robin a get well card was made.

Jan Resberg motioned to adjourn the business meeting. It was seconded by Marlene Case and Jane Sigfrids. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM for the presentation of "Veterans of World War I" by Clyde Annala.

Members present: Judy Aunet, John Buczynski, Marlene Case, Don Erickson, Emily Fredrick, Bobbi Hoyt, Arnold Johnson, Carol Lindberg, Jim Mattson, Sandy Novak, Jackie Plunkett, Jan Marc Resberg, Jane Sigfrids and Karen Smoley.

Guest: Carol Huray

Respectfully submitted by Emily Fredrick acting as Secretary for November 5, 2017

DCGC Committees (2017)

Executive Board

Jim Mattson (President)
Jan Resberg (Vice-President)
Dave Johnson (Secretary)
Robin Barrett (Treasurer)
Marlene Case (at-large)
Emily Fredrick (at-large)
Bobbi Hoyt (at-large)
Jackie Plunkett (at-large)

Program Committee

Jan Resberg (Chair)
Jim Mattson
Jane Sigfrids

Financial Review Committee

Marlene Case
Dave Johnson
Jane Sigfrids

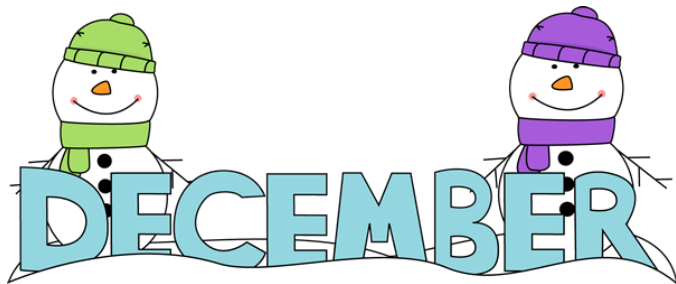
Research Request Committee

Dave Johnson (Chair)
Emily Fredrick
Jane Sigfrids



Library Lock-In Committee

Judy Aunet
Jackie Plunkett
Jane Sigfrids
Leslie Mehle – library liaison



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

DCGC

Holiday Party!

The annual Holiday Party is coming up on Tuesday, December 5th. Due to the library remodeling project, it will be held at the Vintage Italian Pizza Restaurant, 1201 Tower Avenue, in Superior. Rather than having a potluck, the food will be catered by the VIP; on the menu are rigatoni, assorted pizzas, and caesar salad. Genealogy Bingo will be featured.

The cost is \$10.00 per person, which can be paid at the door; spouses and significant others are welcome.

WSGS

December 2017 Webinar: Taming Transcription

Presenter: Michelle D. Novak

Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Time: 7:00 P.M. CST

Webinar Description: Transcribing from original documents can unlock events, actions and sentiments that haven't been expressed since they were first written – and that may shed entirely new light on your ancestors' lives. But learning a manageable system for your transcription work can make the difference between enjoyment and chaos. In this session, Michelle D. Novak will share a large transcription project currently underway, one that started with one New Jersey Supreme Court case involving an ancestor and has now grown to dozens of individual and related case files (still with no end in sight). Using only scans saved to PDFs of the documents and MS Word, she has devised a three-step process to staying organized through rounds of transcription and proofreading.

Register at:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5314503026474542338>

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

Yes, MGS has moved!

MGS has completed the move to the new space at 1385 Mendota Heights Road, Suite 100, Mendota Heights, MN 55120. Now we are faced with all the unpacking and set-up.

The new phone number is **651-330-9312**.

The WJH Library and Research Center is closed through November 28. We will open our doors again on November 29. There are a lot of boxes which have to be unpacked. If you can spare some time to help with unpacking, please e-mail libvolunteers@mngs.org and we will get details to you.

Although the WJH Library and Research Center will be closed, there will still be many meetings going on in the Conference Rooms, so please check the Event Calendar on the MGS website for where and when those will be held.



Webinar

The Family Tapestry: Integrating Proof Arguments Into the Genealogical Narrative

Presenter: Jean Larzalere Bloom

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2017

Time: 7:00 P.M – 8:15 P.M. CST

Description: As family researchers we often encounter problems. There can be conflicting information about identity, dates, and places. We encounter situations where no one document clearly shows a parent-child relationship. We need to use multiple documents that, after

thoughtful analysis, lead us to a conclusion. After reasonably exhaustive research, we must assemble the evidence into a proof argument. We must successfully weave these proof arguments into the family tapestry.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG(sm), is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, forensic genealogy, problem solving, and multi-generational family histories. On behalf of the Department of the Army, Jeanne searches for and identifies family members of unaccounted-for servicemen from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Jeanne writes articles for scholarly journals and society publications. She is a frequent lecturer at conferences, workshops and institutes. She is a Trustee and the president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

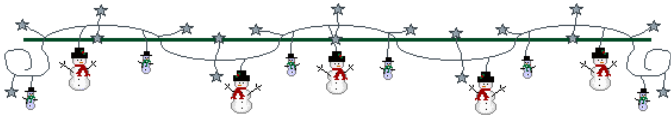
Cost: Free!

Visit the website at <https://mngs.org/eventListings.php?nm=38> 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.



Dues Reminder

As 2017 draws to a close, it's time to think about renewing your membership for 2018. Dues are \$10.00 and can be paid at the monthly meeting or by sending a check to Treasurer Robin Barrett, 313 Homecroft Court, Superior, WI 54880.



News from the Internet

FindMyPast Announces Plans to Publish Cincinnati & Chicago Sacramental Registers Online for the First Time

Dick Eastman · November 22, 2017 · Online Sites

The following announcement was written by the folks at Findmypast:

Findmypast's exclusive Catholic Heritage Archive continues to grow

New partnership with the Archdioceses of Cincinnati with over 3 million original Sacramental Registers digitized, fully indexed and published online for the very first time

A further 1.9 million records covering the Archdiocese of Chicago will also be released in partnership with FamilySearch international.



Leading family history website, Findmypast, has today announced plans to publish over 4.9 Sacramental Registers in partnership with the Archdioceses of Cincinnati and FamilySearch International.

Digitization will soon be underway and over 800,000 fully indexed images of original Cincinnati Catholic baptism, marriage and burial registers containing over 3 million names and spanning the years 1800 to 1953 will be made available online for the first time, only at Findmypast, in 2018.

An additional 1.9 million Chicago Sacramental Registers will also be added to the site later in the year. Published in association with FamilySearch International, these records will cover 125 years of city's history (1864 to 1989) and will add yet another important region to Findmypast's growing collection of United States Catholic records.

Today's announcement marks the latest in a series of updates to Findmypast's exclusive [Catholic Heritage Archive](#); a groundbreaking initiative that aims to digitize the historic records of the Catholic Church in the United States, Britain and Ireland for the very first time. The digitization of collections such as these is a monumental undertaking and, when complete, this exclusive collection will contain over 100 million records spanning 300 years of Catholic history

The Catholic Church holds some of the oldest and best preserved genealogical records in existence.

However, as many of these documents memorialize important religious sacraments, their privacy has long been protected and access to original copies has, until recently, been hard to come by.

In collaboration with various Archdioceses, Findmypast is helping to digitize these important records and make them widely accessible for the first time in one unified online collection. Beautifully scanned color Images of original documents will be available to view and fully searchable transcripts will also be included, providing family historians with easy access to these once closely guarded records.

The Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world and it has always been a significant component (up to 25%) of the American population. These records will allow researchers from around the globe to uncover the history of millions of Irish, Italian, German, Polish and many other nationalities as they made a new home in the USA.

Additional Cincinnati and Chicago records as well as additional updates from variety of British, Irish, US and Canadian Dioceses will be added to the Catholic Heritage Archive throughout 2018.

Jen Baldwin, Data Acquisition Manager for North America at Findmypast said; *"We are delighted to be adding the materials from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Archdiocese of Chicago to the Catholic Heritage Archive on Findmypast. The addition of these two crucial Midwest communities will greatly enhance the ability for family historians all over the country to discover their Catholic stories."*

Sarah L. Patterson, M.L.S., Archdiocesan Archivist at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati added; *"We're very excited to be working with Findmypast. This partnership will greatly increase research access to sacramental records in a way*

that we've never had before. With our earliest records beginning in the 1830s and given how Cincinnati was one of the largest cities in the United States in the 19th century and a stopping point for families migrating to the west, so many researchers will be able to trace their family line through our records."

Thanks, as always, to Dick Eastman for permission to print this article.