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Meeting Date

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 7 at 6 pm at the Greenwood Cemetary in Superior. On the agenda

Aproval of June Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
New Business
Old Business
Any other busines

Our Program will be honoring the dead. Each member is invited to choose a person buried at Greenwood and do enough research so you can create a mini biography. We will be reading those at the gravesites.



Minutes of DCGC monthly meeting June 2, 2015
Members present: Judy Aunet, Marlene Case, Don Erickson, Emily Fredrick, Vicki Garro, Bobbi Hoyt, Arnold Johnson, Phoebe Martens, James Mattson, Jan Resberg, Roger Saari, Jane Sigfrids, Karen Smoley, and visitor Stew Hunter.

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by President Vicki Garro.

Minutes from April meeting were printed in the newsletter. No corrections, so moved for approval by Roger Saari and seconded by Arnie Johnson. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report:

Jane Sigfrids
April balance in savings \$ 1799.25, interest earned, \$.06 for a total of \$ 1799.31. No activity on checking account so balance is \$70.76. Moved for approval by Arnie Johnson, seconded by Emily Fredrick. Accepted.

Committee reports:

No committees had met, no reports.
Board meeting will be scheduled this month. Vicki will email date and location to board members.

Announcements:

Jan Resberg announced the Proctor Historical Society will have a soft-opening June 3-7 from 10am-4pm. in Proctor on Hwy 2 right next to the engine Yellowstone.

Those hours will continue for the summer.

There will be a Meet and Greet at the Douglas County Historical Center on Tuesday, June 9th to introduce the Wisconsin History Tour, from 9am. To 6pm.

Old Business:

Leslie Meyers will be the new adult programming representative at the Superior library and we will work with her on any future events.

Phoebe Martins asked some questions about upgrading FamilyTreeMaker on her new computer and was given suggestions.

Phoebe also talked about the Blueberry Cemetery and it's unique old French Canadian stones.

New Business:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 7th at Greenwood Cemetery. Members are encouraged to research a person in the cemetery to talk about. FindAGrave has a listing for Greenwood Cemetery

in Superior as well as USGenweb under Douglas County cemeteries.

We will meet at the cemetery at 6pm but in case of rain, we will hold our meeting at Shamrock Pizza.

Introductions were made as we had a new member, Stew Hunter. He hopes to look into his father's line and get ideas as to how to do this. Vicki suggested using census records to create a timeline for his family.

Head of the Lakes Fair coming up Aug 25th -29th. Members are encouraged to enter one of many categories to enter under the new Genealogy category.

Superior Central High School will hold its' final all school reunion at the Curling Club at the Fairgrounds August 7 from 2-7 pm. See the Facebook page for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 Motioned by Roger Saari and seconded Arnie Johnson.

Program for the evening: Jim Mattson presenting on his trip to Salt Lake City for genealogy research and ideas to make the most of your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Hoyt, acting secretary.

Snack Signups for the year: July: Jane Sigfrids, August: ?, Sept: Karen Smoley, October: Emily Fredrick, Sandy Novak, November: Bobbi Hoyt, December: Pot Luck, January: ?

Please let me know if you can take one of the ? months. Thank you.



A Book Review By Jane Sigfrids

A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, 2nd edition, by Brian Mitchell will be a useful resource for those who have some prior knowledge or experience with searching Irish records, but will probably be confusing for a novice. A succinct introduction, about 6 pages long, outlines the religious and secular administrative divisions of Ireland, with reference to a couple of previous works, *Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research* by Margaret Dickson Falley and *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* by John Grenham, which this author notes describe in great detail the nature of the records available and the administrative divisions.

That kind of detail isn't what this book is about. The assumption is made that the genealogist has done enough research to identify the townland or his or her ancestors. According to Brian Mitchell, "The townland is the smallest and most ancient of Irish land divisions, and its identification is essential to researchers who wish to pinpoint the precise origin or their ancestors." The book is intended to help the researcher combine that basic information with other records that can be accessed in order to confirm identification. To that purpose, he has compiled a compendium of maps (approximately 150 pages) that identify the religious and secular records that can be found within the divisions. There is no contact information for records' offices, however.

(editor's note: This is the book we donated to the Superior Public Library in memory of Vicki Sheehan Peterson)



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Looking for items for the 2015 calendar. If you know of any events, please email them to the address below.

This is a work in progress. We invite all area genealogy organizations to submit their events with contact information for publication here to vicgarro@centurytel.net

DCGC= Douglas County Genealogy Club
TPGS=TwinPorts Genealogical Society
WSGS= Wisconsin State Genealogical Society
MGS= Minnesota Genealogical Society
Jul 7 DCGC at Greenwood Cemetary 6pm
Aug 4 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Sept 1 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Oct 2-3 MNGS Northstar Conference in the Twin Cities.
Oct 6 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Oct 17 WSGS Fall Seminar Marshfield
Nov 3 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm
Dec 1 DCGC at Superior Library 6pm

Be sure to check out the Minnesota Genealogical Society Calendar at <http://www.mngs.org/calendar.shtml> For a listing of other club events in the Twin Cities Area. Pay special attention to who is staffing the MNGS Library. Each of the affiliate clubs take turns which means you can have country focused genealogical research help.
The WSGS website is <http://www.wsgs.org/>

As always, if you have additional dates for the calendar or if you find a date in error, please email them to me at vicgarro@centurytel.net.



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If you would like to be a published author, send your genealogical article to vicgarro@centurytel.net.



News From the Internet

As we celebrate America's independence this month, learn more about the people who made it possible by exploring Fold3's [Revolutionary War Collection](#) for free July 1st to 15th.

Popular titles for finding Revolutionary War ancestors include:

- [Revolutionary War Pensions](#)
- [Revolutionary War Service Records](#)
- [Revolutionary War Rolls](#)
- [Final Payment Vouchers Index for Military Pensions, 1818-1864](#)

If you're interested in the historical aspects of the war, you can explore the [captured vessels prize cases](#), [Revolutionary War Milestone Documents](#), the [Pennsylvania Archives](#), [Constitutional Convention Records](#), and the papers and [records of the Continental Congress](#), among others.

Full access to the Revolutionary War collection can help you find even more information on the people or events you're researching. For example, let's say you're researching your ancestor James Morris of Connecticut. You can learn from [his Revolutionary War pension file](#) that he [served in the Battle of Germantown](#), where he was taken [prisoner of war](#) for [three years](#).

Did any of your ancestors take advantage of the Homestead Act of 1862? Did they settle on sparsely-populated land in one of the western states? If so, what were their lives like?

Kathy Belt has written an article that describes life for the homesteaders and asks the reader to think about what it would be like if any of us could be transported in time back to a homestead. She writes:

“If you truly want to live in the 1800s, be expected to have 18-20 children, all born at home, and have half of them die before the age of five because of dysentery, typhoid, scarlet fever or measles. Be prepared to get up with the sun and read by the light of your drafty fireplace. (Yes, the Franklin stove was invented in the late 1700s, but it weighed so much, most folks who went west didn’t take it with them. Of course, if you stayed in one of the “big” cities, you would have access to whale oil or kerosene for your lights.)

“Be prepared to slaughter pigs and use everything except the “oink.” (Think pickled pig’s feet.) And you had better spend all day Sunday at church.

“Let’s see—what else—oh yes, hygiene. It didn’t exist.”

The article was written about two years ago but this is history. It doesn’t change. There is a lot more in Kathy Belt’s article at <http://www.countrysidemag.com/97-1-how-things-were-done-in-the-1800s>.

How to Do Everything: Genealogy, Fourth Edition by George G. Morgan. Published by McGraw Hill. 2015. 490 pages.

Does George Morgan ever sleep? With several already-published genealogy research guides available, he sure hasn’t slowed down much. This newest book appears to be his most substantial work so far.

This latest book is jam-packed with genealogy research information, with very few blank pages among the total count of 490+. Even the inside pages of the covers have text: The inside front cover summarizes *What You’ll Do in This Book* and the inside back cover lists the *Best Starting Points on the Internet for Your Research*. Not much wasted space here.

The premise of this book is offering instruction on traditional research methods mingled with instruction on digital research methods. Part I coaches the researcher on beginning methodologies and records, Part II goes into Expanded and Advanced Research methods, and Part III prepares the researcher for Advanced Strategies and Electronic Tools.

There is a chapter on DNA, a chapter on Brick Wall strategy, and a chapter on Incorporating Social Networking into Your Genealogy Research describing the use of blogs, videos, webinars, the opportunities in social networking, and smartphone apps. The last chapter covers the researcher’s favorite website tools, including BillionGraves, FamilySearch, Find A Grave, and CousinCalc, along with some lesser-known websites.

Mr. Morgan acknowledges the assistance of his very capable partner, Drew Smith, as the technical editor. Between the two of them, this is a comprehensively written and finely edited work.

This is a great research guide of wide-ranging scope and detailed description. There are plenty of images illustrating the records, with detailed accounts of records, where to find them, and what they can reveal.

All in all, this is an exceptionally inclusive and expansive work.

How to Do Everything: Genealogy, Fourth Edition by George G. Morgan is available from most bookstores that sell genealogy books, including from Amazon at <http://goo.gl/iTvouz>.

As always, thanks to Dick Eastman <http://blog.eogn.com> for information in this article.

Still time to take in the Wisconsin History Tour at the Douglas County Historical Society! It will only be here until July 30 so don’t procrastinate.



DCHS takes pleasure in welcoming the Wisconsin Historical Society's History Tour from June 2 thru July 30. The Tour will be bringing some special exhibits you won't want to miss! During this time, admission will be FREE. You'll also enjoy a week of special events June 9-13, and we'll be open expanded hours that week.

For a complete Schedule of special events, see <http://www.wisconsinhistorytour.org/Route/Cities/Superior.aspx>

Be sure to check out the rest of the schedule!

The Head of the Lakes Fair Registration is now open at <http://holfair.com>. Be sure to register for the genealogy department. Click on Fair Book, Dept 19 Antiques, Class B. Here is the listing again. Remember, you do not need to show your originals.

CLASS B – GENEALOGY

RULES:

1. Copies and reproductions are accepted on all paper items and photos and will be judged the same as any original.
2. Items previously receiving an award may NOT be entered again unless additional information has been added or entered in a different class.
3. A separate typewritten 5x7 index card giving a description of the item must accompany each item. Exhibitor must indicate the connection the item has to his/her family or ancestry and information about the exhibit.

4. Diligence will be used to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case, will fair personnel or Douglas County Genealogy Club be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

5. Superintendents have the right to reclassify exhibits if necessary for proper placement in a particular class.

The Genealogy Department is sponsored by the Douglas County Genealogy Club Premiums

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1. DAR, SAR, Mayflower documentation research
2. Genealogical certificates of any type
3. Display of end of life memorabilia (no larger than 24"x36")
4. Photo of building of ancestral significance (8"x 10" or smaller)
5. Ancestral photo including a direct line ancestor (8"x10" or smaller)
6. Any other photo of genealogical significance (8"x10" or smaller)
7. Display of ancestral photos (no larger than 24"x36")
8. Display of genealogical research (no larger than 24"x36")
9. Book (not scrapbooks) of genealogical significance
10. Display of genealogic charts
11. Pedigree photo chart (at least 4 generations and no larger than 24"x36")
12. Genealogy scrapbook
13. Biographical sketch of an ancestor (typed, double spaced, 12 pt font). May include photos
14. Genealogical video: up to 5 minutes in length. Must be present and able to play it at judging
15. Census records (State of Federal). Three or more from same individual
16. Any other genealogical exhibit

Polk county fair has added a genealogy section this year modeled after our entries.