

Saturday, June 21, 2003
Greater Minnesota Meeting
Southwest State University
Charter Hall
1501 State Street
Marshall, Minnesota
www.southweststate.edu

This meeting is co-sponsored by the Prairieland Genealogical Society. Registration is \$10.00 by mail or at the door. To pre-register or order a boxed lunch, use the order form on page 3.

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration (coffee and rolls)
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:20 a.m. Keynote: *Reflections on the Civil War* Dr. Lloyd C. Petersen
- 10:30 a.m. Break (refreshments)
- 11:00 a.m. Break Out Session #1
- 12:00 noon Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Break Out Session #2
- 2:45 p.m. Break Out Session #3

Southwest Minnesota Regional Research Center/Prairieland Genealogical Society Library

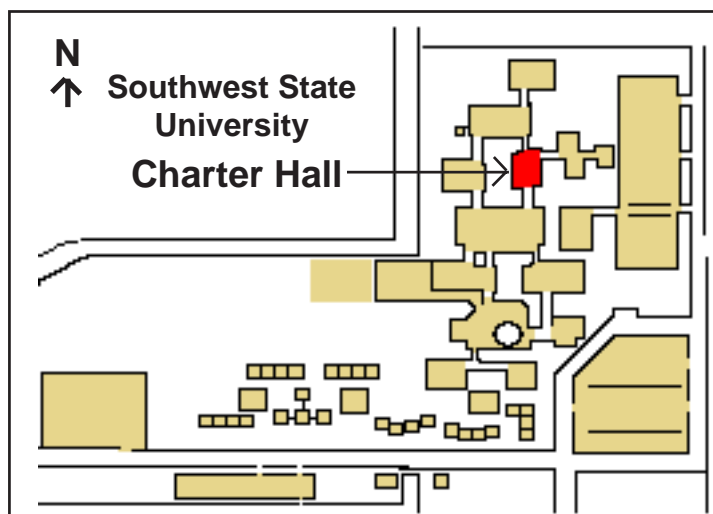
The research library for the Prairieland Genealogical Society is located in the Southwest Minnesota Regional Research Center (History Center), Social Science, Room 141 on the campus of Southwest State University. For information about their resources, see page 5. Volunteers will be available to staff the library for participants of the meeting who would like to use the research facility. The History Center will be open from approximately 12:15 to 1:15 and for a short time after the last session concludes starting about 4:15 p.m.

Keynote Address

Reflections on the Civil War

Dr. Lloyd C. Petersen

This presentation will focus on the life of the soldier. Dr. Peterson is an Associate Professor of Education at Southwest State University. He is also an instructor in the Southwest State University "Senior College," for people fifty years old and



older. He has taught the Civil War twice to this group and will be leading them on a 10-day trip to visit Civil War battlefields this coming July and August.

Since 1967, Lloyd has been an avid Civil War buff. Dr. Petersen's doctoral dissertation was on the medical treatment during the Civil war. His hobbies include doing Civil War shows for schools and historical groups.

Break Out Session #1

Beginning Genealogy

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.

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Digital Cameras for Field Research

Tina Didreckson, B.A.

A guide to choosing and using a digital camera on extended field research trips. Time will be spent on genealogy specific camera features as well as locating the best camera for your research. Software, hardware and time management will be covered. Ms. Didreckson will also share her experiences, with a digital Nikon 995 on a weeklong research trip that gathered over 2000 various types of images.

Tina Didreckson, B.A., History, Scholar of the College, University of Minnesota-Morris, lecturer, aspiring professional genealogist, technical assistant and freelance research assistant/consultant. Ms. Didreckson is a past presenter at MGS and the Ohio Genealogical Society's 200 Years of Heritage conference.

A Historian's Guide to Researching a Personal Family History

Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D.

Suggestions from a historian's perspective on collecting and evaluating information necessary to document a personal family history, and to placing that history into a meaningful historical context.

Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D., is a Distinguished Research Professor of History, Division of Social Sciences, University of Minnesota, Morris. He has lectured extensively and is author or editor of 19 historical books and numerous history and genealogical studies. He serves as a Director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and as Associate Editor of *Minnesota Genealogist*.

Recently (in the past 2 years) he has lectured at NGS (Portland), FGS (Quad Cities and Ontario CA), Minnesota Genealogical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, Dallas Genealogical Society, and several local Minnesota genealogical and/or historical societies.

Break Out Session #2

United States Census Records: the Basics and Beyond

Paula Stuart Warren, Certified Genealogical Records SpecialistSM

What value lies in those 1790-1930 U.S. census records – do you really know? How do you access these records and their indexes for all states, understand the details, and then mine all the wealth they contain? This session explains some of the benefits of complete census searching for your family and shares practical tips for locating and using the records. It highlights new projects, including online indexes, the new, easily searchable 1880 census index, and the exciting digitized federal census records. The class also covers some of the special census schedules, including mortality, agriculture, and others. It includes examples of actual copies from the newly released 1930 census schedules and finding aids.

A Certified Genealogical Records Specialist 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, teaches classes at the Minnesota Historical Society, and graduated from the National Institute on Genealogical Research, held at the National Archives. She has spoken at conferences of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the National Genealogical Society, the Special Libraries Association, and to genealogical societies all across the U.S. 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 co-chaired the Federation of Genealogical Societies' 2001 Conference in the Quad Cities, the week of 9/11. She received the FGS George Williams Award for service to FGS and the Association of Professional Genealogists' Grahame T. Smallwood Award of Merit. She served for six years on the board of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and she and her husband, Jim, were awarded the MGS Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

Paula and Jim operate Warren Research & Publishing from their lifelong home of St. Paul, Minnesota. Her ancestry traces back to seven different nationalities and they are largely immigrants to the Midwest. She is the mother of three and the grandmother of four.

Researching Military Records

Beth L. Mullinax

Where can you find the different military records that are available? What information can be found in these records, and how do you "read" them! This session will cover all time periods with time for questions.

Beth Mullinax is retired from the Veterans Administration and has been helping people locate military records of their ancestors for many years.

Break Out Session #3

U.S. Passenger Arrival and Naturalization Records

James W. Warren

When and where did your ancestors arrive in the U.S. or become citizens? The records can sometimes be elusive, but you can take sensible research steps in order to find them. You will learn about published, CDROM, online, and microfilmed information that is available, how to determine at least the approximate arrival and naturalization dates, and how to then locate and evaluate the indexes and records. The four-page handout includes Internet sites.

James W. Warren has been a full-time professional genealogical and historical researcher, lecturer and writer since 1989. He specializes in U.S. research in the 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, including four years as FGS Vice President-Administration. He received the David S. Vogels, Jr. Award in 2001 for career contributions to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Jim is currently a member of the National Genealogical Society's Family Health and Heredity Committee and the Records Preservation and Access Committee, co-sponsored by FGS and NGS.

Jim and his wife Paula co-authored *Getting the Most Mileage from Genealogical Research Trips* (in its 3rd edition) and *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 & 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:

For much of each year they research on-site for clients at the National Archives in Washington, and at the Family History Library, as well as lecturing and researching at many other locations across the U.S.

Since 1995, Jim and Paula have administered and taught the *Discover Your Family History* series of classes hosted by the Minnesota Historical Society. 2004 will be their seventh year as the Course Coordinators of the annual Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy's American Genealogy Records and Resources

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MGS Newsletter

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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 Greater Minnesota Meeting 2003 Pre-Registration

Registration Fee: \$10.00 MGS Members/Nonmembers, Bag Lunch: \$7.00 per person
Saturday, June 21, 2003

MGS Member # _____ (from upper left corner of mailing label) or Not an MGS Member

Name(s): _____

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(The fee for registering at the door is the same.)

Mail to: MGS Branching Out Meeting, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley MN 55422-5014

Must be postmarked by June 14, 2003 for box lunch orders.

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course, where they combine classroom instruction with “hands-on” assistance to their students in the Family History Library.

Avoiding the Spider:

What Miss Muffett should have known about the Web

Dixie Hansen

The world wide web is home to a tremendous and ever-growing collection of resource material for genealogists. It’s awesome. It’s invaluable. And yet there are many treacheries on the Internet that lie in wait: information overload, spam, the limitations of search engines, money-grubbers, viruses, gedcoms-a-go-go, data thieves, scammers, and perhaps the worst: the huge, huge, huge proliferation of unsourced and unreliable “facts.”

Miss Muffett ran away when she saw the spider, but she missed out on some good stuff. Is it possible to have your wily and eat it too? Well, maybe not exactly...but your nerves will be less frayed and the quality of your research will be better if you learn to recognize and contend with the problems that are inherent to walking on the web.

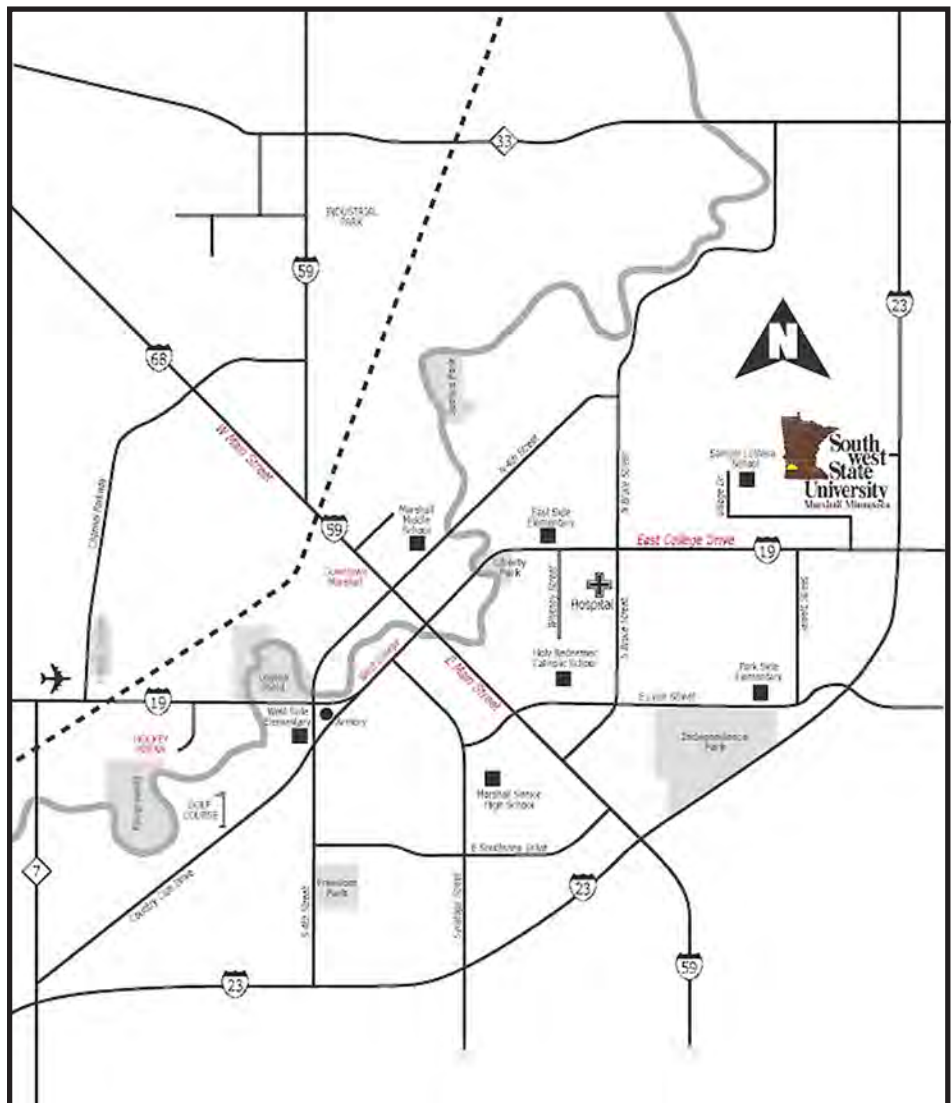
Dixie Hansen is an avid family historian and an avowed computer nut. While she claims no professional expertise in either world (in her real life she’s a business manager for a TV station) she professes to have thoroughly mastered the undo tool, the escape key, the back arrow, and the 3-fingered ctrl-alt-del. Miss Hansen was one of the early adopters of the ~~overstrike~~ and remembers the quaint rub-out key of early computing with true nostalgia. She can get into trouble (and sometimes out of it again) with the best of them.

Meeting Facility

The meeting will be held in Charter Hall on the campus of Southwest State University, 1501 State Street, Marshall, Minnesota. The entrance to the campus is off Highway 23

Door Prizes!

There will be an array of genealogically related door prizes awarded at the meeting. To be eligible you must be in attendance and pick up your door prize before the end of the day. You don’t have to be an MGS member to be eligible.



If you are a genealogical vendor or a genealogical society board member, please consider donating a door prize for this event. Some suggestions are society memberships, gift certificates, books, software, archival supplies, and free registration for a meeting that has a fee and more. This is a good way to let others know about your organization, products, or services.

Door prize donors will be listed on the flyer for the June 21st meeting if you notify Paula Stuart Warren before June 10, 2003. You may leave the door prize at the MGS Library (marked to her attention), mail it to her attention at the MGS Library (to arrive by June 10th), or bring it to the June 21st meeting. Please note how you would like the donor’s name listed and the door prize described in the flyer. (Please be brief, though.) The door prize donors will also be listed in a future MGS Newsletter.

If you have any questions or wish to donate a door prize, email Paula Stuart Warren at warren@spacestar.com or by phone 651-503-4803. Thanks for helping to make this meeting even more fun!

Display and Sales Tables

Tables will be available for vendors who wish to display historical or genealogically related material. Tables must be reserved by June 14. One table will be available free to non-profit historical or genealogically related groups; additional tables are \$6.00 each. County Genealogical and Historical Societies, as well as MGS Branches are encouraged to reserve a table and answer questions, sell your publications, and distribute literature. Literature can be made available for the free handout table even if your society isn't present. To reserve tables, contact Wesley Waring at 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@compuserve.com, or write to the Minnesota Genealogical Society, in care of the Program Committee, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis MN 55422.

Lunch

An optional bag lunch will be available for pre-registrants for \$7.00. The pre-registration deadline is June 14. The lunch will include a sandwich (choice of turkey, beef, or ham), salad, chips, cookie, fruit, and soda. There will be ample time for eating, browsing the vendor tables, visiting, and/or enjoying the sunshine.

Lodging

For lodging and other general information, contact the Marshall area Chamber of Commerce, 507-532-4484. Some of the nearby motels are Comfort Inn 507-532-4484, AmericInn 507-537-9424, and Best Western 507-532-3221.

Other Local Research Resources

Southwest Minnesota Regional Research Center
Southwest State University
Marshall MN 56258
Social Science Building (Rooms 137, 139 and 141)
Phone: 507-537-7373
Email: jlowwagie@southwest.msus.edu
Resources: archives and manuscripts, public/government records, business, churches, legislative, photographs, oral history interviews, newspapers, census records, obituary indexes, cemetery indexes and genealogy.

Prairieland Genealogical Society
History Center
Room 141-Social Science Building
Southwest State University
Marshall MN 56258
Email Contact: cmolitor@starpoinet.net
Web site: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/%7Ecmolitor/researchin.htm>
Resources: Surname card file, obituary index card file, obituary file, family history collection, county/town histories, *Prairieland Pioneer* indexes, cemetery records, federal and state census records on microfilm, naturalization records, newspapers, plat maps, church histories and high school and college annuals.

Lyon County Historical Society and Museum
114 North Third Street
Marshall MN 56258
Phone: 507-537-6580
Web site: <http://www.marshall-mn.org/City/museum/>

Murray County Historical Society and Museum
Genealogical Records and Library
Hours: Closed holidays. February and March, Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; April-December 31, Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Email: society@frontiernet.net

Yellow Medicine County Historical Society and Museum
Junction of Highway 23 and 67, just south of Hwy 212
PO Box 145
Granite Falls MN 56241
Hours: Memorial Day Weekend - October 1, Wednesday - Sunday, Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Phone: 320-564-4479
Email: ymchs@kilowatt.net
Web site: <http://www.kilowatt.net/ymchs/index.html>

Lincoln County Historical Society
610 West Elm (museum)
406 Brooks Street (mailing)
Hendricks MN 56136
Phone: 507/275-3537
Hours: 2 - 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Sun., 7 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday.

Future Meetings

Saturday, September 20, 2003

Annual Seminar, Speaker: Michael J. Leclerc, Director of Electronic Publications, New England Historic Genealogical Society

Saturday, December 6, 2003

Winter Meeting, Fort Snelling Auditorium

MGS News

Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for officer and board positions for the Minnesota Genealogical Society. The positions take effect September.

The positions that will be on the ballot are, 2nd Vice President and board member positions.

If you are interested, contact the MGS Nominations Committee, Tom Lanman, Chair, at 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, MN 55422 or telanman@juno.com.

State Fair Volunteers

MGS will have a booth in the Education Building at the State Fair this year. MGS volunteers will staff the booth in 3-hour shifts from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day. Volunteers receive a ticket to the fair. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Wes Waring, 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@compuserve.com

MGS Study Groups to Focus First on Writing and Research Needs

Using the data provided by participants at the MGS Branching Out meeting in Washington County on March 22, 2003, MGS is moving to develop study groups in two interest areas. One area will focus on *writing* family histories, biographical sketches, and other matters. (We anticipate that the writing study groups will build on the work being done by the Irish, in cooperation with them.) The second area for study group activity will be on *research* planning, problem-solving, and organizing genealogical endeavors.

We expect study groups to be casual, informal, with three to ten members, meeting at locations and times set by the group. Study groups are envisioned as on-going support groups for genealogists who would like to learn from others and who are willing to share their own experiences in return.

An essential requirement to participate in a study group is a *willingness to learn and to be helpful*. You are not expected to be an expert. Study groups will be largely self-organized—their initial meetings will be convened and facilitated by jump starters.

Please note that folks well versed in writing or research are asked to let us know of your availability to be an occasional consultant to one of the study groups. Contact the jump starters listed at the end of this article.

Jump starters are members of the Committee on Project Growth who will be in touch with all those who completed and signed the survey. Our intent is to get this initiative up and running before summer lures everyone outside. In fact members may have received calls for the jump starters prior to reading this article. If working in an on-going small group setting appeals to you, MGS study groups may meet your needs well. Check them out. Email the jump starters for more information on time and place.

Writing jump starters:

Gay McClellan, glm@3698@attbi.com
Kathy Lund, miscmute@aol.com

Research jump starters:

Stephanie Martineau, smartineau9@attbi.com
Duane Swanson, duane.swanson@mnhs.org

Cemetery Project Volunteers Still Needed!

Only 7 counties to go, and we will have state-wide coverage. Will you help? These counties need to be adopted: Clearwater, Hennepin, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Stevens. If you can help, please contact Darlene C. Joyce at darlenecjoyce@hotmail.com.

MN Genealogist Deadlines

Summer 2003: Focuses on our family stories as well as those of our ethnic, linguistic, and religious groups that inspire, make us laugh and cry, and most of all give us a sense of roots—they make us proud. *Deadline: June 1, 2003.*

Autumn 2003: Asks “What did you do in the war, Mommy?” We want to hear about your family members who are part of the “Greatest Generation” and what they did on the home front and on the battlefield during World War Two as well as the stories you have to tell about ancestors in other wars—any war and any “side”. *Deadline: September 1, 2003.*

Winter 2003: Family legend & folklore—what family stories have you discovered to be largely myth? On the other hand—what have you discovered (and how did you handle it?) that your kin wish you had not found and want you to keep it to yourself? *Deadline: November 1, 2003.*

Tell us if and how you are going to make a contribution. Or tell us what we have to do to get you to make a contribution. Send email to mercermercer@attbi.com or a call 651-493-2240. Do not delay. We need some idea of what to expect.

All materials for the Minnesota Genealogist should be mailed to the Minnesota Genealogist, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014 or emailed to John Mercer, mercermercer@attbi.com. Thank you!

Scottish Genealogy Seminar

A Scottish Genealogy Seminar will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2003, at Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue at the corner of Grand and Snelling Avenues in St. Paul, MN. The speaker will be David W. Webster FSA (Scot) from Livingston Scotland. Registration will start at 8:00 am and the program will start at 9:00.

The topics are 1) Introduction to Scotland, Scottish History, Geography and Genealogical Records, 2) Scottish Statutory Records part 1 (Vital Records), 3) Scottish Statutory Records part 2, 4) Bridging the Gap to an Ancestor in Scotland. A Question and Answer session will follow.

Full details were in the February 2003 MGS Newsletter including a registration form and a map. Full details are also available on the MGS web site www.mnngs.org. For a brochure with full details, contact the MGS program committee, 5768, Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014 or Wesley Waring, 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@compuserve.com

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Branch News

Branch Council News

The next Branch Council meeting will be 7 p.m., July 9, 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, mgsray@mtn.org or 952-890-7605
Web site: www.mtn.org/mgs/computer/
MGS 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, wchholm@aol.com or 952-404-9780
Web site: 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

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.
MGS Library staffing: noon to 3 p.m., third Saturday of each month
Membership dues: \$10.00/year

French/Canadian/Metís Genealogical Society

Contact: Dorothy Chandler, patdot831@aol.com or 952-832-9923 before 9 p.m. CST, or Ruth Charest, 763- 476-7943
Web site: www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/nw
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: Myke Rachu, mlrachu@aol.com
Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html
GGS Library: Theodore Buenger Memorial Library, Concordia University, 275 N Syndicate St Hamline & I-94, St. Paul MN
Membership dues: \$12.00/year

Niedersachsen Regional Group
Contact: Dot Wolking 651-455-0627

Pommern Regional group
Contact: Jerry Savage, foxklein@mninter.net or 763-544-7469
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.

Schleswig-Holstein Regional Group
Contact: Vernetta Schroeder, 952- 926-8205

Irish Genealogical Society International

Contact: Nancy Grell, ngrell99@yahoo.com or 763-525-1463
Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~irish
MGS Library staffing: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., first Saturday of each month.
Meetings: 8:30 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

Norwegian-American Genealogical Association

Contact: Jeri Johnson, jerijon@aol.com or 763-434-5074
Web site: www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/naga/nagaindx.htm
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

Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

Contact: Terry Kita, terry.kita@federalcartridge.com; Paul Kulas, 763-427-4523
Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnpolgs/pgs-mn.html
MGS Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., second Thursday of each month and 9 a.m. to noon, fourth Saturday of each month.
Meetings: 9 a.m. quarterly at the MGS Library see calendar for dates
Membership dues: \$15.00/year plus \$5.00 U.S. for Canadian

Swedish Genealogical Society

Contact: Phyllis Pladsen, pjsveria@mtn.org, 651-429-7377
Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnsqsm/
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

Yankee Genealogical Society

Contact: Stephanie Martineau, smartineau9@attbi.com or 651-415-1822; Sue Kratsch, skratsch@pconline.com or 651-455-8989

Web site: www.mtn.org/mgs/branches/yankee.html>

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

Meetings: 1 p.m. quarterly at the MGS Library unless otherwise noted, see calendar for dates

Colonial Researchers –Were your Ancestors Indentured Servants?

Yankee Genealogical Group

Saturday, 17 May 2003, 1 p.m.

MGS Library

Tina Didreckson, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, Morris, will address the topic of “Indentured Servant Research”. Indentured servants played a major role in the founding of Colonial America. If your relatives were in America before 1820, indentured servant records may be the place to find important genealogical information about them. Discover the who, what, where, why, when and hows of indentured servant research in colonial America.

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International

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

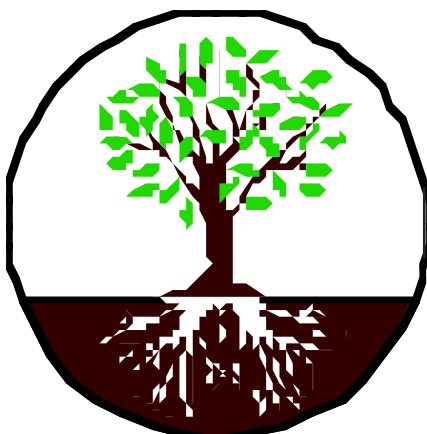
Hot line: 763-595-7799

Contact: Gene Aksamit, eugene.aksamit@att.net or 952- 922-1280

Web site: 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



Classes

Classes Presented by the Irish Genealogical Society

Open to the general public

Location: MGS Library, lower meeting rooms

Time: 1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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: 763-506-1307

Bring family information to the class so that you can fill out an ancestral chart.

Back to Basics

Back to Basics is class for beginning genealogist, no matter what nationality you are researching. One of the things that will be done in this class is to fill out a pedigree chart.

Instructors – Nancy Grell and Kathy Sullivan

I am from the government and I am here to give you land

The first issue discussed will be the reasons every genealogist should look at land records. This session will outline the many records involved with government dispersal of land. This will include pre-colonial land grants for Mexican, French, Spanish and English governments to North American settlers. Then attention will be turned to looking at such land records as military bounty land grants, preemption grants, cash sales and homestead land grants. A key theme will be where are the records, how to find them and what is in them.

Instructor–Tom Rice

Your Ancestors in Deed(s)

This session will examine the use of local, individual land transaction and tax records. Topics included will be: Where to look and how to find land and tax records. Understanding all of the information in deeds. How to plat land descriptions. How to use tax records as a genealogy source.

Instructor–Tom Rice

About Tom Rice

Tom Rice’s personal research focuses on the Midwest and Ireland with excursions to Norway and Slovakia when he assists relatives. He has taken the National Genealogy Society’s on-line introductory course and their home study course. He is a graduate of the Advanced Methodology course offered by Samford University as part of their Institute of Genealogy and Historic Research. He is a volunteer at the Minnesota Historical Society’s genealogy help desk and the Treasurer of the Irish Genealogy Society International.



Library News

6 Dec
9 Dec-1 Jan

Quarterly Meeting
Holiday

Library Location and Phone

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

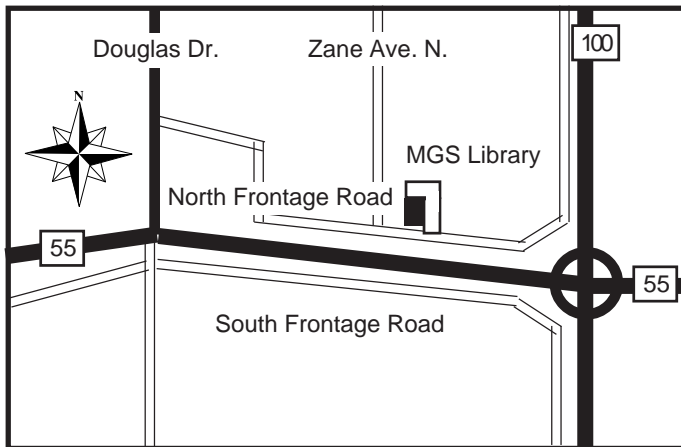
Directions: Take Highway 55 (Olson Memorial Highway) to Douglas Drive. North on Douglas Drive to the north frontage road. Turn right. Follow frontage road past Zane Ave. to the Minnesota Genealogy Center. Entrance to rear parking lot is on the east side of the building.

Bus Routes: Metro Transit routes #19 and #55.

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. 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

22-24 May	Holiday
21 June	Quarterly Meeting
1-5 July	Holiday
21-30 Aug	State Fair
20 Sept	Quarterly Meeting
24-29 Nov	Holiday

Donations To The Library

The following individuals and groups have made donations to the MGS Library during January, February, March 2003
Thank you!

Clara Jean Baevers	Eleanor Borkenhagen
Mary Corcoran	Al Dahlquist
David Dole	Coral Draxton
David Everling	Arlene Gable
Paula Goblirsch	Arlene Fenning
Arthur Finnell	William Flowers
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Val Morrison	Beth L. Mullinax
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Barb Sexton	Joanne M. Sher
Barbara Tucker	Jim & Paula Warren
Norris P. Wood	
Society of Mayflower Descendents in the State of MN	
Yankee Genealogical Society	

Library Volunteers

Thank you to the people who worked in the MGS Library January, February, March. 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.

Wayne Arrowood	Dolores Barron
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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.



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Jerry Savage	Barbara Sexton
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May 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.

Anoka County Cemeteries 2000 Update. CDROM. \$37.50.

Champlin Cemetery Updated December 2002. CDROM. \$12.50.

Index to Benton County Grave Index. CDROM. \$20.00.

Index to Stearns County Gravestone Index CDROM. \$20.00

Lyon County Cemeteries. CDROM. \$22.95.

Callaway History Book: 1906 - 1996, 90 Years of History. \$24.00. (Becker County)

Minnetonka Mills: A Historic Profile in Pictures and Stories of a Community in Minnetonka, Minnesota. \$23.50 (Hennepin County)

A Pictorial History: New Brighton Area From 1880s - 1950s. \$20.00 (Hennepin County)

History and Architecture of Edina, Minnesota. William W. Scott, A.I.A. and Jeffrey A. Hess. 1988. \$6.00. (Hennepin County)

Chapters in City History. 1988. City of Edina. \$19.95 (Hennepin County)

KEN-A-BIG 1977. The Story of Kanabec County. Frank Ziegler, Robert H. Beck. \$14.95.

The History of Ann Lake and Ann Lake Township. The story of the area north of Ogilvie, MN. \$4.00 (Kanabec County)

Under the Shadow of the Tower. The history of Ogilvie. \$10.00 (Kanabec County)

A Walk Through 100 Years under St. Mary's Care. St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mora MN. \$12.50 (Kanabec County)

For Such A Time, In Such A Place...A History of Quamba Baptist Church 1892-1992. \$6.00 (Kanabec County)

The History of Cleveland, Minnesota. 1976. \$9.00 (LeSueur County)

This is our Story...Flom, Minnesota. \$25.00 (Norman County)

Oronoco—Past and Present. Elsie Boutelle. 1983 \$30.00 (Olmsted County)

Index to names of landowners found in the Otter Tail County Platbooks of 1884, 1902 and 1912. 271 pages. \$35.00

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.

History of the Early Episcopal Church of The St. John's Mission. June Lehman. 1999. \$13.00 (Renville County)

History of Franklin, Minnesota: 1880-1990. Ruby Deming. \$8.00 (Renville County)

1891 Sketch of Shakopee by William Hinds. \$7.00 (Scott County)

Recollections of Early Pioneers: 1925. Shakopee Tribune. \$7.00. (Scott County)

The History Of New Richland And Wilton Villages. Herman Peterson. 1962. \$3.95 (Waseca County)

The History of Janesville. Janesville Centennial Committee. 1856-1956. \$7.50 (Waseca County)
 Afton Remembered. Edwin Robb. \$25.00 (Washington County)
 Folsom "Fifty Years in the Northwest" Biographical Index. \$15.00.
 1886 Watonwan County Plat Book and History. \$10.00.
 Otsego: Family Farm Years 1880 to 1910. 2002. \$25.00
 African Americans in Minnesota. David Vassar Taylor. \$13.95.
 German Immigration to the MN River Valley Frontier. Bryce O. Stenzel. \$28.95.
 Mission in a Mile. Herbert Freese. The history and record of Peace Lutheran Church and Ebenezer Lutheran Church of Butler Center. 2002. \$20.00

Periodicals

Our goal is to have at least one genealogical periodical from each U.S. state and preferably the top journal. Presently we do not have any exchanges or subscriptions to journals from the following states:

Alabama	Hawaii
Georgia	Louisiana
Idaho	New Jersey
Mississippi	South Carolina
North Carolina	Utah
Tennessee	Wyoming
Delaware	

Do you subscribe to the top journal, or any other journal, from one of these states? Would you be willing to donate your back issues, the current issue after you've had a chance to mine it for relevant information? Would you be willing to adopt the/a key journal from one of these states, maintain a subscription to it, and donate issues a couple months after you've received them and had a chance to read them?

Of course some journals are regional or national, or even international, in scope, and the top journals in this group should be part of our collection as well.

If you know of a key item the library does not possess, please write Paula or Harold, and provide us with the author, title, date and place of publication, and publisher; with from whom the item can be ordered (generally the publisher) and their address; and with a few words as to why you are recommending this item.

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New at the Library

January, February, March 2003

Atl.MN.L.1.085 Atlas of Lac qui Parle County Minnesota.
 CD.Can Acadian-Cajun Family Trees.
 CD.Cen.MN 1910 Minnesota U. S. Federal Census Index.
 CD.Cen.MN.1910 Minnesota T624-692 1910 Census. (Carlton (pt), Cottonwood, Carver, Chisago (Pt).
 CD.Cen.MN.1920 Ancestry.com 1920 U. S. Federal Census Index Minnesota.
 CD.FTM.118 Canadian Genealogy Index, 1600s-1900s.
 CD.FTM.204 Wilson, Thomas. Genealogical Records: The Ontario Register, 1780s—1870s.
 CD.FTM.274 Genealogical Records: Ontario and Nova Scotia Settlers, 1790—1860.
 CD.Frgn.IR.1033 Irish in the 1870 Census.
 CD.HQ Heritage Quest on Compact Disc. 14 Years-September 1985 to December 1999.
 Com.056.Ger Gormley, Myra Vanderpool with Rhonda R. McClure. Family Tree Maker Version 7.
 Com.057.Fam Family Tree Maker. User's Tutorial and Reference Manual.
 FH.B181.Bol Bolton, Irma J. The Boltons of Ireland and New England.
 FH.B182.Edm Edmunds, Elizabeth M. Journey Across Plowed Ground. Being a Partial Account of the Ancestry and Descendants of Joel Baker, Soldier of the Revolution.
 FH.B183.Swa Swanson, Karen Stepanek. One Branch of the John Burianek and Frank Stepanek Families.
 FH.C.141.Roy Royes, Elizabeth Huron and Francis Harding Huron. Cowan Family and Other Descendants of William McKinney of Pennsylvania Revolutionary War Soldier Also the Family of High Brown of Mercer County, Penn.
 FH.F059.Boe Boevers, Carol-Jean Swanson. A Psalmbook... and a Good pair of Shoes. 13 Generations of the Floren and Haugen Family.
 FH.Gen.050.Hil Hilborn, Robin R. Hilborn's Family Newsletter Directory.
 FH.H150.Joh Johnson, Rogers Bruce. Ancestors of Margery Ruth Howe From Immigration to the Present Times 1630 to 2002 Volume I.
 FH.K085.Sea Seaver, J. Montgomery. Kennedy Family Records.
 FH.K086.Wol Wolf, Rose C. Koryta. Descendants of Prokop and Katerina Koryta.
 FH.M154.Hon Hone, Joseph. The Moores of Moore Hall.
 FH.M155.McC McCarville, Harold et. al. The McCarville/McCarvel Family Genealogy 900AD to 2002AD. 2 volumes
 FH.M156.Les Lester, Corinne McCarville. My Irish Roots.
 FH.0032.Owe Owens, Clarence Rice, collected by and Katharine Bruce Jones, compiled from his notes. The Family Search of Clarence Rice Owens.

- FH.P094. Wol Wolf, Rose C. Koryta. Descendants of Bartolomej and Magdalena Poskocil.
- FH.R053. Rif. V.2 Riffe, Fred J. Reiff to Riffe Family in America.
- FH.R092. Fam Family History of Lawrence D. Ryan 1815-2002 Includes O'Briens & Butlers. Mackalee, Damerstown, County Kilkenny, Ireland, New York, and Minnesota.
- FH.5176. Fam Family History of Earle J. Smith Includes O'Briens & Ryans. Ontario, Minnesota and Cappell White, County Tipperary Ireland.
- FH.5177. Wol Wolf, Rose C. Koryta. Family of Antonin & Katrina Stipek.
- FH.V040. Haa Haas, Betty Vadner. La Famille Vandenay. A genealogical journey from France to Quebec to the United States.
- FH.W088. Dou Douglas, Bessie P. The Families of Joshua Williams of Chester County, Pa. and John McKeehan of Cumberland County, Pa. with Some Allied Families.
- FH.W089. Pry Pryor, Edith L. (Pentz) William Wheeler 1832-1923 of Ohio, Kansas, Minnesota His Ancestors and Some of His Descendants.
- FH.W090. Woo Wood, Norris Philip. Descendants and Ancestors of Consider Wood and His Wife Mary Adams...
- FH.Z009. Mei Meisinger, Eldon. Your Czech Ancestry Zikmund Stara Klanecky Vancura Klupal Valley & Custer Counties Nebraska.
- Frgn.Can.CN.37 The 1752 Census of Isle Royale (Known as Cape Breton Island).
- Frgn.Eng.269. Col Coleman's General Index to Printed Pedigrees.
- Frgn.Eng.270. Gar Gardner, David E. et. al. A Genealogical Atlas and England and Wales.
- Frgn.Eng.271. Sim Sims, R. An Index to the Pedigrees and Arms contained in the Heralds' Visitations and Other Genealogical Manuscripts in the British Museum.
- Frgn.Eng.272. Cam Camp, Anthony J. Tracing Your Ancestors.
- Frgn.IR.A360 Gardner, David E. et. al. Genealogical Atlas of Ireland.
- Frgn.IR.D056 O'Neill, Robert K. Irish Libraries. Archives, museums & genealogical centers.
- Frgn.IR.D057 Adams, J. R. R. Merchants in Plenty Joseph Smyth's Belfast Directories of 1807 and 1808.
- Frgn.IR.E032 Lyons, Mary Cecelia Lyons. Illustrated Incumbered Estates Ireland, 1850—1905.
- Frgn.IR.G195 MacLysaght, Edward, edited by. Calendar of the Orrery Papers.
- Frgn.IR.G196 MacCotter, Paul and Kenneth Nicholls. The Pipe Roll of Cloyne.
- Frgn.IR.G198 Clare, Rev. Wallace, edited by. A Guide to Copies & Abstracts of Irish Wills.
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- Frgn.IR.G200 Ford, Dennis. Some 19th Century Records for the Townlands of Affoulia, Ballyegan, Inch, Trippul, & Tullamore in the Listowel Union of County Kerry.
- Frgn.IR.H144 Weir, Hugh. Historical Genealogical Architectural notes on some House of Clare. 2nd Edition.
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- Frgn.IR.H476 Campbell, S. M. The Laggan and its People (County Donegal).
- Frgn.IR.H477 Young, Amy Isabel. Three Hundred Years in Innishowen. Being More Particularly an Account of the Family of Young of Culdaff.
- Frgn.IR.H478 Hajba, Anna-Maria et. al. Historical Genealogical Architectural notes on some House of Cork. Volume I. North Cork.
- Frgn.IR.H479 Rankin, Kathleen. The Linen Houses of the Lagan Valley. The story of their families.
- Frgn.IR.H480 Mullin, Rev. T. D., D. D. Coleraine in by-gone centuries.
- Frgn.IR.H481 Mullin, Rev. T. H., B.A., B.D. Aghadowey a parish and its Linen Industry.
- Frgn.IR.H482 Gebbie, John H. Ardstraw (Newtownstewart) Historical Survey of a Parish 1600-1900.
- Frgn.IR.H483 A Concise View of the Origin, Constitution, and Proceedings of the Honourable Society of the Governor and Assistants of London of the New Plantation in Ulster, within the Realm of Ireland, commonly called the Irish Society.
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- Frgn.IR.H485 Flax to Fabric. The Story of Irish Linen.
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- Frgn.IR.IS14 Hagy, James W. Castle's Woods 1769-1799.
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MN Resources

Minnesota Historical Society

Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul MN. (651) 296-2143. Hours: Tuesday, noon to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday Hours: closed February 17, 2003. Web site: www.mnhs.org

Genealogy Help Desk

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, May 17, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, May 24, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, May 31, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, June 14, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, June 21, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, July 5, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, July 12, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, July 19, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, July 26, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, August 2, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Saturday, August 9, 2003: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
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.

Warren Research Classes

Warren Research Classes meet at the Minnesota History Center, St. Call Warren Research at 651-503-4802 or email warren@spacestar.com for more information. Advance registration by mail is recommended. List the chosen class(es), your address, phone, and MHS membership number. Mail that information with the registration fees (check payable to Warren Research) to: Warren Research, 1869 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-5938. Fees: \$9; \$7 for MHS members (unless otherwise noted). Refunds will be given when canceling in writing at least 10 days before class. Registration is taken at the door if space is available.

Ancestors Hanging on Your Family Tree: Using Court and Institutional Records

Saturday, June 14, 2003: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Solve Genealogical Problems Like a Pro

Saturday, June 14, 2003: 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.
\$16; \$12 for MHS members

The WPA Era: What it Created for Genealogical Research

Sunday, June 15, 2003: 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Resources of the National Archives

Sunday, June 15, 2003: 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Olmsted County Historical Society

The Olmsted County Historical Society Library
1195 West Circle Drive SW, Rochester, MN 55902
Phone: 507-282-9447

Email: ochs@olmstedhistory.com

Web page: <http://olmstedhistory.com>

Hours: Open Tuesday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fees: \$4 admission—adults, \$1 admission—children, OCHS members—free

Copy charges: \$.20 for 8-1/2" x 11", \$.25 for 8-1/2" x 14", \$.50 for 11" x 17"

Microfilm copies: \$.50 for 8-1/2" x 11"

Research fees: Research done by OCHS staff (for mail requests), \$15 per hour, plus the cost of copies & postage

Genealogical Resources

Biographical index cards This index contains index cards with references to documents, photos, files, newspapers articles, books, etc.

Biographical index—database

This index is a continuation of the biographical card index on a computer database.

Biographical, subject & business files

Files contain various types of information including documents, letters, photos, diaries, family information, manuscripts, etc.

Cemetery inscriptions for Olmsted and Wabasha Counties; cemetery inscriptions for some areas of Dodge, Winona, Goodhue, Fillmore & Houston counties.

Census Federal census for the entire state of Minnesota for 1850, 1857, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 (printed index for 1860, 1870; soundex for 1880, 1900 & 1920); Minnesota state census for entire state for 1865, 1875, 1885, 1895 & 1905.

City Directories

Rochester City Directories from 1873 to 1997; including listings for Olmsted County; also some directories for other cities.

Colonial records

DAR lineage books, various New England genealogical sources, Mayflower Families, Index to Rev. War Pensions, etc.

Histories of Olmsted County for 1866, 1883 and 1910; county histories for selected other counties in Minnesota.

Cutshall Collection

Photographs from the Cutshall Photography Studio in Rochester; 1930s to 1970s.

Death records for deaths which occurred within the city limits of Rochester, MN from 1871-1940 .

Family histories

Emphasis on Olmsted County and Minnesota, but also includes many other family groups

Guardianship records

These files are the original paper guardianship records from the Olmsted County Courthouse. Files vary considerably in length and content.

Maps Plat maps of Olmsted County for 1868 to present (printed index for 1868, 1878, 1896 & 1914); Sanborn insurance maps of Rochester for 1899, 1904, 1914, 1920 & 1928; maps of selected counties in Minnesota; Minnesota maps.

Military Resources at the Olmsted County Historical Society Library

This biographical index includes newspaper articles , scrap-books, GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) records, Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial records, military information sheets and other miscellaneous records. Some people who never served in the military are mentioned when their name appears in a draft list, etc. Also included are family members when they are mentioned in the resource.

Newspaper index cards

This W. P. A. index is an every name index to Rochester newspapers from 1859 to 1912. During this time period, the Rochester newspapers covered news for the entire county and surrounding areas. OCHS newspaper collection

Probate records

These files are the original paper probate records from the Olmsted County Courthouse. Most files will have approximately 10 to 20 pages of genealogical and personal information. Files vary, but most will include date and place of death, list of heirs and inventory of property.

Rochester Post-Bulletin Index to the obituaries in this Rochester, MN newspaper from 1993-1997.

School Annuals

Rochester High School, John Marshall High School, Mayo High School, Lourdes High School & Stewartville High School.

Town histories of Stewartville, Chatfield, Pleasant Grove, Chosen Valley, Rochester, Viola, Douglass and Oronoco.

Vine Funeral Home records

The records from the Vine Funeral Home in Rochester, MN include funerals from the late 1920s to 1980s. Most records include a copy of the death certificate and records after 1955 also usually have obituary information.

Vital records

Microfilm vital records from the courthouses of Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, Goodhue, Dodge, Mower, Steele, Blue Earth, Freeborn, Lincoln, Nicollet, Rice, Houston, Carver, Jackson, Pipestone, Scott and Waseca counties in Minnesota; Allamakee, Howard, Mitchell and Winneshiek in Iowa.

Wabasha County Cemetery Inscriptions Books listing Wabasha County cemetery inscriptions; Burials without stones are not included.

Wedding scrapbooks

Clippings from the Rochester Post-Bulletin, 1935-1954.

WW II Information sheets

These forms were sent to Olmsted County veterans after the end of WW II. This collection includes the forms which were filled out and returned to the Olmsted County Historical Society. Information includes residence, parents & military history. Files often include a photo. The index for this resource has been merged into the military index.

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Hennepin County Divorce Files Have Moved—Original Books Missing!

The new Hennepin County Family Justice Center, located at 110 South 4th Street, Mpls. MN 55401, is now open. The small sign on the outside of the building reads, “Family Records Center.” Located at 4th Street and Marquette, directly across from Sheiks Restaurant in Minneapolis, this building now holds Family Court Files for Hennepin County, including divorce and paternity records. Vital Records (i.e., birth, marriage and death), probate, land records and Civil Court files remain at the Hennepin County Government Center, a few blocks away. While we used to seek old divorce files on the 12th floor of the Government Center, these requests will now be processed in the basement office (the “Records Center”) at the new Family Justice Center. So far, so good—but there are a few significant problems researchers must be aware of in order to find old divorce packets. Even the head records clerks are still trying to sort out how this new system is going to work.

The first issue concerns **jurisdictional changes** over time. Until 1 January 1968, Hennepin County divorces were handled as Civil Court cases. Microfilmed indexes include all civil cases, and do not distinguish divorce from other actions. (You can usually spot divorces, however, because the plaintiff and defendant will have the same surname.) On 1 Jan. 1968, the new Family Court began operation [*technically* as a sub-division of Civil Court], and divorce actions were all supposed to be moved to this new unit. Unfortunately, it is not that simple. Civil Court case numbers continued to be used for some time after 1968, and **there is no clear cut off date for the jurisdiction change**. The result: researchers must give *clear* instructions and demonstrate patience when requesting old divorce records.

To compound matters, **case file numbers were re-used**, so you may need to be persistent and request a file more than once. Giving the date is not enough. Most of the requests the clerks receive are for current Family Court files, and this is what comes back unless you *stress* that you also want the old Civil Case file pulled.

All of the original, old case files are now kept in offsite storage—regardless of which court handled the case. A researcher needing to find a divorce packet must first use microfilmed indexes and locate a case file number. (You should also note the names and dates given in both the plaintiff and defendant indexes, but you cannot order a file by name and date.) With the case file number, one can order the original, full packet from archives. This original record packet is a gold mine of family information, and goes far beyond the divorce decree. The full packet will include all of the original documents created for this case, including court testimony, witness lists, and guardianship information.

If the situation is not confusing enough, there are three additional problems that researchers must understand. First, when the physical move to the new building was made, all of the

public microfilm readers were moved to the new Family Justice Center. Thus, it is no longer possible to view the old Civil Court indexes on the 12th floor of the Government Center—you must visit the new Family Justice Center for this step. Secondly, calling up the old Civil Case file may get tricky. At the moment, Civil Records staff will refer you to the new Family Justice Center, while Family Court clerks are still scratching their heads over the situation. Patience and persistence are required! I have been assured that Hennepin County is currently preparing training for their staff to try to correct this difficulty. Still, you may end up requesting the file number in both offices! And then you will wait for them to call and say they have the record called up for your review. These offices are terribly busy places, and the State budget cuts won't help the situation. If you don't get a call in a reasonable period of time, call back and remind them! Have the case file number handy! In a recent search, it took me three months, three visits and persistent calls, but I finally located the record I needed.

Finally, the quality of the microfilmed indexes is very poor. Access to films at Hennepin County would not be such a serious problem *if* one could simply rely on the copies kept at the Minnesota History Center. However, the MHS films are almost useless—because the quality of their copy is extremely poor. Even the films at Hennepin County leave much to be desired! (The original microfilm indexes are archived somewhere in Kansas, but I am told that new copies are prohibitively expensive.) The bottom line: patience and thoroughness are going to be needed in using the films that we do have, and in requesting the records desired. With care, it *is* possible to locate old records. And the original packets have been well preserved.

An obvious question arises in all of this: what ever became of the original books used to create the microfilmed indexes in the first place? And where are the old Judgment Books? I tried hard to find these original court indexes, but so far their fate remains a mystery. Hennepin County insists that they are at the Minnesota History Center, but MHS has checked twice, and cannot find them. MHS DOES have many old Hennepin County court files, but not these. MHS inventories say that the Hennepin County Administrator retained the originals. An MHS librarian was kind enough to check their new acquisition list for me, but the records do not appear to have been transferred during the recent move. A civil court clerk, Corrine Morales, graciously offered to check “the basement “ storage area in the Hennepin County Government Center for me, with no luck. The search continues. A very kind Ms. Lynn Fuchs at Hennepin County is working now to try to locate the original books, and to coordinate efforts with MHS. *If* the books can be found, researchers will have a *much easier* time locating old records. The fear, of course, is that the original indexes were destroyed. If you have any knowledge of this subject, *please* come forward with your clues. How wonderful it would be to locate the original books, and ensure their protection for future family historians!

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Events & Meetings

28-31 May 2003

2003 Conference in the States
National Genealogical Society
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
Info: National Genealogical Society, 4527 Seventeenth Street,
North, Arlington, VA 22207-2263; ngs@ngsgenealogy.org or
www.ngsgenealogy.org

21 June 2003

Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies
Annual Meeting
McPherson, Kansas
Keynote speakers: Ruth Keys Clark and Jim Swan. Info:
skyways.lib.ks.uk/genweb/kcgs or casey@southwind.net

21 June 2003

Annual German Conference
German Interest Group of the Iowa Genealogical Society
Des Moines, Iowa
Speaker: Marion Wolfert, Accredited Genealogist since 1979;
Volunteered at the European Reference Desk at the Family
History for 21 years and presently now on staff part-time
Reference Consultant; Co-author of German Immigrants, Lists
of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York, 1847-1871,
four volumes; Author of the Brandenburg Emigration Index.
Info: cmitsch@ix.netcom.com

26-27 June 2003

Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences (SVU)
North American Conference
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Over 100 scholars, popular speakers, and dignitaries from the
U.S., Canada, and abroad will offer papers exploring the Czech
and Slovak Presence in North America and the future of the
Czech and Slovak ethnicity. Info: www.unl.edu/SVUNebraska,
or write to: Mila Saskova-Pierce, 1133 Oldfather Hall, UNL,
Lincoln, NE 68588-0315, 402-472-1336

11-12 July 2003

Midwestern Roots: Family History & Genealogy Conference
Indiana Historical Society & Indiana Genealogical Society
Indianapolis, Indiana
Conference speakers include Tony Burroughs, Amy Johnson
Crow, John Philip Colletta, Cyndi Howells, Michael John Neill,
Loretto Szucs, Curt Witcher, and others. Info:
www.indianahistory.org/ or 317-232-1882.

12 July 2003

Annual Workshop: Pathways to the German Homeland
German Interest Group of Wisconsin
Whitewater, Wisconsin

Featuring Marion Wolfert. Info: send an SASE to: German
Interest Group-Wisconsin, PO Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53545-
2185 or www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html

18-20 July 2003

2003 FEEFHS Convention
Tenth International Convention
European Past of the American Present
Salt Lake City, Utah
The topics at FEEFHS conferences always include genealogical
resources, research techniques, databases, projects in all
European countries east of and including Germany and Austria.
Specific lectures and workshops pertain to U.S. immigration
records, European emigration records, Germanic and Slavic
genealogy, internet resources for eastern European genealogy,
web page design, eastern European databases, and Polish,
Belarus, Ukrainian, Moldovan, Russian, Baltic, and Balkan
research. Info: www.feeffhs.org, mehrkb@ldschurch.org or 801-
240-4756

8-9 August 2003

Annual Conference
Missouri State Genealogical Association
Missouri, Columbia
Keynote speaker: Curt Witcher. Info: www.mosga.org, email or
nancywt@socket.net

27 September 2003

Seminar
Grand Traverse Genealogical Society (GTAGS)
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/~migtag/
gtag.htm or RAHayes@chartermi.net

3-6 September 2003

FGS Conference
"Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden
Treasures"
Orlando, Florida
Hosted by the 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 or fgs-office@fgs.org. (See the
ad on page 7.)

Notice Board

Library Closure Notice The Wisconsin Historical Society Library Will be Closed to Reorganize the Stacks May 19 to June 14, 2003

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library (including the Library Reading Room, Microforms Room, Circulation Desk and Stacks) will be closed between May 19 and June 14, 2003 to facilitate a dramatic reorganization of the Library's book stacks. Services will resume on June 16, 2003.

During the closed period, the Library will continue to respond to reference inquiries sent by mail and will maintain lending services through Interlibrary Loan and UW Book Retrieval/Universal Borrowing.

Historical Society administrative offices, the Archives Research Room and Archives reference services will be unaffected by the Library closure.

As many visitors have commented, the Library stacks are full to overflowing, making it difficult to find items and making it impossible to put new items on the Library's shelves in their correct places. At the present time, locating a book may require checking three different locations in the stacks. New materials must be stored on top of other books, in piles on the floor, or out of order on shelves several floors away from the normal location. This situation not only presents problems for patrons, but results in premature aging of materials shelved improperly.

To improve public access and storage conditions for our books, we will open a new Library stack area to the public, integrate recently cataloged material into the general collection, and shift the stacks to decrease overcrowding. The new stack area is being created by moving materials such as un-inventoried gifts stored for future review, newspapers awaiting microfilming, and some archival collections from their previous closed stack locations within the Historical Society building to an offsite facility. This process has already begun in preparation for reorganizing the Library's stacks.

When we reopen the Library on June 16, visitors will find books in their proper place and shelf space for adding new materials to the collections. The result will be better service to our patrons, longer life expectancy for our books, and more efficient stack maintenance by our staff.

Questions about the closure may be directed to (608) 264-6477.

During the Library closure, reference questions may be directed to Library Reference, Wisconsin Historical Society, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706 or to libref@whs.wisc.edu.

Wisconsin Name Index

Melissa McLimans
Administrator, Online Genealogical Research Service
Wisconsin Historical Society
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/index.html>

The Wisconsin Historical Society is pleased to announce its Wisconsin Name Index (www.wisconsinhistory.org/wni), a new online tool to help genealogists research their Wisconsin ancestors.

The Wisconsin Name Index leads to more than 100,000 obituaries, personal sketches, and other short biographies of Wisconsin people. These texts originally appeared in 150 county and local histories, dozens of professional directories and biographical encyclopedias, more than 60 scrapbooks containing 30,000 obituaries, and in Wisconsin magazines and newspapers. Thousands include portraits and other illustrations. Users can search the database with a last name, first name, maiden name, time frame, and various other details. Photocopies of biographical sketches, articles, and obituaries can all be ordered online through our online genealogical research service.

The name index was created not by amateurs but by professional librarians at the State Historical Society. Starting about 1870, our staff made a catalog card for every biographical sketch in each new Wisconsin county history. They made a similar card for every obituary added to the scrapbooks they called "Wisconsin Necrology", and frequently added cards for magazine and newspaper articles about Wisconsin residents. After more than a century of such work, the data on the original cards was typed into a database and the Wisconsin Name Index was born.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Wisconsin Historical Society and its genealogical tools, please visit our website or email me at historydocs@whs.wisc.edu.

GRL Online Databank!

<http://www.grl.com>
The GRL is Canada's largest nation-wide online Databank and provides powerful search tools to find your ancestors. The GRL databank is designed to locate ancestors who lived anywhere in Canada during the period 1600 to 1900+.

Patrons can register on-line for a \$10.00 fee. This fee provides you with one 24-hour day (continuous hours) of full-access databank search time. After registering as a patron, you gain unrestricted access to all names, places, occupations, and types of events, as well as the year of each event. You will also have the ability to view images of original source documents. Many of these images are of rare documents that are more than a century old. A free, limited, trial search is available.

MGS Publications

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
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17 May	Irish Genealogical Society, 8:30 a.m.	20 Sep	*MGS Quarterly Meeting
17 May	Yankee Genealogical Society, 1 p.m.	20 Sep	Polish Genealogical Society, 10 a.m.
19 May	*Natl. Danish-American Genealogical Soc. 7 p.m.	22 Sep	*Natl. Danish-American Genealogical Soc. 7 p.m.
22-24 May	Holiday, Library closed	23 Sep	Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.
24 May	Finnish Genealogy Group, 9:30 a.m.	24 Sep	Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.
27 May	Pommern Regional Group, 6:30 p.m.	27 Sep	Finnish Genealogy Group, 9:30 a.m.
28 May	Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.	1 Oct	<i>MGS Newsletter</i> deadline
31 May	*Scottish Genealogy Seminar, 8 a.m.	8 Oct	Branch Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
1 Jun	<i>Minnesota Genealogist</i> deadline	18 Oct	*Swedish Genealogical Society, 1 p.m.
17 Jun	Computer Interest Group, 7 p.m.	21 Oct	Computer Interest Group, 7 p.m.
21 Jun	*MGS Quarterly Meeting	25 Oct	Polish Genealogical Society, 10 a.m.
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1 Jul	MGS Newsletter deadline	1 Nov	<i>Minnesota Genealogist</i> deadline
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