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## Friday, September 19 Researching your New England Ancestors

### Michael J. Leclerc, NEHGS

Many families throughout the country trace their ancestry back to the New England states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Learn how to take advantage of the many valuable (and often unique) resources in these areas.

The Yankee Genealogical Society (a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society) will host this event at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the MGS Library. There is no charge for this event, but a \$5.00 donation to the Yankee book purchase fund would be appreciated.

## Genealogy and Family History Education Day

Saturday, November 1, 2003 at Robbinsdale Community Education, Winnetka Learning Center, 7940 55th Ave. N., New Hope. See pages 5-8 for more information.

## Seminar and Business Meeting Saturday, September 20, 2003

### Olson Middle School

4501 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bloomington, MN

### Featuring Michael J. Leclerc, NEHGS

## Registration

Pre-registrations postmarked by September 13 are \$18.00 for current MGS members and \$22.00 for non-members. Registration at the door will be \$22.00.

## Agenda

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| 8 00 a.m.  | Registration and Refreshments  |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Business Meeting   |
| 9:30 a.m.  | First Topic:<br><i>Greffes des Notaires</i>  |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break  |
| 11:00 a.m. | Second Topic:<br><i>Researching on<br/>NewEnglandAncestors.org</i>                         |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch Break  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | Third Topic:<br><i>Clues to Nineteenth-and<br/>Twentieth-Century Immigrant<br/>Origins</i> |
| 2:30 p.m.  | Break  |
| 2:45 p.m.  | Fourth Topic:<br><i>Finding Your Ancestral<br/>Homes</i>                                   |

## About the Speaker

Michael J. Leclerc is the Director of Electronic Publications at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He oversees the NewEnglandAncestors.org web site and all CDROM publications produced by NEHGS.

Originally from Cumberland, Rhode Island and Seekonk, Massachusetts, Michael is currently a Boston resident

and considers the city his home. He attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and joined NEHGS as a member of the Enquiries Service in 1996. His research specialties include New England and Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes) as well as general methodology and research practices. He is the author of numerous articles about these regions. Michael is a popular speaker at local, regional, and national genealogical conferences throughout the country. He also serves on the board of directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG).

## First Topic: Greffes des Notaires: The Goldmine in Québec's Notarial Records

In-depth look at the records of Québec's notaries, who handle all aspects of contract law in the province. Applicable to both French and non-French residents of Québec.

## Second Topic: Researching on NewEnglandAncestors.org

An introduction to the various resources available on the web site of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, including research articles, books for loan and for sale, discussion forums, and searchable databases.

### Third Topic: Clues to Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Immigrant Origins

Many of us are descended from those who arrived in American during the massive influx of the 1800's and 1900's. Discover sources for finding the place of origin of these immigrants.

### Fourth Topic: Finding Your Ancestral Homes: Deeds, Maps, and Other Records

How do you find the homes your ancestors lived in? Taking advantage of well-known, and not-so-well-known resources to locate and find information on these homes, perhaps being able to visit and see the actual house where your ancestor lived.

### Facility

The meeting will be held in the auditorium at Olson Middle School, 4501 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bloomington MN. Vendor area and cafeteria are located in the same hallway as the auditorium. There is a parking lot by the entrance where the auditorium is located.

### Directions

Olson Middle School is located west of Highway 35W and south of I-494. From 35W go west on 98<sup>th</sup> Street to France Avenue. Go south on France to 102<sup>nd</sup> Street. Go west on 102<sup>nd</sup> Street to Olson School. Or, take highway 100/Normandale Blvd. to 102<sup>nd</sup> Street and go east to Olson School. There is no exit from 35W to 102<sup>nd</sup> street.

### Lunch

The cost of the boxed lunch is \$6.50. The lunch will include choice of sandwich with a choice of meat, potato salad or cole slaw, cookie or brownie, chips or apple. Deadline for ordering a box lunch and pre-registration is September 13.

### Vendor Tables

Tables will be available for vendors who wish to display genealogically-related material. Tables must be reserved in advance. One table will be free to each non-profit group, all others will be \$6.00 each. To reserve tables, contact Wesley Waring at 763-494-3277 or MGS Program Committee, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley MN 55422-5014.

### Volunteers

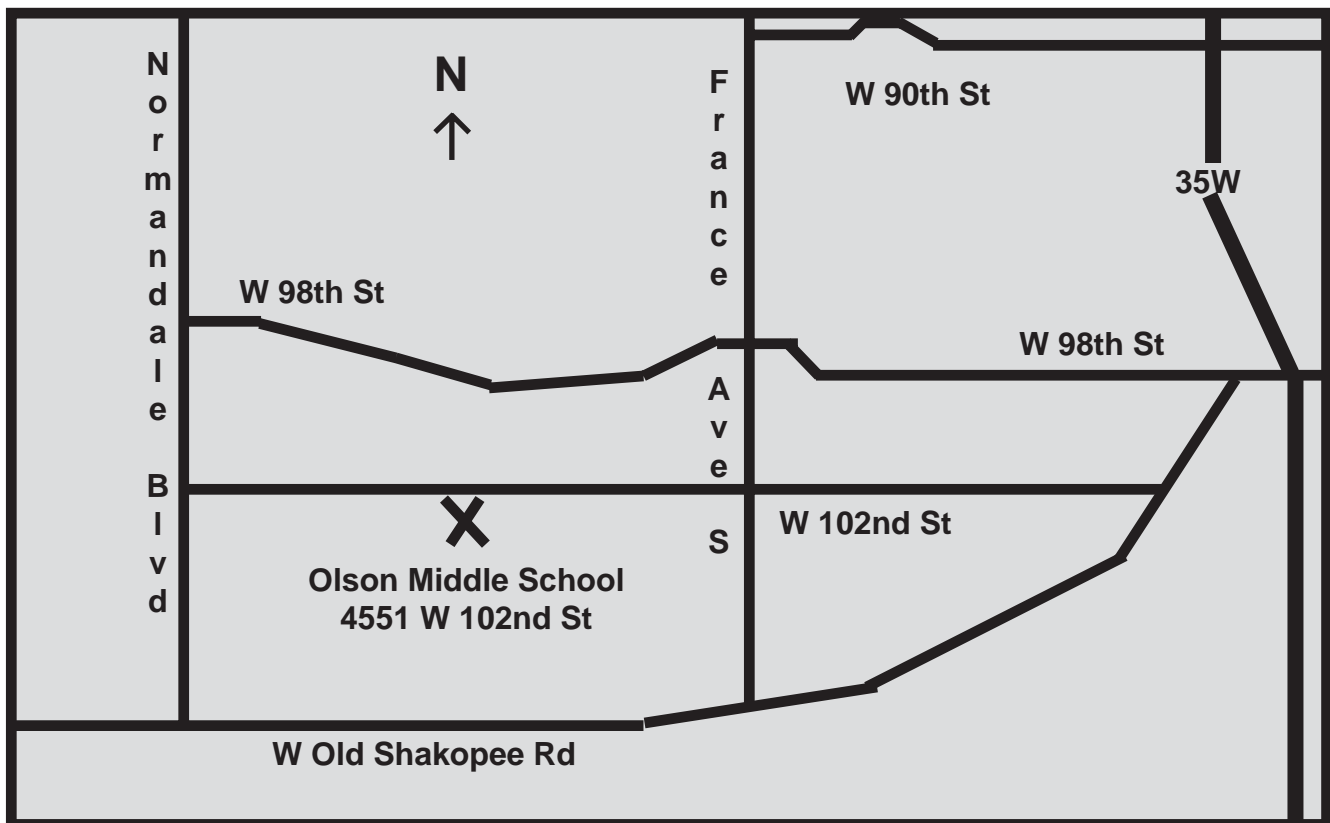
Volunteers are needed to set up display tables, staff the registration table, setup and staff the refreshment table, hang signs etc. If you can help, please call Wesley Waring at 763-494-3277.

### Door Prize Donations List

The following people and organizations donated door prizes for the June 21, 2003 Greater Minnesota meeting.

Minnesota Genealogical Society:  
One-year NEW membership

Park Genealogical Books:  
Minnesota Genealogical Journal, #29 (current issue)



Genealogist's Guide to Minnesota Vital Records, Vol. 1,  
Marriages and Divorces

Jim & Paula Warren, Warren Research & Publishing:  
Getting the Most Mileage from Genealogical Research Trips

Your Guide to the Family History Library: How to Access The  
World's Largest Genealogy Resource

## Future Meetings

### 2003

December 6  
Fort Snelling Interpretive Center

### 2004

March 27, Branching Out  
June 19, Greater Minnesota  
September 25, Annual Seminar  
December 4, Winter Meeting



## MGS Newsletter

A publication of the  
Minnesota Genealogical Society  
Editor: Paula Goblirsch

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| President          | Lynn Besch            |
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| 2nd Vice-President | open                  |
| Past President     | Tom Lanman            |
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**Submissions:** Send articles, announcements and ads to the Newsletter Editor, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014 or pmg@umn.edu

**Advertising:** Rates are for publication in a single issue only. Full page (6 3/4" wide x 9" high), \$100.00. Half page (3 1/2" wide x 9" high or 6 3/4" wide x 4 1/2" high), \$60.00. Quarter page (3 1/4" wide x 4 1/2" high or 6 3/4" wide x 2 1/4" high), \$35.00. Classified ads, 3 1/4" wide, \$15.00 per column inch. Discounts: 10% if ad is run in 4 consecutive issues and paid for in advance. 10% if ad is run in both the *Newsletter* and the *Genealogist*. Ad copy must be submitted in electronic format and not exceed stated dimensions.

**Deadlines:** Information and ads must be received by January 2, April 1, July 1, and October 1 for the February, May, August and November issues respectively.

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## MGS Fall 2003 Meeting Pre-Registration

Registration Fee: \$18.00 members, \$22 non-members; Box Lunch: \$6.50 per person

Saturday, September 20, 2003

**MGS Member** # \_\_\_\_\_ (from upper left corner of mailing label) or  **Not an MGS Member**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Fee(s) Optional Lunch (\$6.50 each) Total Enclosed

(The fee for registering at the door is \$22.00.)

Mail to: MGS Fall Seminar, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley MN 55422-5014

**Must be postmarked by September 13**

# MGS News

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## Cash Donations to MGS

The following people made cash donations to MGS in June 2003. Our thanks go to:

Thomas Ross  
Ione Stein

## 2002 Annual Fund Drive Contributors Update June 15, 2003

Harold Hanson

## MGS Speakers Bureau

MGS is establishing a Speakers Bureau and is looking for participants.

MGS wants to bring expertise to not only its members, but to a wider audience. Clearly, we do some of this, but much more needs to be done. Establishing an active Speakers Bureau is one way to accomplish this goal which has been adopted by MGS's board.

If you are interested and think you can help please send the following to Harold Hinds and/or Tom Rice:

- Title of proposed lectures (adopting a 60 minute format: 50 minute lecture, 10 minute question and answer period).
- A short (about 50 word) description of what the lecture is about.
- Additional pertinent information: Do you charge a fee, and if so how much (a basic fee, or a fee plus travel and lodging expenses, or whatever); equipment and setup expectations.

Is this lecture ready to present, or will you be developing it, and if so, then when would you expect to be able to present it?

Harold Hinds Jr., Division of Social Sciences, University of Minnesota—Morris, Morris, MN 56267.

Tom Rice, 3976 Hazel St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110.

## Library Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to staff the library. Duties include opening and closing the library, answering the phone, and helping walk-in patrons find the materials they want. New volunteers are paired with an experienced volunteer to learn the ropes. No experience is necessary.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Jean Jensen at the MGS Library on Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m or Wes Waring at 763-494-3277 or wesleyawaring@compuserve.com.

## Minnesota State Fair

The 2003 Minnesota State Fair runs from Thursday, August 21 through Labor Day, September 1. MGS will be sponsoring a booth in the Education Building. MGS volunteers will be staffing the booth from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day of the fair. To volunteer, contact Wes Waring at 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@compuserve.com or Sharon Babcock at 651-454-7785.

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# Genealogy & Family History Education Day



Saturday - November 1, 2003

Winnetka Learning Center - 7940 55th Ave North, New Hope MN

Presented By: Minnesota Genealogy Society & Robbinsdale Area Schools Community Education

| <b>Session A</b><br><b>9 - 10:15 a.m.</b>   | <b>Session B</b><br><b>10:30 - 11:45 a.m.</b>   | <b>Session C</b><br><b>1 - 2:15 p.m.</b>   |
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| <p><b>MGS1A - Beginning Genealogy</b><br/>taught by: Janet Roseen</p> <p><b>MGS2A - Court House Records</b><br/>taught by: Arthur Finnell</p> <p><b>MGS3A - Beyond Vital Resources: U.S. Newspapers as a Source for Family History</b><br/>taught by: Harold E. Hinds, Jr.</p> <p><b>MGS4A - Scanning – Help! I only sort of know how to use my scanner</b><br/>taught by: Dixie Hansen</p> <p><b>MGS5A - Unlock the Secrets of Place Research</b><br/>taught by: Darlene Joyce</p> <p><b>MGS6A - Piles to Files: Organizing your genealogy stuff, information and thoughts</b><br/>taught by: Tom Rice</p> | <p><b>MGS1B - Census Records Research, Including 1930</b><br/>taught by: Janet Roseen</p> <p><b>MGS2B - Heritage Society Records</b><br/>taught by: Arthur Finnell</p> <p><b>MGS3B - Solving Difficult Genealogical Problems: Lessons Learned Based on a U.S. Case Study</b><br/>taught by: Harold E. Hinds, Jr.</p> <p><b>MGS4B - Minnesota Genealogy Sources on the Internet</b><br/>taught by: Paula Goblirsch</p> <p><b>MGS5B - MN Cemetery and Burial information</b><br/>taught by: Darlene Joyce</p> <p><b>MGS6B - Land Records as a key genealogical resource</b><br/>taught by: Tom Rice</p> | <p><b>MGS1C - Twentieth and Twenty-first Century Research</b><br/>taught by: Paula Stuart Warren</p> <p><b>MGS2C - The New Age of Genealogical Periodicals: In Print, Online, and More</b><br/>taught by: James W. Warren</p> <p><b>MGS3C - Genealogical Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society (State Archives)</b><br/>taught by: MHS staff person</p> <p><b>MGS4C - Cheap trip to Salt Lake Family History Library: Visit your local Family History Center!</b><br/>taught by: Pat Dorff</p> <p><b>MGS5C - Writing Your Stories: Putting the History in Family History</b><br/>taught by: Darlene Joyce</p> <p><b>MGS6C - Evaluating Evidence and the Genealogy Proof Standard</b><br/>taught by: Tom Rice</p> |
| <p><b>Registration begins August 25. For more information call: (763) 504-6999 or (763) 595-3947</b></p>  |   |  |

## Genealogy & Family History Education Day

Mail registration form with your check or Visa/MasterCard information to:

Adult Enrichment Classes, Winnetka Learning Center, 7940 55th Ave N, New Hope MN 55438.

### OPTION 1: All day - includes 3 classes

(members \$42; non-members \$51)

List class numbers/names below

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTION 2: Register for one or two classes

(members \$16/class; non-members \$19/class)

List class numbers/names below

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL \$5 FEE for Walk-in Registration on Class Day

### BOX LUNCH OPTION: Must register by October 24!

check one:  Turkey  Ham  Roast Beef **Fee \$6** **Total Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Includes sandwich, salad, chips, fruit and cookie)

Non-members who join MGS on class day will receive a voucher for the difference in class fees.

### Please Print all Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 MGS Member I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Options

1. Check (Payable to District 281)
2. Charge Card  MasterCard  Visa  
 Account No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Class Descriptions

## **MGS1A Beginning Genealogy – Janet Roseen**

This session will be an introduction to genealogical research for those who are new to family history research or are interested in reviewing the basics.

## **MGS1B Census Records Research, including 1930**

– Janet Roseen

US Federal Census records exist for the period 1790 through 1930. This class will be an introduction to using the U.S. Federal Census in genealogical research. Learn what you can and cannot discover about your ancestors in these records.

## **MGS2A Court House Records – Arthur Finnell**

This class will present an overview of records of genealogical value available in the County Court House, how to access them and how to use them. It will include a discussion of what can and cannot be found in the Court House, what to do before you go and how to prepare for a trip. We will look at some other sources that will also be of assistance to the researcher.

## **MGS2B Heritage Society Records – Arthur Finnell**

Even if you are not interested in joining a heritage society, you may be interested in the resources they have available. This class will present a quick overview of membership requirements and the resources that may be available for individual research. Topics include what's available, how to access it, and what to do with it once you find it. Anyone doing American research will find some value in these records.

## **MGS5A Unlock the secrets of PLACE research**

– Darlene Joyce

This workshop will delve into the importance of place in family history research. You will learn how to find MORE records on your people, and to understand their lives. You will learn how to find those invaluable town, county, state and regional histories. We will discuss strategies for discovering WHERE your people lived, and when they lived there. We will explore early migration pathways to the Midwest in the 19th century and how to find great maps. Examples will be shared to illustrate WHY you might want to shift your focus from names, to the places your family called home. If you have a really difficult research problem, this workshop might help you come at the question in a whole new way.

## **MGS5B Minnesota Cemetery and Burial Information**

– Darlene Joyce

This workshop will introduce you to all of the data currently available on Minnesota cemeteries and teach you how to find transcribed burial information. You will learn the secret “tips” that are used by the MGS Cemetery Project Team to find cemetery locations, published transcriptions, the identity and location of cemetery sextons, etc. Each participant will receive

a current list of websites with Minnesota cemetery information; you'll be amazed at how many there are! You will also learn what is happening with the MGS Cemetery Project today, and what improvements in cemetery and burial information are projected for the future.

## **MGS5C Writing your stories: Putting the History in Family History – Darlene Joyce**

There are many diverse ways to share your family stories. We will explore options available to you, and discuss questions and planning strategies to help you get started. We will also explore special resources that can make the writing process more rewarding for you, and help ensure that your relatives treasure your gift. Even if you are not “ready” to write your family history yet, learning about the process can enhance your research, and improve the chances of your hard work being preserved for future generations.

Your instructor completed a Master's degree at Hamline University, where her honors thesis dealt with the writing community in Minnesota, and published Minnesota authors. She is also a certified professional genealogist, and has taught genealogy for writers at the Loft Literary Center.

## **MGS4C Cheap Trip to Salt Lake Family History Library: Translation ... Visit your Local Family History Center – Pat Dorff**

The world's largest collection of genealogical records in Salt Lake City is literally at your fingertips. You will have access to two million plus rolls of microfilm, 700,000 microfiche, copies of original records for hundreds of millions of deceased people. This motivational seminar is fast-paced, humorous, and packed with research tips you can apply immediately on your next visit to your local Family History Center.

## **MGS3C Genealogical Resources in the Minnesota State Archives – MHS staff person**

This lecture will acquaint researchers with the myriad of genealogically important sources that can be found in Minnesota government records. The speaker will emphasize some common and not so common government sources that are available at Minnesota Historical Society, including records of the state agencies, state hospitals, correctional facilities, military records, the governor's office, and the court system. The speaker will also discuss the availability of and access to naturalization, alien registration, birth and death, census, and other records. Questions will be encouraged.

## **MGS3A Beyond Vital Records: U.S. Newspapers as a Source for Family History – Harold Hinds**

U.S. newspapers are an invaluable source for genealogical and family history information. This presentation will focus on the following: What might you expect to find? What are the limits of newspaper research? How can you locate and successfully use old newspapers?

### **MGS3B Solving Difficult Genealogical Problems: Lessons Learned Based on a U.S. Case Study – Harold Hinds**

When almost nothing is known about an entire line and the surname is very common, case studies of resolving similar problems can prove instructive. The class will focus on a largely nineteenth century example.

### **MGS4A Scanning: Help! I Only Sort of Know How to Use My Scanner – Dixie Hansen**

Is this you? Do you feel like you're in over your head with that scanner you bought? Sometimes a 3-minute tutorial is good enough and you can wing it from there. But scanning software is downright intimidating and early enthusiasm often gives way to frustration. This lecture will explain a few of the tricks of getting the best image from your scanner to your computer and will walk you through some of the most useful software tools you can use to edit and resize images, fix up damaged photos, and manipulate pictures and scanned text for use in displays or publications.

### **MGS4B Minnesota Genealogy Sources on the Internet – Paula Goblirsch**

Finding online resources for researching in Minnesota: Genealogical and historical societies, libraries and archives, churches, cemeteries, newspapers, and records.

### **MGS6A From Piles to Files: Organizing your genealogy stuff, information and thoughts – Tom Rice**

Without some sort of organizing system, genealogy can turn from a delight to a cluttered chaos. This session will review several approaches and tools that can be used to get those piles into a systematic arrangement where you can find what you are looking for. This class will also introduce the freeware program *Bygones*, which is an excellent tool for gathering up all of those loose ends such as field notes, contacts, correspondence, to-do lists, research logs etc. It can be downloaded at: [home.utah-inter.net/bygones/index.htm](http://home.utah-inter.net/bygones/index.htm)

### **MGS6B Land Records as a Key Genealogical Resource – Tom Rice**

The first part of this class will look at: The reasons every genealogist should look at land records. An overview of the many records involved with government dispersal of land from pre-colonial times to military bounty lands to cash sales and homestead grants. A key theme will be where are the records, how to find them and what is in them. The second part of the class will consider the use of individual land transactions and tax records with an emphasis on: Understanding all of the information in deeds. How to plat land descriptions. How to use tax records as a genealogy source.

### **MGS6C Evaluating Evidence and the Genealogy Proof Standard – Tom Rice**

How do we make decisions on genealogical matters? Sometimes it is easy and straightforward. Sometimes the answer is obscure. This class will consider how to evaluate evidence and then how to use that evidence to come to a conclusion in

building a genealogical proof. This way of thinking is the cornerstone of today's state-of-the-art genealogical practice. These skills come into play, especially when there is no single, clear answer; which for many of us is most of the time.

### **MGS1C Twentieth & Twenty-First Century Research – Paula Stuart Warren**

Are you stumped by missing or split families, non-indexed censuses, city dwellers, lack of extended family, or often-mobile families? As we near move forward in the 21st century do you need information on the more recent generation? Do you have living relatives to find? Some researchers have neglected the more current relatives thinking there aren't as many resources to use. After this session you will be prepared to find some information on those who lived or were born in the 20th century. Sure, there are fewer censuses, but the many other records that are available will help you. As the years passed by some records became more standardized. Courthouses were creating more indexes. To these we add today's explosion of online catalogs, indexes, and finding aids. Research is re-research, no matter the time period. Some things remain constant and some records do contain more information and may be indexed as the years move forward.

### **MGS2C The New Age of Genealogical Periodicals: In Print, Online, and More – James W. Warren**

There is a lot more to genealogical periodicals than there used to be! Online indexes. Mass media. Newsstand magazines. Email newsletters. Online journals. And, the more traditional society newsletters and journals remain just as important. This session illustrates the kind of treasures in all those periodicals, old and new, that you just won't find anywhere else. It demonstrates how those periodicals are useful and vital for your research, how you can access them, and special considerations for using them to benefit your research. You will be amazed at the vast number of print genealogical periodicals that can be found right here in the Twin Cities.

## **Instructor Bios**

### **Pat Dorff**

For the past 25 years, Pat Dorff has served in the Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. She is currently the Director of the Minneapolis Minnesota Stake Family History Center on Douglas Drive in Crystal. A former teacher and librarian, Pat spent over 20 years as a professional speaker and consultant in records management and is the author of four books. An avid genealogist for 35 years, she loves all aspects of the work from research to writing.

**Arthur Finnell**

Arthur Finnell has 40 years experience in genealogical research. He has been a lecturer at MGS programs, educational events, and library classes. He has written numerous articles for the *Minnesota Genealogist* and has published some original works.

**Paula Goblirsch**

Paula is a web developer and computer trainer at the University of Minnesota. She is a Director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, editor of the MGS Newsletter, past president of the MGS Computer Interest Group, and maintains several genealogy web sites and mailing lists.

**Dixie Hansen**

Dixie Hansen is an avid family historian, a gadget freak, and a computer enthusiast. While she claims no professional expertise, she's mastered the "undo" tool and over the years she's made extensive use of her computer and all the gizmos she can attach to it to import and manipulate text, photos, artwork, and family memorabilia.

**Harold Hinds**

Harold E. Hinds, Jr. Ph.D. and Distinguished Research Professor of History, University of Minnesota-Morris, teaches a variety of history courses, including one on family history. He has lectured extensively at all levels, from local to international, and has delivered several keynote addresses; has published or edited more than 20 historical or genealogical books. He serves as a Director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, and as Associate Editor of the *Minnesota Genealogist*, as well as President and Program Chair of the Stevens County (MN) Genealogical Society.

**Darlene Joyce**

Darlene C. Joyce, CGRS, is a Director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and a Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Darlene chairs the MGS Minnesota Cemetery Project, and is membership development chair for APG. She is also a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. Darlene has been working on her own family history for over 30 years, and has been helping others professionally for three years. Darlene is keenly interested in place research because she believes this is the secret to quality research and writing. She especially enjoys helping beginners get started effectively, and sharing the tips she's learned as a professional genealogist.

**Tom Rice**

Tom Rice, Ph.D. is an experienced genealogy researcher and lecturer. Tom has completed the National Genealogical Society's course in American Genealogy and Samford University's Institute in Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) courses in Advanced Methodology and Genealogy as a

Profession. He is a recipient of a Board for Certification of Genealogists 2003 scholarship to attend the IGHR. He serves at the Minnesota Historical Society as a Genealogy Helper, and has lectured frequently for the Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI) and the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS). He is a Board member of the IGSI and a member-at-large Board member of the MGS.

**Janet Roseen**

Janet Roseen is the Staff Training Coordinator at the University of Minnesota Libraries. Until recently, she worked in Wilson General Reference and is the author of more than twenty genealogy web pages. Ms. Roseen has more than 15 years experience doing genealogical research. She is a former MGS Board member and newsletter editor and is a frequent lecturer on various genealogical topics to both genealogists and librarians.

**James W. Warren**

Jim has been a full-time professional genealogical and historical researcher, lecturer and writer since 1989. He specializes in U.S. research in Upper Midwest states and at national repositories, and in American Indian research, Tribal consulting, and expert witness court testimony.

Jim is a former president of MGS and of the Irish Genealogical Society, and he served eleven years on the Board of Directors of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Jim and his wife Paula co-authored *Your Guide to the Family History Library: How to Access the World's Largest Genealogy Resource*. In their companion video, *The Video Guide to Salt Lake City's Family History Library*, Jim and Paula provide a tour of the Family History Library and surrounding area, with tips on preparation, working in the library, and enjoying a research trip to Salt Lake City.

**Paula Stuart Warren, Certified Genealogical Records Specialist<sup>SM</sup>**

Certified since 1988, Paula works full-time in genealogical and historical research, lecturing, consulting, and writing. She specializes in Midwestern States, the Family History Library, National Archives, and American Indian research. She is a Course Coordinator for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and also teaches classes at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Her articles and books include *Your Guide to the Family History Library: How to Access the World's Largest Genealogical Resource* and *Minnesota Genealogical Reference Guide*. She served for six years on the board of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. Paula and her husband, Jim, were awarded the MGS Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

Her ancestry traces back to seven different nationalities and they are largely immigrants to the Midwest.

# Other Classes

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(See page 20 for classes at the Minnesota Historical Society.)

## **Genealogy Classes Presented by the Irish Genealogical Society, International**

Open to ANYONE interested in genealogy.  
Location: MGS Library, lower meeting rooms  
Cost: Free to Irish Genealogical Society members and \$5.00 to nonmembers. The fee can be applied toward membership when joining the Irish Genealogical Society within the month.

Information: Call Nancy at 763-506-1307; email Nancy at nanner@tcq.net or Beth at blmkerry@tcq.net, or www.rootsweb.com/~irish

Class topics are subject to change. Please check the web site for current information.

## **Tuesday Evening Classes**

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

September 2  
Getting the Most Out of the Census  
Doing Genealogy at the Minnesota Historical Society

October 7  
Practical Steps in Beginning Genealogy  
Land Records

November 4  
No classes

December 2  
Practical Steps in Beginning Genealogy  
Military Records

## **Saturday Classes**

September 6  
Introduction to Basic Irish Research and Library Tour,  
9-10 a.m.  
Basic Genealogy, 9-11 a.m.

October 4  
Introduction to Basic Irish Research and Library Tour,  
9-10 a.m.  
Basic Genealogy, 9-11 a.m.

November 1  
Introduction to Basic Irish Research and Library Tour,  
9-10 a.m.

## **Fall Genealogy Courses at Century College**

For general information and registration call 651-779-3341.  
Century College, 3300 Century Avenue North, White Bear Lake MN 55110. www.century.mnscu.edu/cect

### **Who Begat Whom: Discovering Your Ancestry**

6:30-8:30 p.m., September 18, 25 & October 2 (*Three two-hour sessions.*) This is a foundation course. We will answer the questions: where to look for information to identify an ancestor, how to organize your findings using paper and software tools and what strategies to use in your research. Students will be introduced to various record types, the use of the Internet and local genealogical resources. Subsequent courses will look at specific record types and advanced research methods in greater depth.

### **Finding Your Ancestors In Deed(s). It Can Be Taxing**

6:30-8:30 p.m., October 9 (*A single two-hour class.*) The class will look at the genealogical value of records created when the government passed land on to individuals and at the deeds created when people sold land to another. The class will learn how to analyze deeds for genealogical clues and how to map out their ancestor's land holdings. Principles and examples of using tax records in genealogy research will round out this class.

### **Vital Records and Census Research: The Foundation of Genealogy**

6:30-8:30 p.m., October 23, 30 & November 6 (*Three two-hour sessions.*) This three-session class will take students through the process of how to combine vital records with census information to assemble their pedigree. We will answer the question what to do when these records can't be found or do not tell us enough by looking at substitutes such as church records, city directories and newspapers.

### **What Does The Military Have To Do With Genealogy?**

6:30-8:30 p.m., November 13 & 20 (*Two sessions of two hours each.*) The records created during and around military service are often filled with information about our ancestors and their lives. This course looks at military records as a source of genealogical and family history information by answering the questions: What is in a military record? Where are these records, and how can I get them? We will also look at two record types that were created after military service, bounty land warrants and pensions.

Instructor: Tom Rice, Ph.D. is an experienced genealogy researcher and lecturer. Tom has completed the National Genealogical Society's course in American Genealogy and Samford University's Institute in Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR) courses in Advanced Methodology and Professional Genealogy. He is a recipient of a Board for Certification of Genealogists scholarship to attend the IGHR. He serves at the Minnesota Historical Society as a Genealogy Helper, and has lectured frequently for the Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI) and the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS). He is a Board member of the IGSI and a member-at-large Board member of the MGS.

# Branch News

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## Branch and Interest Groups

The next Branch Council meeting will be 7 p.m., October 8, 2003, at the MGS Library. Minutes from Branch Council meetings are kept in the MGS office.

Beth Mullinax keeps the schedule of branch meeting dates. She submits information she receives to the MGS Newsletter. Contact Beth at 763- 574-1436 or blmkerry@tcq.net.

## Computer Interest Group

Contact: Ray Kleinow, rayk29@comcast.net or 952-890-7605  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mnmngscig/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnmngscig/)  
Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., first Tuesday of each month  
Meetings: 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months, except December, at the MGS Library  
Membership dues: \$7.50/year

## National Danish-American Genealogical Society

Contact: Bill Holmquist, wholm@aol.com or 952-404-9780  
Web site: [www.danishgenealogy.org](http://www.danishgenealogy.org)  
Meetings: 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month, except August and December, at the Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Ave. So. entrance on 42nd Ave., Minneapolis MN  
Membership dues: \$12.00/year individual; \$15.00/year family

## Douglas County Genealogical Society

Contact: Ginny Swartz, swartz@eot.com, 320-763-3896 or 320-763-3462  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mndougla/dcgs.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mndougla/dcgs.html)  
Meetings: fourth Tuesday of each month, except June and July, at 903 Park St NE, Alexandria, MN  
Membership dues: \$10.00/year individual; \$15.00/year family

## Eastern Europe

Contact: Ed Brandt, brandtfam@prodigy.net or 612-338-2001 (2-10 p.m. Central Standard Time)

## English

Contact: Nancy Jensen, 952- 881-6755

## Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota

Contact: Joan Dwyer, dwyers@ties.k12.mn.us  
Meetings: 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month,

except June, July, August and December, at the MGS Library unless otherwise noted.

Library staffing: noon to 3 p.m., fourth Saturday of each month

Membership dues: \$10.00/year

## French/Canadian/Metis Genealogical Society

Contact: Dorothy Chandler, patdot831@aol.com or 952-832-9923 (before 9 p.m. CST), or Ruth Charest, 763- 476-7943  
MGS Library staffing: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday  
Meetings: Four workshops per year at which advanced researchers are on hand to help with technique and method in specific areas of research.

## Germanic Genealogy Society

Contact: ggsqueries@hotmail.com  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html)  
GGS Library: Theodore Buenger Memorial Library, Concordia University, 275 N Syndicate St Hamline & I-94, St. Paul MN  
Meetings: GGS holds several workshops each year in the winter, spring and fall. See calendar for dates.  
Membership dues: \$12.00/year

## GGG Fall Program

Saturday, October 4, 2003  
Organizing and Writing Family History  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m  
Location: Concordia University, 275 N. Syndicate Street (Hamline & I-94), St. Paul, Minnesota  
Session I: Lois Glewwe presents: Write a Family History People Will Really Read  
Session II: Mike Weber presents: Creating a Family History Using Family Tree Maker  
Session III: Panel discussion: Resources available to help family history writers and methods used in writing family history  
Session IV: Tour Concordia's new library

## Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota

Contact: Jerry Savage, foxklein@mninter.net or 763-544-7469  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mnpnrgm/PRG.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnpnrgm/PRG.html)  
Meetings: 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month, with the exception of November and December at the MGS Library unless otherwise noted.

26 August at the MGS Library: Jan and Jerry Savage will talk about their May trip to Pommern.

23 September: Michael Weber will have hints on improving photography including the use of a digital camera: what the settings mean, and how to use them.

18 October, 7 p.m: Wolfgang Samuel will be giving a presentation at a special meeting.

28 October: annual meeting with the election of officers and a presentation by Bill Buth.

## **Irish Genealogical Society International**

Contact: Nancy Grell, [ngrell99@yahoo.com](mailto:ngrell99@yahoo.com) or 763-525-1463  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~irish](http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish)  
Library staffing: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., first Saturday of each month.  
Meetings: 9 a.m. quarterly February, May, August, November at the MGS Library. See calendar for dates.  
Membership dues: \$20.00/year plus \$5.00 U.S. for foreign

### **IGSI Quarterly Meeting**

Friday & Saturday, August 22-23, 2003.  
Location: MGS Library  
Speaker: Dublin genealogist John Grenham  
Friday, August 22, , 7-8 p.m., "The Major Irish Sources and How to Get at Them."  
Saturday, August 23, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., "What's New in Irish Genealogy on the Internet."

John Grenham was formerly a professional genealogist at the Genealogical Office in Dublin and project manager for the Irish Genealogical Project. His book, *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* is "the Bible" for Irish researchers around the world.

## **Luxembourg**

Contact: Karen Whitmer, [whitmerj@aol.com](mailto:whitmerj@aol.com) or 612-869-1759

## **Norwegian-American Genealogical Association**

Contact: Jeri Johnson, [jerijon@aol.com](mailto:jerijon@aol.com) or 763-434-5074  
Web site: [www.NorwegianAmerican.org](http://www.NorwegianAmerican.org)  
Meetings: 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at the MGS Library. Library opens at 6:00 p.m. for research. A brief informational program followed by research.  
Membership dues: \$15.00/year individual, \$20.00/year family plus \$6.00 for foreign

## **Ostfriesland**

Contact: Lin Strong, [lstrong@cornernet.com](mailto:lstrong@cornernet.com) or 651-583-2883  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mnogsm/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnogsm/)

## **Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota**

Contact: Terry Kita, [Terry.Kita@ATK.com](mailto:Terry.Kita@ATK.com) or Paul Kulas, 763-427-4523  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mnpolgs/pgs-mn.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnpolgs/pgs-mn.html)  
Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month and noon to 3 p.m., fourth Saturday of each month.  
Meetings: 9 a.m. quarterly at the MGS Library. See calendar for dates.  
Membership dues: \$15.00/year

## **Research Study Group**

Contact: Gay McClellan, [glm3698@comcast.net](mailto:glm3698@comcast.net)  
Informal meetings are devoted to helping each other with research problems, setting objectives and strategizing future research.

## **Scottish**

Bergetta Monroe, [bergetta@aol.com](mailto:bergetta@aol.com), 952-894-9538  
Web site: [mngs.org/scotbranch.html](http://mngs.org/scotbranch.html)

## **Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota**

Contact: Phyllis Pladsen, [pjsveria@mtn.org](mailto:pjsveria@mtn.org), 651-429-7377  
Web site: [www.rootsweb.com/~mmsgsm/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mmsgsm/)  
Meetings: 1 p.m. quarterly January, March, June, October- at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN. See calendar for dates.  
Membership dues: \$10.00/year plus \$2.00 for foreign

## **Writing Group**

Contact: Kathy Lund, [miscmute@aol.com](mailto:miscmute@aol.com)  
A group sharing approaches to writing a family story.

## **Yankee Genealogical Society**

Contact: Stephanie Martineau, [icedancer\\_SJM@msn.com](mailto:icedancer_SJM@msn.com) or 651-415-1822; Sue Kratsch, [skratsch@pconline.com](mailto:skratsch@pconline.com) or 651-455-8989  
Web site: [www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/yankee.html](http://www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/yankee.html)  
Library staffing: 9 a.m to noon, fourth Saturday of each month  
Meetings: 1 p.m. quarterly at the MGS Library unless otherwise noted. See calendar for dates.

Friday, September 19, 2003

7 p.m.

Topic: Researching Your New England Ancestors  
Speaker: Michael J. Leclerc, Director of Electronic Publications at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, will present a talk on ancestral research in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Free and open to the public. A donation of \$5.00 would be appreciated to benefit the Yankee Genealogical Society book purchase fund.

Saturday, November 22, 2003

1:00 p.m.

Location: MGS Library

Topic: Yankee Genealogy Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society

Speaker: Duane Swanson, MHS

## **Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International**

CGSI is an independent organization, but their reference collection is kept at the MGS Library.

Hot line: 763-595-7799

Contact: [CGSI@aol.com](mailto:CGSI@aol.com)

Web site: [cgsi.org](http://cgsi.org)

MGS Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month

Mailing address: Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International, Inc., PO Box 16225, St. Paul, MN 55116-0225



# Library News

## Library Location and Phone

**Location:** Minnesota Genealogy Center  
5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, Minnesota, on the north frontage road of Highway 55.

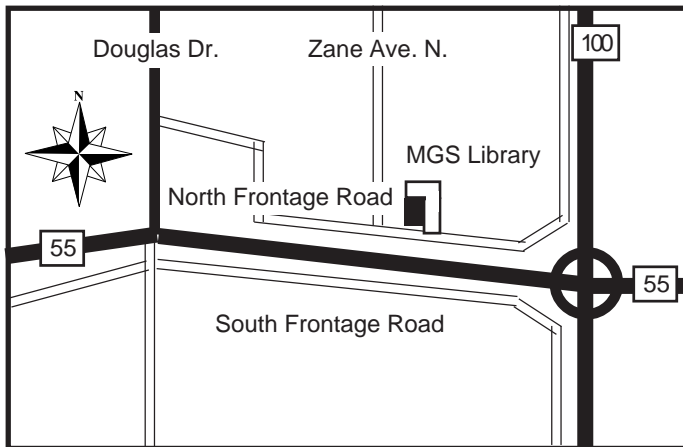
**Directions:** Take Highway 55 (Olson Memorial Highway) to Douglas Drive. North on Douglas Drive to the north frontage road. Turn right. Follow frontage road past Zane Ave. to the Minnesota Genealogy Center. Entrance to rear parking lot is on the east side of the building.

**Bus Routes:** Metro Transit routes #19 and #755/6.

**Mailing address:** 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014

**Phone:** 763-595-9347

**Web Address:** mngs.org



## Library Catalog

The Minnesota Genealogical Society collection does not circulate and is available for research only at our library. The most recent version of the catalog is available for searching on computers at the library. The catalog is also available online at [webmandarin.sirs.com/mgs](http://webmandarin.sirs.com/mgs). The online catalog will be updated no more often than quarterly.

## Library Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Thursday 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Library will be closed the following days in 2003

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 21-30 Aug   | State Fair        |
| 20 Sept     | Quarterly Meeting |
| 24-29 Nov   | Holiday           |
| 6 Dec       | Quarterly Meeting |
| 9 Dec-1 Jan | Holiday           |

## Donations To The Library

The following individuals and groups have made donations to the MGS Library during April, May and June 2003  
Thank you!

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dorothy Bennett                  | Dorothy Chandler         |
| Erv Chorn                        | Michael Clark            |
| Joyce Doering                    | Bev Ebbecke              |
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| J. S. Futcher                    | Janet Waterman Gallagher |
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| Joanne Hintz                     | Sue Kratsch              |
| Robert Talent Landon             | David LaPlante           |
| Mary Lund                        | Jodi Magnuson            |
| Pat Maher                        | Jan Mitchell             |
| Florence Norback                 | Jan North                |
| Harry Ogden                      | Arloene Olson            |
| John Prewitt                     | Grace Rice               |
| Delmar Smith                     | W. Jerry Streeter        |
| Charles Stuck                    | Wesley Waring            |
| James & Paula Warren             | Marlea Warren            |
| Dale (Della) Wilhelm             |                          |
| Delaware Genealogical Society    |                          |
| First Lutheran Church of Crystal |                          |

## Library Volunteers

Thank you to the people who worked in the MGS Library April, May and June. If you are interested in volunteering at the library, contact Dorothy Chandler, 952-832-9923 or Jean Jensen, 952-890-6520 at home, or at the MGS Library on Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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| Wayne Arrowood   | Sharon Babcock  |
| Dolores Barron   | Mary Bellingham |
| Donna Carlson    | Joe Carroll     |
| Dorothy Chandler | Pat Chandler    |
| Erv Chorn        | David Cross     |
| Marie Cross      | Darrell Dewar   |
| Helen Dickison   | Kent Driessen   |
| Mary Drury       | Bev Elmshouser  |
| Ed Godin         | Kathy Golder    |
| Winnie Fernstrom | Nancy Jensen    |
| Jean Jensen      | Jeri Johnson    |
| Darlene Joyce    | Mary Ann Kosmas |
| Sue Kratsch      | Evelyn Lewis    |
| Rod MacRae       | Deloris Mellon  |
| George Mellon    | John Mercer     |
| Jan Mitchell     | Bergetta Monroe |
| Myrtice Orr      | Laura Parker    |
| Madge Pedersen   | Grace Rice      |
| Barb Rose        | Kathryn Smith   |
| Warren Snyder    | Donna Turbes    |
| Vicki Vipond     | Jim Warren      |
| Paula Warren     | Jim Wheat       |
| Fern Wilcox      |                 |

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## MGS Research Policy

The Minnesota Genealogical Society is pleased to offer a research service that provides research in our library. Our fee for a half hour of research in our library is \$5 for members of MGS and \$10 for non-members. The fee must be received prior to research being done. We will bill for additional research time, photocopies at 20 cents per page and additional postage.

Please submit a check or money order made payable to: **Minnesota Genealogical Society**, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley MN 55422, and enclose a business sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) for a response. You may include your email address for a more rapid reply.

The Minnesota Genealogical Society does **not** participate in the Inter-Library Loan program. Our collection does not circulate and is available for research only at our library.

For a list of independent researchers, please send a SASE to MGS at the address found above. MGS does **not endorse**, nor is it responsible for their research services.

The Minnesota Genealogical Society **does not have vital records**, (birth, death or marriage) or censuses other than those listed, and we do not have **Naturalization records**. Minnesota vital records information may be obtained by contacting the county where the vital record was created.

Naturalization and Death records are on film at the **Minnesota Historical Society**, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN., 55102.

Write to MGS for vital record addresses at no charge. Please include a business-sized, self-addresses, stamped envelope (SASE) for a reply.

Some of the research materials in the **MGS library** includes:

1. **Minnesota Censuses:** 1850, 1880 and 1900; Polk County: 1885
2. **Minnesota Census Indexes:** 1870
3. **City Directories:** Note: not all issues available at our library
  - a. Duluth (1931–1957, 1970)
  - b. Hopkins (1941–1960)
  - c. Minneapolis (1873–1987)
  - d. St. Paul (1876—1991)
  - e. Rochester / Olmsted County (1913–1990)
  - f. Fargo / Moorhead (1961–1991)
4. **Obituaries:** Mpls: 1988-1997; St. Paul 1991-1997; Anoka 1990; Burnsville: 1988-1991; Long Lake: 1992-1999; Nicollet Co. 1998; Pipestone Co. 1980's-2000; Prairie Island 1923-1983; Stillwater 1987-1988; St. Anthony: 1989-1994; Worthington 1998-2000; additional years available for some communities
5. **Minnesota Civil War rosters:** Index for...*Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865*
6. **P.E.R.S.I** (*Periodical Source Index* for the genealogical collection at the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, IN)
7. Minnesota county histories
8. Surname files and general county cemetery information
9. Minnesota county genealogical society addresses, county courthouse addresses, information about holdings of county historical societies and their addresses.
10. Wide variety of genealogical information for other states
11. Family histories
12. **Additional genealogical collections:** Computer research; Czechoslovak; Germanic; Irish; English; Scottish; NW Territory—French Canadian; Polish; Scandinavian—Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian & Swedish; Yankee; Indian/Metís.



## August 2003 Library Wish List

Following is the current list of books and CDROMs the MGS Library wants to obtain. If you can donate a copy of any of these books, please contact Harold Hinds or Paula Goblirsch, or bring them to the Library. Or, if you prefer, you can send a check for a particular book listed below and it will be purchased in your name. All the books listed below are available from Park Genealogical Books, unless indicated otherwise.

Jews in Minnesota by Hyman Berman and Linda Mack Schloff. 2002, \$13.95.

Irish in Minnesota by Ann Regan. \$13.95.

Norwegians in Minnesota by Carlton C. Qualey and Jon A. Gjerde. 2002, \$13.95.

The Otsego Cemetery: 1854-1996 compiled by the Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission., 1997. \$15.00.

Cannon Falls: As Remembered by One of Our Pioneers by E. L. Clark. Reprinted from the 1903 *Cannon Falls Beacon*. 1993, paper, indexed \$7.50.

Jewish Community of North Minneapolis compiled by Rhoda Lewin. 2002, \$19.99

Hiding in Plain Sight: SE Minneapolis \$18.95.

History and Architecture of Edina, Minnesota by William W. Scott and Jeffrey A. Hess. 1980, \$6.50.

Chapters in the City History: Edina by Deborah Morse-Kahn 1998, \$19.95.

Payne Avenue Memories. Reprint from 1906 Publication, \$7.00.

Bear River Heritage. \$12.00.

Aitkinville to Zerf by Maurice Faust. \$14.00. (Morrison County)

Jewish Pioneers of St. Paul by Gene Rosenblum for the "Voices of America" 2001, \$19.99.

Genealogist's Guide to Minnesota Vital Records: Vol. 1, Marriages and Divorces 2002. \$8.50.

Minnesota Pioneer Sketches: From the Personal Recollections and Observations of a Pioneer Resident by Frank G. O'Brien. 1904. 2001. Reprint.. \$33.50.

1873 Minnesota State Business Directory. \$12.00.

Physicians, Dentists and Druggists Directory for 1890 for MN and WI 1997 reprint \$12.50.

From Dusty Trails to Rusty Rails: The Rise and Fall of Hanley

## MGS Library Acquisition Guidelines

In order of priority:

- 1) In compliance with MGS's Mission Statement, The MGS Library should have as comprehensive a collection as feasible on Minnesota genealogy and local history.
- 2) The MGS Library should have the latest editions of national, state, and provincial guides to genealogical resources and local history research for the U.S. and Canada.
- 3) The MGS Library should possess the latest editions of the key topical guides for U.S. and Canadian genealogical research.
- 4) The MGS Library should have a current subscription or exchange agreement with the top state and regional U.S. genealogical periodicals.
- 5) The MGS Library should have a strong collection for Minnesota's border states and provinces.
- 6) Other areas, geographical or topical, of genealogical interest should receive priority only when resources are available.

The Library Committee shall seek to fulfill the guidelines by:

- 1) Working within the constraints of the MGS Board's annual allocation.
- 2) When and where feasible, giving priority to donations and exchanges.
- 3) Soliciting recommendations from MGS members (these should be in writing and with justification).
- 4) Relying on professional recommendations, as, for example, given in
  - a) Meyerink's *Printed Sources* (1997)
  - b) Reviews in top/key genealogical journals
  - c) Genealogy Outreach: A Partnership Between Libraries and NEHG, *Librarian's Genealogy Desk Reference: recommendations for a core genealogical collection including national and regional titles, journals, CDROM's and Internet sources: Bibliography.*
- 5) Working closely with MGS's affiliated groups so as not to duplicate efforts.

Falls by Tim Kolhei. 1991, \$4.00 (Yellow Medicine County)

History of Methodism in Minnesota by Chauncey Hobart. Reprint of 1887. 1992 reprint. \$12.50.

New Ulm in Word and Pictures Strasser's *History of a German-American Settlement*, 1892. 1997, \$9.00.

Faces & Places of the River Valley Area. 2000. \$24.95.

Spring Grove, Minnesota. \$19.99.

Cokato Centennial (updated) A reprint of the popular volume done for the town centennial, now reprinted with a new chapter covering the next 25 years. 2003. \$20.00.

Genealogical Resources In New York. Revised and Edited by Estelle M. Guzik. \$49.95. [www.jgsny.org/newbook.htm](http://www.jgsny.org/newbook.htm) (Jewish Genealogical Society)

Genealogical Research in Ohio, 2nd edition. Kipp Sperry. 2003. \$39.50. (Genealogical Publishing Co.,)

Iowa Connections: a researchers guide to Early Settlers of Iowa, Where They Came from and the Towns They Built. 2nd Edition. Compiled by Betty Larsen Berentson and Associates. \$22.45. ([betty.berentson@verizon.net](mailto:betty.berentson@verizon.net))

The New Mexico Genealogist on CDROM. 1962-December 2001. \$55.00. (New Mexico Genealogical Society)

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## *New at the Library*

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New at the library April, May, June 2003

- CD.Frgn.IR.J070 Heritage Books Archives Ireland Volume I.  
CD.Frgn.IR.S076 Grenham, John. Grenham's Irish Surnames.  
CD.MN.R.2 Healy, Anne and Sherry Kankel. A History of Red  
Lake County.  
CD.US.Cen.ND/SD 1920 U. S. Federal Census Index North &  
South Dakota.  
CD.US.MH.CW Military Records: Civil War Service Records.  
Chart.Frgn.Nor.001 Pearson, Eva M. Mybleby. The Viking  
Kings of Norway.  
Chart.US.Gen.001 Plantations on the Mississippi River From  
Natchez to New Orleans 1858.  
Com.056.Fam McClure, Rhonda R. Family Tree Maker  
Version 8 fast and easy The Official Guide.  
FH.A058.Alg Alger, Arthur M. A genealogical History of that  
Branch of the Alger Family which Springs from Thomas  
Alger of Taunton and Bridgewater, in Massachusetts 1665-  
1875.  
FH.B184.Bai Bailey, Molly. A Parade Through Time. (Bailey  
Family)  
FH.B185.Bak Bakken, Ingwald. My Life's Journey.  
FH.Gen.051.Wal Walden, Blanche L. Pioneer Families of the  
Midwest. Volumes I-III  
FH.Gen.052.Sch Schmitt, Miriam and Linda Kulzer, edited by.  
Medieval Women Monastics Wisdon's Wellsprings.  
FH.Gen.053.Fin Finnell, Arthur Louis. Huguenot Genealogies.  
FH.G067.Mit Mitchell, Rebecca Gould. The Goulds of Rhode  
Island.  
FH.G068.Ols Olson, Arloene Robinson. The Lineage of  
Samuel Gould of Hanover.  
FH.GO69.Bei Being the Letters and Diary of Mr. Harlow A.  
Gale 1857 to 1859. (Title on Cover—Minneapolis 1857-  
1859.)  
FH.H151.Red Redlich, Joseph. Emperor Francis Joseph of  
Austria.  
FH.K087.Ols Olson, Rosanna Koziczkowski. Koziczkowski  
(The genealogy of my family).  
FH.L105.Log Logan, Richard K. compiled and edited by.  
Logan a directory of the descendants of Andrew and Lydia  
Logan of Albany, New York and Abbeville, South Caro-  
lina.  
FH.MI57.Pre Prewitt, John Marshall. Marshall of King George  
Co., VA. and Mason Co. Ky. Berry-Kercheval-Roy and  
Connected Families.  
FH.M158.Bil Billy McCarty, Sr.  
FH.N042.Str Streeter, W. Jerry. A Genealogical History of a  
Nelles Family From Its Origin, CA. 1650 in Germany, to  
America, 2002. The Ancestors and Descendants of John  
and Margaretha Nelles.  
FH.0033.Pad Paddock, Joe. Keeper of the Wild. The Life of  
Ernest Oberholtzer.

- FH.0034.Sto Stone, Josie Powell and William Ogden Powell. Ogden. Preston Genealogy. The Ancestors and Descendants of Captain Benjamin Stratton Ogden and his wife Nancy (Preston) Ogden.
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The Genealogy Help Desk is staffed by trained genealogy volunteers. The Volunteers can help beginning genealogists get a good start on their family history or consult with veteran researchers who have encountered problems in their search. The Genealogy Help Desk is staffed at various times during the week as well as Tuesday evenings. Call 651-296-2143 to check on the current schedule.

### MHS Classes

Registration is required.

MHS classes are \$7 (\$5 for MHS members) unless otherwise noted. Call the History Center for more information.

### I'm New Here: Introducing the Library

Saturday, August 16, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, August 23, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, August 30, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 6, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 13, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 20, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, September 27, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 4, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 11, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 18, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 25, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 1, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 8, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 15, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 22, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 29, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
 Saturday, December 6, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 13, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
Saturday, December 20, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.  
Saturday, December 27, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

## Warren Research Classes at the Minnesota History Center

Another Genealogy Weekend! Warren Research Classes at the Minnesota History Center. Call 651-503-4802 or email [WarrenResearch@comcast.com](mailto:WarrenResearch@comcast.com) for complete class descriptions and registration details. Instructors Jim and Paula Stuart Warren are nationally recognized genealogical researchers, lecturers and writers. All classes include handouts and Internet information.

### Footsteps to Your Family History: An all-day genealogy workshop

Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break.

Spend the day learning how to start the research of your family history or refresh your knowledge of basic sources and techniques. Discover sound fundamentals as well as brand-new resources to help you bring your family's history to life. Extensive handout material includes lots of useful Internet addresses. You'll learn the Warrens' *Ten Tips for Successful and Enjoyable Genealogy* as you participate in this workshop. Day-long fee: \$29.00 MHS members; \$38.00 non-members

### Writing Your Family History in Small, Manageable Pieces

Sunday, October 12, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$ 9.00 MHS members; \$11.00 non-members

### Researching Midwestern River People

Sunday, October 12, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

This class is a fitting prelude to the excitement created by the Grand Excursion 2004, which will celebrate the renaissance of the upper Mississippi River region in commemoration of the original Grand Excursion of 1854, which brought world-wide attention to what was then the "western frontier."

Fee: \$ 9.00 MHS members; \$11.00 non-members

## Morrison County Historical Society

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum  
2151 South Lindbergh Drive, PO Box 239, Little Falls MN 56345

Mailing Address: 2151 South Lindbergh Drive, PO Box 239, Little Falls MN 56345

Phone: 320-632-4007

Email Address: [mchs@littlefalls.net](mailto:mchs@littlefalls.net)

Web page; [www.morrisoncountyhistory.org/](http://www.morrisoncountyhistory.org/)

Hours (Central Standard Time): Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. From Memorial Day to the end of September, also Sundays, 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

### Research Resources - Archives & Library

The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum has an

extensive collection of archival and library materials pertaining to life in Morrison County and genealogy. The archival collection started with the gathering of Works Progress Administration (WPA) biographies in 1936. These biographies were taken from families who had a long history in the area and are the basis for their Family Files. The Family Files are filed alphabetically by the last names of people who have a connection to Morrison County. The files may include family sheets, obituaries, funeral cards, marriage announcements, copies of legal certificates, family stories, copies of photos, pedigree charts and various other items. Families with the same last names may or may not be related to each other, but those sharing a last name are all filed together.

### Family Names Index

[www.morrisoncountyhistory.org/servicesresefami.html](http://www.morrisoncountyhistory.org/servicesresefami.html)

### Other Resources for Researchers

In addition to the Family Files, the Historical Society has a number of other resources for researchers.

- Family History Books
- Little Falls City & Morrison County Directories and Phone Books
- Plat Books and Area Maps
- Local Newspapers
- Government Information
- District Court and Probate Documents
- Business Documents
- Church Histories
- Cemetery Maps, Indexes and Records
- School Yearbooks
- Photographs
- History Books of the State and County
- Morrison County State and Federal Census (1850, 1865, 1875, 1880, 1885, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1920)
- Obituary Indexes: Pierz Journal and Morrison County Record are complete, Little Falls Daily Transcript is partially complete
- French-Canadian Genealogical Collections
- Pre-1908 Homestead & Cash Entry Patents (General Land Office CDROM)

### Fees and Policies

Visitors to The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum may do research at the facility with the assistance of staff.

There is no admission fee to the museum, but researchers are charged for any copies made. Photocopy charges are as follows:

- 20¢ = Letter-sized copy (8 1/2 x 11)
- 25¢ = Legal-sized copy (8 1/2 x 14)
- 30¢ = B-4 microfilm copy (10 x 14)
- 35¢ = Ledger-sized copy (14 x 17)

### Staff Research

Morrison County Historical Society staff will do research for patrons. In order to the search more efficient and less costly, include as much information as possible with your request.

(Full names, spouse's name, maiden name, names of children, dates (at least year and month), and other identifying info)

Following are the fees for those who would like Historical Society staff to conduct research for them.

- \$5.00 minimum research fee. Includes up to 10 letter-size copies and 1/2-hour of research time.
- \$25.00 per hour-Charged in 15 minute increments after the first 1/2-hour. (\$6.25 per 15 minutes)

Additional copies are charged at the per-copy rate. Morrison County Historical Society members receive a 10% discount on research fees. The discount does not apply to the copy fee.

### St. Cloud Times Index Online

The Great River Regional Library, which serves Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, and Wright Counties in central Minnesota, has indexed news and obituaries from 1928 to 2003 from the St. Cloud Times and made them available on their web site: [grrl10.grrl.lib.mn.us:8080/index.htm](http://grrl10.grrl.lib.mn.us:8080/index.htm)

### Stearns County History Museum's Library Catalog Online

The Stearns County History Museum in St. Cloud has its library catalog online at [archives.stearns-museum.org/](http://archives.stearns-museum.org/).

Resources at the museum library include:

- Cemetery Directories for Calvary and Assumption Cemetery
- Inventory of Gravestones in Stearns, Benton and Sherburne Counties
- All newspapers published in Stearns County on microfilm.
- Naturalization papers for Stearns County on microfilm from 1853 - 1954.
- Census records for Stearns County, 1850, 1857, 1860, 1865, 1870 (indexed), 1875, 1880, 1885, 1895, 1900, 1905, 1910, 1920, and 1930 on microfilm.
- First property transfers by federal government in central Minnesota by tract description on microfilm.
- Plat maps of Stearns County from 1880 - current
- St. Cloud City Directories 1888 - 1999
- 100 Town and parish histories
- Regional school annuals
- 17,000 family histories
- 1,800 oral histories, indexed by subject
- Vertical files on local institutions, businesses, clubs, sports, transportation, etc.
- 13,000 biographical vertical files

# Events & Meetings

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### 3-6 September 2003

FGS Conference

Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures  
Orlando, Florida

Florida State Genealogical Society.

Over 175 lectures will be featured on such entertaining and educational topics as Charting a Course to the Old World (British Isles & Europe), Exploration in the New World (United States & Canada), Riches in the First Colony (Focus on Florida), Diverse Voyagers (Ethnic & Religious Research), Tools for Successful Navigation (Skills & Strategies), A Wealth of Hidden Treasures (Records Research), and Just Over the Horizon (Technology & the Internet)! Info: [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org) or [fgs-office@fgs.org](mailto:fgs-office@fgs.org). (See the ad on page 25..)

### 4-7 September 2003

33rd Annual Convention

Germans From Russia Historical Society

Hosted by the Black Hills Chapter

Rapid City, South Dakota

Theme: Living Our Grandparents' Dreams. Info:

[www.grhs.com/convention.html](http://www.grhs.com/convention.html) or contact Dick Hoff at 605-718-4116 or [dickhoff@rushmore.com](mailto:dickhoff@rushmore.com)

### 26-27 September 2003

Conference for New York Researchers

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society  
and the Western New York Genealogical Society

Buffalo, New York

Theme: Find Your Family in New York.

This joint conference will concentrate on the complexities of researching in New York State and on those unique factors which influenced its settlement. Some lectures will be of statewide interest, other will focus on western New York and our neighbors in Ontario. There will also be several presentations of a more general nature that will interest genealogists who do not have New York roots.

Info: [www.wnygs.org](http://www.wnygs.org) [www.nygbs.org](http://www.nygbs.org) , 716-649-1129,

[JPZintz@aol.com](mailto:JPZintz@aol.com)

### 27 September 2003

Seminar

Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society

Traverse City, Michigan

Speaker: Henry Z. Jones, FASG. Hank will be making 4

presentations that will include: Tracing the Origins of Early

18th Century Emigrants; Saints, Sinners & an Occasional

Horse-thief, When Sources are Wrong and I Don't Chase Dead

Germans--They Chase Me. Info: [www.rootsweb.com/~migtags/gtag.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~migtags/gtag.htm) or [RAHayes@chartermi.net](mailto:RAHayes@chartermi.net)

**27 September 2003**

Fall Conference

Fox Valley Genealogical Society

Naperville, Illinois

Theme: Finding Your One-of-a-Kind Ancestors in Original Documents. Speakers: James W. and Paula Stuart Warren. Presentations will include; "Finding and Using Manuscripts & Special Collections", Ancestors Hanging on Your Family Tree: Using Court and Institutional Records", "Genealogical Goldmine: The Records of Old Settler's Organizations", and "Did You Marry Me For My Family History?". Info: Fox Valley Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5435, Naperville, IL 60567-5435; 630-978-8444 or 630-369-2153; ifvgs@yahoo.com or [www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/index.htm)

**2-4 October 2003**

Annual Fall Conference

Iowa Genealogical Society

Altoona, Iowa

Featured Speakers: George G. Morgan, Beau Sharbrough. Topics: Trip Planning Software, GPS Devices, Digital Cameras, Scanners, Planning a Successful Genealogical Research Trip, Genealogy Orienteering, Pursuing Your Genealogical Research on the Internet, Advanced Genealogical Research on the Internet. Information: [www.iowagenealogy.org/](http://www.iowagenealogy.org/), 515-276-0287, [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org)

**3-5 October 2003**

25th Anniversary Annual Conference

Polish Genealogical Society of America

Rosemont, Illinois

Featured speakers: Steve Barthel, John Philip Colletta Ph.D., Iwona Dakiniewicz, Fred Hoffman, Ceil Jensen, Brian Lenius. Info: [www.pgsa.org](http://www.pgsa.org)

**9-10 October 2003**

Seminar

Kansas Genealogical Society

Dodge City, Kansas

Speaker: Richard L. Hooverson. Topics include "Life in the Past Lane: Everyday Life of Yesteryear"; "Lost in the Woods: Effective Use of Maps and Atlases"; and "Regimental Colors: Reconstructing an Ancestor's Military Adventures". Info: Kansas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 103, Dodge City, KS 67801-0103

**11 October 2003**

Family History Workshop XXVIII

Heritage Education Commission

Comstock Memorial Union

6th Avenue and 14th Street South

Minnesota State University

Moorhead, Minnesota

Theme: Look in Your Own Backyard: A Spotlight on Local Genealogy Experts. Workshop Presenters: John Bye, Rick Crume, Mark Piehl, Chuck Walen. Luncheon Speaker: Vicki

Marthaler. Info: Heritage Education Commission, Box 82

Minnesota State University, Moorhead MN 56563,

[www.mnstate.edu/Heritage/xxviii.htm](http://www.mnstate.edu/Heritage/xxviii.htm), [heritage@mnstate.edu](mailto:heritage@mnstate.edu)

**17-18 October 2003**

Fall Seminar

Arkansas Genealogical Society

Little Rock, Arkansas

Speaker: Cyndi Howells. Topics: Guided Tour of Cyndi's List, 10 Commandments of Internet Genealogy, The Internet for Genealogy: Setting Straight the Myths and Misconceptions, How to Cite Your Internet Sources. Info: Linda McDowell, Seminar Chair, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR 72201, 501-918-3056, [mcdowell@cals.lib.ar.us](mailto:mcdowell@cals.lib.ar.us), [www.rootsweb.com/~args/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~args/seminar.htm)

**17-18 October 2003**

Fall Seminar and Pioneer/Century Certificate Workshop

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Speaker: Rhonda McClure. Rhonda is one of the leading experts on online resources for genealogical research. Online research can be very useful, but it can also be tricky. This seminar is the place to learn how to use it to best advantage. Info: [www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm)

**25 October 2003**

Fall Conference

Illinois Genealogical Society

Springfield, Illinois

Theme: Images and Information, Past, Present & Future.

Topics: Constructing & Publishing a Website; The NGS Book Loan Collection; Using Future Technologies to Link the Past (technologies of the digital scanner, digital camera, digital camcorder, and how to integrate these technologies & publish a lasting work of art); and Dating Your Photos. Info: [www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/index.html)

**1 November 2003**

Fall Genealogy Conference

St. Cloud Area Genealogists, Inc.

Stearns History Museum

235-33rd Ave. So

St. Cloud, Minnesota

7 p.m. Guest speakers on topics ranging from essential elements of research, and hints about how to progress in your research and solve difficult problems. Info:

[www.rootsweb.com/~mnsacg/SCAG/Index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnsacg/SCAG/Index.htm)

**6-9 November 2003**

7th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

North Falmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Theme: "New England: America's Melting Pot." Speakers include: Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, John Philip Colletta, Maureen A. Taylor, Dick Eastman, and Pamela Clark Cerutti. Info: [www.rootsweb.com/~manergc](http://www.rootsweb.com/~manergc)

**22-24 January 2004**  
GENTECH 2004 Conference  
Hosted by the St. Louis Genealogical Society  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Info: [www.gentech.org/ngsgentech/](http://www.gentech.org/ngsgentech/)

## Notice Board

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### Family History Library Hours Change

The new hours for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City are:

Monday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday: closed

### New Hours for the Minnesota Historical Society Library

Tuesday noon - 8 p.m.,  
Wednesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Budget Cuts at the Minnesota Historical Society

(From a News Release, June 2, 2003)

An overwhelming show of community support will help keep seven Minnesota Historical Society historic sites that were slated to close July 1 open for the immediate future. The impending closures were the result of a 16-percent cut in the Society's funding from the Minnesota State Legislature. Funds raised by a variety of groups and individuals, combined with existing Society funds from the State and private donors, will keep the sites open at least through this summer. But the \$4.332 million cut to the Society's annual budget will still result in reductions in hours, programs or staff at all of the Society's 24 historic sites and at the History Center in St. Paul.

The reduction in the Society's State funding also will have a significant effect on the hours and programs at the History Center, the Society's headquarters and home to its museum and reference library. The reduced budget will limit the acquisition of historical collections, and grants and assistance to local historical societies and preservation programs will be reduced. More than 200 staff members at historic sites and the History Center have been laid off or had hours reduced.

"Unfortunately, the fight for survival is not over," says [Nina] Archabal. "Good people will do everything they can to keep

our program alive, but this is not a sustainable approach. The real challenge is for people everywhere across Minnesota to recognize that the state's historical program is our collective responsibility. Our historic sites are not the responsibility only of the people who happen to live near them. These sites belong to all of us who live in this state and enjoy its quality of life."

### New SSDI Search Engine

(The following article is from Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter and is copyright 2003 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at [www.RootsForum.com](http://www.RootsForum.com).)

Cliff Shaw, one of the developers of Family Tree Legends, has now announced the newest and most powerful SSDI search engine yet. It has all the features of every other SSDI search engine, plus 4 entirely unique ones:

- Name Prefix Search - Enter from 3 to 5 characters for the last name and select the Prefix option... it will search on that last name prefix.
- Year Range Searches - For both the Death Year and Birth Year, you can select to search a range of years instead of the year needing to be exactly right.
- Age at Death Search - You can enter the age at which the person died. This is really effective if you don't have any idea what year they were born or died but you do know their age at death.
- You can click on the places that are returned in the results and get latitude and longitude, region information, aerial photos, maps, and more.

I tried the new database and can confirm that it works well. I really liked the feature that will automatically generate a letter to the Social Security Administration asking for a copy of the deceased person's Form SS-5, an application for a Social Security number. You can directly print the letter, stuff it into an envelope, along with a check, and mail it to the address indicated. In a few weeks you will receive the copy of the original SS-5.

The Family Tree Legends Social Security Death Index will also automatically search the millions of records on GenCircles, looking for any records of the same individual.

Cliff also states, "I want it to be known that this SSDI search engine will ALWAYS be free." That is an important statement in this day and age of formerly-free services disappearing into for-pay sites.

You can access the free Family Tree Legends Social Security Death Index database at: [www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi](http://www.familytreelegends.com/ssdi)

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# MGS Publications

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## Land Ownership Maps

Reprints of township (plat) maps with every name indexes.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cottonwood County - 1896 Plat Book  | \$12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dakota County - 1874 and 1879 Wall Maps. These are indexes of the maps and a reprint (42" by 42") of the 1879 map is included.  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faribault County - 1886 Plat Book   | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hennepin County - First and Early Settlers. (from Hennepin Co., first book of abstracts and files of West Hennepin Co. Pioneer Association: maps illustrate entries). | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson County - 1887 Plat Book   | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lyon County - 1902 Plat Book  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nobles County - 1888 Plat Book (includes patron index)  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norman County - 1896 Plat Book (includes patron index)  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red Lake (Pennington) County - Standard County Atlas - 1910   | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice County - 1900 Plat Book  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock County - 1886 Plat Book  | 12.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott County - 1898 Plat Book   | 12.00   |

## Minnesota Cemeteries

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakland Cemetery Vol 1: Zion Lutheran Church      | \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakland Cemetery Vol 2: 1853-31 May 1871          | 15.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oakland Cemetery Vol 3: 1 June 1871-31 May 1878   | 15.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairview Cemetery, Stillwater (Washington County) | 10.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown Cemetery, Henderson, Sibley County          | 15.00   |

## General Sources

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Place Names: Now and Then                     | \$12.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Genealogical Periodical Index: A County Guide | 4.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Index to the 1860 Minnesota Mortality Schedule          | 4.00    |

## Back Issues of *The Minnesota Genealogist*

Copies of the *Minnesota Genealogist* are available from the past 16 years. Send a SASE for a list. Individual copies are \$3.00 each.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sample copy of <i>The Minnesota Genealogist</i> , our choice                        | \$ 2.00 |
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| Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014   |                  |       |

## Branch Groups Staffing the MGS Library

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                 | Wednesday             | Thursday                                       | Friday | Saturday   |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|--------|--|
| closed | closed | Computer<br>6:30-9:30pm | Canadian<br>9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm<br><br>6:30-9:30pm                   | closed | Irish Day<br>9 am-3 pm                                 |
| closed | closed | 6:30-9:30pm             | Canadian<br>9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm<br><br>Czech & Polish<br>6:30-9:30pm | closed | 9 am-3 pm  |
| closed | closed | 6:30-9:30pm             | Canadian<br>9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm<br><br>6:30-9:30pm                   | closed | 9 am-3 p.m.  |
| closed | closed | 6:30-9:30pm             | Canadian<br>9 am-3 pm | 9 am-3 pm<br><br>6:30-9:30pm                   | closed | Yankee<br>9 am-noon<br><br>Polish/Finnish<br>noon-3 pm |

(1) indicates only one volunteer currently.

## MGS Membership

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**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to contribute an additional donation for the                      Building Fund    \$ \_\_\_\_\_                      Library Fund                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail to: MGS Membership, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley MN 55422-5014**

# MGS & Branch Calendar

## 2003

19 Aug Computer Interest Group, 7 p.m.  
 21 Aug-1 Sep State Fair, Library closed  
 22 Aug Irish Genealogical Society, 7 p.m.  
 23 Aug Irish Genealogical Society, 1:30 p.m.  
 26 Aug Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.  
 27 Aug Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.  
 1 Sep *Minnesota Genealogist* deadline  
 2 Sep "Practical Steps in Genealogy" Classes, 6 p.m.  
 6 Sep Irish Classes 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
 13 Sep MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 19 Sep Yankee Genealogical Society, 7 p.m.  
 20 Sep \*MGS Quarterly Meeting  
 20 Sep Polish Genealogical Society, 9 a.m.  
 22 Sep \*Natl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.  
 23 Sep Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.  
 24 Sep Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.  
 27 Sep Finnish Genealogy Group, 9:30 a.m.  
 1 Oct *MGS Newsletter* deadline  
 4 Oct \*Germanic Genealogy Society, 8:30 a.m.  
 7 Oct "Practical Steps in Genealogy" Classes, 6 p.m.  
 8 Oct Branch Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 18 Oct \*Swedish Genealogical Society, 1 p.m.  
 21 Oct Computer Interest Group, 7 p.m.  
 25 Oct Polish Genealogical Society, 9 a.m.  
 25 Oct Finnish Genealogy Group, 9:30 a.m.  
 27 Oct \*Natl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.  
 28 Oct Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.  
 29 Oct Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.  
 1 Nov *Minnesota Genealogist* deadline  
 1 Nov \*Education Day

15 Nov Irish Genealogical Society, 8:30 a.m.  
 22 Nov MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 22 Nov Polish Genealogical Society, 9 a.m.  
 22 Nov Finnish Genealogy Group, 9:30 a.m.  
 22 Nov Yankee Genealogical Society, 1 p.m.  
 24 Nov \*Natl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.  
 24-29 Nov Holiday, Library closed  
 25 Nov \*Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.  
 26 Nov Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.  
 2 Dec "Practical Steps in Genealogy" Classes, 6 p.m.  
 6 Dec \*MGS Quarterly Meeting  
 9 Dec-1 Jan Holiday, Library closed  
 31 Dec Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.

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1 Jan *MGS Newsletter* deadline  
 7 Jan Branch Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 17 Jan MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 2 Feb *Minnesota Genealogist* deadline  
 13 Mar MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 27 Mar \*MGS Quarterly, Library Closed  
 1 Apr *MGS Newsletter* deadline  
 7 Apr Branch Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 3 May *Minnesota Genealogist* deadline  
 15 May MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 19 June \*MGS Quarterly Meeting, Library Closed  
 1 July *MGS Newsletter* deadline  
 14 July Branch Council Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 17 July MGS Board Meeting, 9 a.m.  
 2 Aug *Minnesota Genealogist* deadline

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