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New Meeting Room Scheduler

Kathy Lund is now the MGS Meeting Room Scheduler. If your group wants to use any of the meeting rooms at the MGS Library, you must contact Kathy. Do not enter anything on the meeting room calendar on the front desk. If you don't schedule your space through Kathy, it hasn't been scheduled. Contact Kathy at 952-595-9437 or miscmute@aol.com

Join an MGS Study Group!

Do the eyes of your friends and family members glaze over when you talk about your genealogical "brick wall?" The MGS Research Study Group is for you! Your fellow researchers offer a sympathetic ear and often a "course correction" in your search. Learn from others' successes and mistakes! Share your hard-won knowledge of repositories and sources! This group meets about every six weeks in different

Seminar and Business Meeting

Featuring

Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck,
MA, MS, FNGS



Saturday, 24 September 2005

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, with coffee and rolls
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:20 a.m. First Session
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Second session
- 12:00 noon Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Third Session
- 2:45 p.m. Fourth Session

About the Speaker

Lloyd Bockstruck, MA, MS, FNGS, head of Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library.

Lloyd Bockstruck holds the A.B. cum laude in biology from Greenville College, the M.A. in early modern European history from Southern Illinois University, and the M.S. in library science from the University of Illinois. He has a certificate from the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University.

He is a Fellow the National Genealogical Society and has been a faculty member of the Institute of Gene-

alogy and Historical Research since 1974. In 1999, he was named the first recipient of the "Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship" offered by Scholarly Resources and the National Genealogical Society. His genealogy column appears weekly in The Dallas Morning News. He is the author of Virginia's Colonial Soldiers, Genealogical Research in Texas, Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments, Naval Pensioners of the United States 1800-1851, and Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775. He is listed in Who's Who in America.

First Topic: Migration Across the United States (to the Mississippi River)

This lectures explores the eras of settlements, routes available, ethnic clusters, and the forces pushing and pulling people westward from the swarming of the English to the California gold rush."

Second Topic: Identifying Maiden Names of Females

Except for Italians and French, American genealogists are always

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places and at various times. Call Gay McClellan for the latest information 651-777-3986. Have you finished your research? Lucky you! But don't wait for that blessed day before writing up your story! Join the MGS Writing Study Group and keep motivated. Share various approaches. Learn there are no rules — "Just Do It!" Join this informal group on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the MGS Library from 1 - 2:30 p.m. No need to register or make a lifetime commitment!

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MGS Newsletter

Newsletter for the
Minnesota Genealogical Society
 Editor: Paula Goblirsch

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Submissions: Send articles, announcements and ads to the Newsletter Editor, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy, Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014 or paulagoblirsch@gmail.com

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 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 for the February, May, August and November issues respectively.

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lamenting their plight about the identifying the maiden names of their female forbears. Even worse is the unavailability of marriage records due to losses or to the failure to maintain them at the civil governmental level. This lecture explores the possibilities and ranks them according to time and place from descent to property, chancery suits, and legal statutes.

Third Topic: Surnames

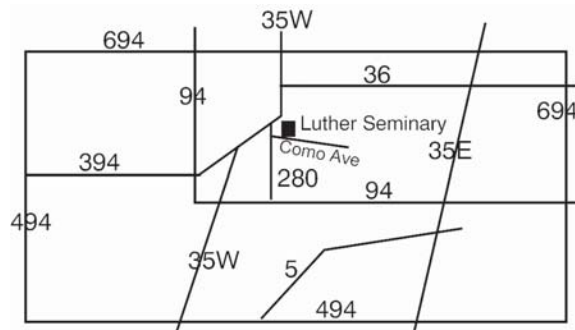
The names of ancestors may be the most valuable clue in the research process. They not only suggest church affiliation but migration patterns. Diminutives and nicknames combined with pronuncia-

tion shifts and translations can cause genealogical researchers to overlook the very records they need. Reliance on databases in the 21st century makes this pitfall all the more crucial for success.

Fourth Topic: Finding Substitutes for Birth & Death Records

With death records beginning in 1644 in Mass., 1852 in Kentucky, and 1903 in Texas, the range is indeed wide. Birth records share similar shortcomings. In the absence of such pre-20th century alternatives, this presentation explores other ways for proving these life-events.

Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Ave., St. Paul



Luther Seminary Campus



**Remember our goal:
 2005 in 2005—members
 that is!**

**Our request of you:
 Recruit one for MGS
 today.**

Location

Our fall seminar will take place at Northwestern Hall, Luther Seminary, 2481 Como Avenue, in St. Paul.

Luther Seminary is located one block east of Highway 280 and Como Avenue in St. Paul. Look for MGS signs.

Directions

From the north, take Interstate 35W to Highway 280 south.

From the south, east, or west, take Interstate 94 to Highway 280 north.

From Highway 280, take the Como Avenue exit and go east. From Como Avenue turn onto Hendon Avenue, and proceed up the hill. Northwestern Hall is located two-thirds of the way up on the left side of the street.

Parking is available in lots next to selected buildings, as well as along non-residential sides of the street.

Registration

Pre-Registration \$20.00 for members and \$24.00 for non-members. Registra-

tion at the door will be \$25.00 for everyone.

Send pre-registration form to:

Fall Seminar 2005
Program Committee
Minnesota Genealogical Society
5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014

Lunch

A box lunch will be available for pre-registrants for \$6.50.

The pre-registration deadline is 17 September.

There will be ample time for eating, browsing the vendor tables, visiting, and/or enjoying the sunshine.

Vendors

Tables will be available for vendors who wish to display genealogically related material. Tables must be reserved in advance, by 17 September. One table will be free to each non-profit historical or genealogically related group; all others will be \$6.00 each.

MGS Branches and county genealogical and historical societies are encouraged to reserve a table and answer questions, sell your publications, and distribute literature. Reserve tables by contacting Wesley Waring at 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@cs.com, or write to the Minnesota Genealogical Society, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis MN 55422

Future Meetings

3 December 2005

Winter Meeting
Fort Snelling Auditorium

Tentative 2006 Dates

18 March 2006, Branching Out
17 June 2006, Greater Minnesota
23 September, Fall Seminar
2 December, Winter Meeting

MGS Fall Seminar 2005 Pre-Registration

Registration Fee: \$20.00 MGS Members/\$24.00 Nonmembers, Box Lunch: \$6.50 per person

Saturday, 17 September 2005

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 (\$20/\$24 each) Optional Box Lunch (\$6.50 each) Total Enclosed

(The fee for registering at the door is \$25.00.)

Pre-Registration Deadline 17 September 2005

Branch and Interest Groups

Branch Council meetings are held quarterly at the MGS Library. See the MGS & Branch Calendar for dates.

Computer Interest Group

Contact: Ray Kleinow, 952-890-7605 or rayk29@comcast.net

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnmgsig/

Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., first Tuesday of each month

Meetings: 7 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of even-numbered months, except Dec.

Location: MGS Library lower level meeting room

Membership dues: \$7.50/year

National Danish-American Genealogical Society

Contact: Diane Greve, 612-781-2197

Web site: www.danishgenealogy.org

Meetings: 7 p.m., the 4th Monday of each month, except Aug. and Dec.

Location: Danish American Center, 4200 Cedar Ave. So. Entrance on 42nd Ave., Minneapolis MN

Membership dues: \$12/year individual; \$15/year family

Eastern Europe

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

Finnish Genealogy Group of Minnesota

Contact: Joan Dwyer, 612-822-0743 or dwyers@ties2.net

Meetings: 9:30 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of every month except June, July, Aug. and Dec.

Location: MGS Library lower-level meeting room unless otherwise noted

Library staffing: noon to 3 p.m., 4th Saturday of each month

Membership dues: \$10/year

French/Canadian/Metis Genealogical Society

French/Canadian, contact: Denise Breault, 651-552-1362 or dabreault@worldnet.att.net; Ruth Charest, 763-476-7943

Indian and Metis, contact: Dorothy Chandler, 952-832-9923 (before 9 p.m. CST) or patdot831@aol.com

Germanic Genealogy Society

Contact: Eileen Lund-Johnson, GermanicGenSociety@Comcast.net

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

Meetings: GGS holds several workshops each year in the winter, spring and fall. See the MGS & Branch calendar or the GGS web site for dates.

Membership dues: \$12/year

Icelandic Genealogy Group

Contact: Patricia Allred, 612-729-0456

Irish Genealogical Society International

Contact: Valerie Morrison, 952-835-6787

Web site: www.irishgenealogical.org

Library staffing: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., second Saturday of each month.

Library catalog: www.irishgenealogical.org/library/lib_card_cat.htm

Meetings in 2005: 9 a.m. on 27 Aug., 19 Nov.

Location: MGS Library lower-level meeting room.

Membership dues: \$25/year plus \$5 U.S. for foreign

Luxembourg

Contact: Karen Whitmer, 612-869-1759 or whitmerj@aol.com

Norwegian-American Genealogical Association

Contact: Jeri Johnson, 763-434-5074 or jerijon@aol.com

Web site: www.NorwegianAmerican.org

Meetings: 6 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month

Location: MGS Library lower-level meeting room

Membership dues: \$15/year individual, \$20/year family plus \$6 for foreign

Ostfriesland

Contact: Lin Strong, 651-583-2883 or lstrong@cornernet.com

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnogs/

Membership dues: \$15/year U.S., \$22/year for foreign

Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

Contact: Terry Kita, 612-927-0719 or terry.kita@atk.com or John Kowles, johnkow@att.net

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnpolgs/pgs-mn.html

Library staffing: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month and noon to 3 p.m. on the 4th Saturday of each month

Meetings in 2005: 10 Sept., 8 Oct., 12 Nov.

Membership dues: \$15/year, \$40/three years

Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota

Contact: Paul Sternberg, 612-874-0964 or paulsternberg@msn.com

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mnprrgm/PRG.html

Meetings: 6:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month, with the exception of Nov. and Dec.

Location: MGS Library lower-level

meeting room unless otherwise noted.

Membership dues: \$8/year

Research Study Group

Contact: Gay McClellan
hapedaze@comcast.net

Informal meetings are devoted to helping each other with research problems, setting objectives and strategizing future research. The research study group is a Project Growth initiative. See the MGS & Branch Calendar for dates, times and locations.

Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

Contact: Fran Hillier, fhillr@minn.net or Dee Kleinow,
deeswede@comcast.net

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~mmsgsm/

Meetings in 2005: 1 p.m., Saturdays, 15 October

Meetings in 2006: 1 p.m., Saturdays 21 January, 18 March, 10 June, 21 October

Location: American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN.

Membership dues: no membership dues, *Tidningen* subscription \$10/year plus \$2 for foreign

Writing Group

Contact: Kathy Lund,
miscmute@aol.com or 952-595-9437

A group sharing approaches to writing a family story. The writing group is a Project Growth initiative. See the MGS & Branch Calendar for dates, times and locations.

Yankee Genealogical Society

Contact: Jim Carr, 763-473-7432 or jl1carr@attbi.com

Web site: www.mngs.org/yankee

Library staffing: 9 a.m. to noon, fourth Saturday of each month

Meetings in 2005: 1 p.m., 27 Aug.

Location: MGS Library lower-level meeting room unless otherwise noted.

Czechoslovak Genealogical Society

CGSI is an independent organization, but their reference collection is kept at the MGS Library. Hot line: 763-595-7799. Contact: CGSI@aol.com

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

See the CGSI web site for meeting dates and locations.

Membership dues: \$20/year, \$30/year for foreign

Branch News

Irish Genealogical Society

Saturday, 27 August 2005, Quarterly Meeting

Registration at 8:30 a.m., Business meeting at 9:00 a.m. followed by a program at 10:30a.m.

Meeting Location: MGS Library lower level meeting room.

Suggested donation \$8, or \$5 for IGSI members.

Dr. William J. Lowe, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Metropolitan State University

Dr. Lowe will speak about the Irish Constabulary, with an introduction to the Irish Constabulary personnel records and how they can be used for research. Dr. Lowe will refer to his recently published work in 'Ireland Today' in which he examines the individual details of the men who became the Black & Tans in the Irish war of independence.

Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

All meetings are 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays in the auditorium of the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis.

15 October 2005

Speaker: Elisabeth Thorsell of Järfälla, Sweden. She is the editor of the *Swedish American Genealogist*.

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Cash Donations to MGS

MGS received cash donations from the following people in January through June 2005.

Pat & Jackie Angus
Richard & Barbara Behm
Bruce Blount
Leonard & Rosalie Bruce
Bette Comilang
Mary Corcoran
Karen Gelslechter
Nancy Herbst
David & Ann Hintz
Louise Hughes
Lorraine Kemmer
Barbara Klenk
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Warren Roberts
Everett Smith
Tom & Bonnie Swanson
Dee Wielinski
J. J. Williams
Lee Wilwerding

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Classes

The MGS education committee, working cooperatively with the Minnesota Historical Society Library has scheduled a number of classes beginning in October. Because our ancestors arrived in Minnesota through various migration routes, MGS classes will focus on providing an overview of sources, online and off, throughout the U.S., while MHS classes will spotlight Minnesota specific resources.

Classes will be presented in two locations; the MGS classes at the MGS library in Golden Valley, the MHS classes at the Minnesota Historical Society Library in St. Paul. Each class will provide time for hands on use of resources at the library. The dual locations for the classes will enable everyone to choose the non-Minnesota overviews or the Minnesota specific topics.

Registration

MHS Classes

For MHS classes please register with the Minnesota Historical Society. Call 651-296-2143. Paula Warren's class will be \$16.00 for non-members of MHS and \$14.00 for members. Other classes will be \$8.00 for non-members of MHS and \$6.00 for members.

The Minnesota Historical Society is located at the junction of I-35E and I-94 on the western edge of downtown St. Paul at the corner of Kellogg and John Ireland boulevards.

MGS Classes

For classes at the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library please use the registration form in this newsletter. MGS classes will be \$8.00 for non-members of MGS and \$6.00 for members.

MGS Education Classes

8 October 2005

Vital Records

1-3:00 p.m.

Marilyn Sorensen and co-presenter (TBA)

5 November 2005

Utilizing non-Minnesota Censuses

10-12:00

Beth Mullinax

21 January 2006

Immigration and Naturalization in the U.S.

1-3:00 p.m.

18 February 2006

Property Research (land, tax, directories, plat books, etc.) in the U.S.

1-3:00 p.m.

4 March 2006

Court and Probate Records in the U.S.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

8 April 2006

Clues in Identifying Mystery Photographs

10:00 a.m.-12:00

Fran Gray

13 May 2006

Military Records

10-12:00

10 June 2006

Researching Your Female Ancestors

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

MHS Library Classes

1 October 2005

Tracing Your Family History, Online and Off

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Paula Stuart Warren

22 October 2005

Minnesota Vital Records

8 p.m.

22 November 2005

Minnesota Censuses

10 December 2005

Institutional Records in Minnesota

28 January 2006

Immigration and Naturalization in Minnesota

25 February 2006

Property Research in Minnesota

25 March 2006

Minnesota Court and Probate Records

Presenters

Marilyn Sorensen: Genealogist for 25 years; specialist in Norwegian genealogy. Long time member of MGS, Co-coordinator for 1999 Bygdelaag Centennial Conference, archivist and instructor.

Fran Gray Artist, photographer and genealogist.. Began photography career as a high school student working in the family business. Specialist in photo restoration, either by hand or by computer. Intrigued by unidentified photographs. Former member of Red River Valley Genealogical Society. Art education at University of Minnesota - Moorehead.



MGS Genealogy Classes Registration Form

Return to: Education Committee
Minnesota Genealogical Library
5768 Olson Memorial Hwy
Golden Valley, MN 55422 5014

MGS Classes:

October 8, 2005 “Vital Records” Marilyn Sorensen and co-presenter 1-3:00 p.m.
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

November 5, 2005 “Utilizing non-Minnesota Censuses” 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Beth Mullinax
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

January 21, 2006. **Immigration and Naturalization in the US.** 1-3:00 p.m.
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

February 18, 2006 **Property Research (land, tax, directories, plat books, etc.) in the U. S.** 1-3:00 p.m.
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

March 4, 2006 **Court and Probate Records in the US.** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

April 8 , 2006 **Clues in Identifying Mystery Photographs.** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Fran Gray
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

May 13 , 2006 **Military Records** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

June 10, 2006 **Researching Your Female Ancestors.** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
_____number attending. Cost: Member \$6.00 Non-member of MGS \$8.00

Name: _____ Email _____

Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Reserve my space, I'll pay at the door _____

Minnesota Genealogical Society Library



Location

Minnesota Genealogy Center
5768 Olson Memorial Hwy
(Highway 55) (north frontage road)
Golden Valley MN

The entrance to the parking lot is on the east side of the building.

Bus Routes

Metro Transit routes #19 and #755/6.

Phone

763-595-9347

Web Address

mngs.org

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 2004:

24 Aug - 5 Sept	State Fair
24 Sept	Quarterly Meeting
22-26 Nov	Holiday
3 Dec	Quarterly Meeting
6-31 Dec	Holiday

Library Accessibility

The library collections, lower-level meeting rooms and rest rooms are accessible by elevator.

Library Fees

There is a \$5 fee for non-MGS or non-branch members to use the library. The \$5 fee can be applied to membership in the Minnesota Genealogical Society, any of the branches, or the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International within 30 days.

Photocopies, Microfilm, CDROMs

A photocopier and microfilm/microfiche readers are available for patron use. Photocopies are \$.20 each. Computers are available for searching our CDROM collection. See our web site for a list of CDROMs.

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 online catalog is updated quarterly. The catalog is available online

at mngs.org/onlinecatalog.html

Library Volunteers

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 at the library, contact Jean Jensen, 952-890-6520 at home, or at the MGS Library on Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Current Volunteers

Thank you to the people who volunteered in April, May, and June 2005

Wayne Arrowood

Sharon Babcock

Dolores Barron

Mary Bellingham

Irene Boyer

Joe Carroll

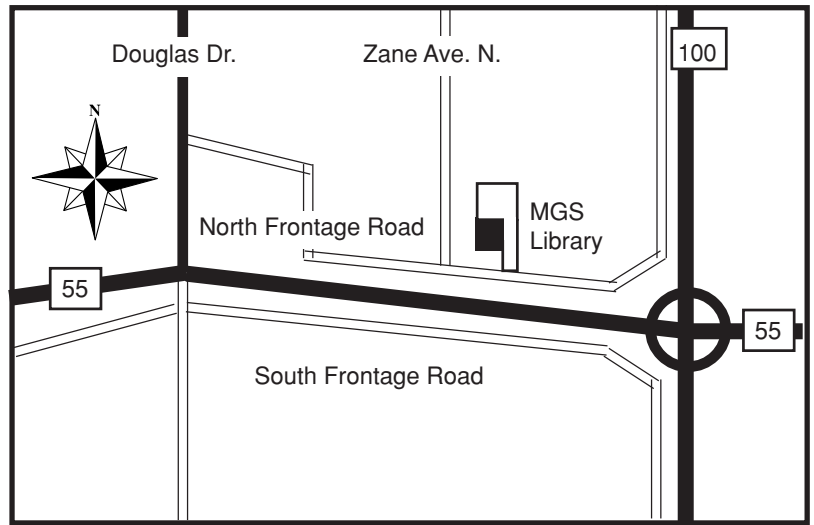
Kathy Clark

Mike Clark

David Cross

Marie Cross

Marjorie Dellwo	Helen Dickison
Kent Driessen	Gene Fernstrom
Winnie Fernstrom	Kay Gavin
Ed Godin	Jeri Johnson
Joan Keetley	Sue Kratsch
Mary Ann Kosmas	Maureen Laughy
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Myrtice Orr	Grace Rice
Jan Savage	Jerry Savage
Kathryn Smith	Lisa Trembly
Mary Vavrosky	Vickie Vipond
Allan Weinand	



Donations to the Library

The following individuals and groups made donations to the MGS Library during April, May, and June 2005 Thank you!

Janet Bell	Mary Bellingham
Ann Claesgens	Arthur Finnell
Tamra Foster	Louise Griffin

Harold Hinds	Rogers Bruce Johnson
Valerie Morrison	Beth Mullinax
George Pratt	Grace Rice
Charles Rinkeld	Helen Sahlin
Stew Thornley	Wesley Waring
Alonna Warns	Marlea Warren
Paula Stuart Warren	
Carver County Sesquicentennial	
Yankee Genealogical Society	

Branch Groups Staffing the MGS Library

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
closed	closed		9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	closed	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
		Computer 6:30-9:30 p.m.		6:30-9:30 pm		
closed	closed		9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	closed	Irish 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
		6:30-9:30 p.m.		6:30-9:30 p.m.		
closed	closed		9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	closed	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
		6:30-9:30 p.m.		6:30-9:30 p.m.		
closed	closed		9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	closed	Yankee 9 a.m.-noon Polish/Finnish noon-3 p.m.
		6:30-9:30 p.m.		6:30-9:30 p.m.		

MGS Research Policy

The Minnesota Genealogical Society is pleased to offer a service that provides research in our library. One 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*, 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 Interlibrary 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 neither endorses, nor is responsible for the quality of 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 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102.

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

Some of the research materials in the MGS library includes:

- **Minnesota Censuses:** 1850 and 1900; Polk County: 1880 and 1885
- **Minnesota Census Indexes:** 1870
- **City Directories:**
 - Duluth (1931-1957, 1970), Hopkins (1941-1960)
 - Minneapolis (1873-1987), St. Paul (1876-1991)
 - Rochester/Olmsted County (1913-1990), Fargo/Moorhead (1961-1991)
- **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.
- **Minnesota Civil War rosters:** Index for...*Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865*
- **P.E.R.S.I.** (*Periodical Source Index for the genealogical collection at the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, IN*)
- Minnesota county histories
- Surname files and general county cemetery information
- Minnesota county genealogical society addresses, county courthouse addresses, information about holdings of county historical societies and their addresses.
- Wide variety of genealogical information concerning other states
- Family histories
- Additional genealogical collections: Computer research; Czechoslovak; Germanic, Irish, English; Scottish; Canadian; Polish; Scandinavian-Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian & Swedish; Yankee; Indian/Metis.

New at the library

April, May, June 2005

- CD.Frgn.Can.QL-9 Lotbiniere County, Quebec Early Church Records.
- CD.Frgn.IR.G108 Ireland's Memorial Records World War I 1914-1918.
- CD.US.MA Dunkle, Robert J. The Corbin Collection Volume 2.
- CD.US.UT Utah Pioneers 1847-1896. Volume One.
- FH.B218.Wir Wirth, Joyce Bjurquist. Growing Up in Stockholm! 150-Year Celebration—1851 to 2001.
- FH.B219.Ber Bergstrom, Ingrid. Ingrid My Swedish-American Life and Adventures.
- FH.B220.Cel Celebrating Fifty Years. (Buchman Family)
- FH.C157.Gil Gilmour, Stephen C. A Pioneer Family of Dane County, Wisconsin John and Mary (Lunny) Campbell and Their Descendants: Including the Jones, Thomas, Patton, Collins, and other related families.
- FH.F008.V.2 Finnell, Arthur Louis. More Ancestors of Wheeler James Arthur Finnell and as they connect to our Family.
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Other Minnesota

Minnesota Historical Society

Minnesota History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul MN. 651-296-2143. Hours: Sunday to Monday, closed; Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Web site: www.mnhs.org.

Phone: 651-296-2143

Email: reference@mnhs.org.

There is no fee to use the library.

Genealogy Help Desk

Located in the Library's Weyerhaeuser Reference and Hubbs Microfilm rooms, the Genealogy Help Desks are 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 Desks are staffed at various times during the week as well as Tuesday evenings. Call 651-296-2143 to check on the current schedule.

MHS Classes

Call 651-296-2143 or register online at www.mnhs.org/library/classes/

MHS classes are \$8 (\$6 for MHS members) unless otherwise noted.

I'm New Here: Introducing the Library

Free. All sessions 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

20, 27 August

10, 17, 24 September

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

5, 12, 19, 26 November

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 December

Introduction to Oral History

20 September, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Whose House Was This?

11 October, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Genealogy Class at Century College

Sign up at least a week before a class starts in order to be sure of getting in. Call: 651-779-3341 to register.

Course is offered at Century College, White Bear Lake. On Hwy 120 just north of Highway 694.

Basic Genealogy – Getting Started the Right Way

October 1 and 8

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

This is an integrated foundation course in genealogy research methods, records and tools. We will answer the questions: where to look for information to identify an ancestor, how to organize your findings 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. (*Two three-hour classes.*)

Instructor: Tom Rice, CGRSSM is a certified, professional genealogy researcher and lecturer. He is a Director of the Minnesota Genealogy Society, a recipient of a Board for Certification of Genealogists' scholarship for 2003 and past officer of the Irish Genealogy Society International. He serves as a Genealogy Helper at the Minnesota Historical Society, and lectures frequently to genealogy groups in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He can be contacted through his web site: www.heritagehunters.com

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Notice Board

History Matters!

From "History Matters at the Minnesota Historical Society," Special Edition, 13 July 2005

"On the final day of the state's fiscal year, June 30, 2005, state legislators completed the bill that provides funding for the Minnesota Historical Society. It allocates funding for continued operations of the Society's programs, plus funds for seven historic sites that had been threatened with closure. Governor Pawlenty signed the bill that evening, allowing the Society to narrowly escape a shutdown of its operations.

Overall, the approved budget represents an approximate 3% increase over previous funding levels for the Society. This increase is a significant improvement over the starting place of budget deliberations, which called for a reduction from the Society's base budget.

The Society is grateful to Governor Pawlenty and legislators in the Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Conference Committee/Working Group for their tremendous efforts to provide adequate funding for programs and operations. Please take a moment to thank the legislators from your district, Governor Pawlenty and members of the Working Group for their support of the Society's programs."

1911 Canadian Census is Now Online

Genealogists can now view the scanned images of the 1911 National Census of Canada. They are searchable by location, not by name. You can see the 1911 census images at: www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/index-e.html

Canadian Directories

The following is an announcement from Library and Archives Canada:

Library and Archives Canada is pleased to announce the launch of phase two of the Canadian Directories site (a project funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage through its Canadian Culture Online initiative). The addition of 80 new directories to our growing database brings a total of 95 searchable directories to the site.

With this phase, we have focused upon the regions of Ottawa, Halifax and environs; these regions were selected to complement the digital initiatives of our colleagues across the nation, including Bibliothèque nationale de Québec and Our Roots: Canada's Local Histories Online.

In addition, we've introduced a new section entitled CityScapes, which offers a brief historical overview of the cities whose directories have been digitized. You are invited to visit the site at: www.collectionscanada.ca/canadiandirectories

For more information, please contact Project Manager Susan Globensky at 992-2520, webservices@lac-bac.gc.ca.

ID Now Needed for South Dakota Public Record Copies

Starting July 1, 2005, people wanting copies of many South Dakota public records will have to show IDs before they can get them. The 2005 state Legislature passed a law requiring that identification be shown. People who want copies of birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates will need to not only show a driver's license or other type of photo ID, but also fill out an application.

Two different types of the records are available: certified and information copies. Information copies are available to the public and contain the statement: "For informational purposes only. Not for legal proof of identification."

Events & Meetings

18-20 August 2005

Midwestern Roots 2005

Family History and Genealogy Conference

Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Genealogical Society

Indianapolis, Indiana

Pre-conference activities include computer labs, a writing workshop, a librarian workshop, tours, and an evening panel discussion, History and Genealogy: Why Not Both? Info: www.indianahistory.org/midwesternroots or email welcome@indianahistory.org

19-21 August 2005

"Dare to Discover: Exploring Central and Eastern European Ancestry"

Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies

11th International Conference

Four Points Sheraton, 400 North Hamline Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota

The Germanic Genealogical Society (GGS) and the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) are partnering to bring you this event. Info: GGS website, www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html and FEEFHS website, www.feefhs.org

7-10 September 2005

"Reminders of the Past; Visions for the Future"

The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Society

Salt Palace Convention Center

Salt Lake City Utah

Lecturers include: Paula Stuart-Warren, Linda Geiger, Ann Carter Fleming, Tom Jones, Kay Haviland Freilich, Michael John Neill, Pamela Boyer Porter, Elissa Scalise Powell, Elizabeth Shown Mills, Claire Bettag, Beth Stahr, Barbara Matthews, Curt Witcher, plus many more. Sessions will cover research meth-

odology, sources, computer topics, and other very exciting material. The exhibit/vendor hall will offer over 150 of the newest genealogical products, demonstrations of some of the newest software, books, and preservation products. The Family History Library will be open extended hours the evenings of the conference. Info: Utahwww.fgs.org

18 September 2005

"A Potpourri of Genealogical Search Tools"

JHSUM Annual Meeting

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sabes JCC/4330 S. Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis

Keynote speaker: Stephen Morse, an amateur genealogist whose difficulty tracking down a relative using the Ellis Island database turned out to be good fortune for the world of Jewish genealogy. After two nights in a row of waking up at 3:00 a.m. (the middle of the night was the only time the database was not too busy to access in its early days) and still meeting with no success finding his wife's grandfather, Morse designed an Internet-based search tool that was so good, he found himself getting recognition in the *Jerusalem Post* and the *New York Times*. The International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies awarded him its Outstanding Contribution Award in 2003.

Morse will talk about a variety of tools readily available to all genealogists and answer questions about genealogical research. The afternoon will include a brief business meeting during which the Society will elect officers, recognize the winners of its Jews and American Freedom Essay Contest, and honor the memory of Rose Glassman, a former Society staff member. Program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Free parking with ample disability spaces. RSVP to the JHSUM office at 952-381-3360 or e-mail history@jhsun.org

16-17 September 2005

“Honor the Past”

25th Annual Fall Conference

Ozarks Genealogical Society

University Plaza Hotel &

Convention Center

Springfield, Missouri

Featuring Barbara Vines Little, CG. Info: ogsoc@sbcglobal.net, Ozarks Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 3945, Springfield, MO 65808-3945, www.rootsweb.com/~ozarksgs/

17 September 2005

“Discover Your Italian Roots”

POINTers In Person Chicago and Chicago-North Chapters

Italian Cultural Center

Stone Park, Illinois

Info: italianroots@comcast.net, 763-201-3186, or www.chicagoitalian.org

20 September 2005

Monthly Meeting

St. Cloud Area Genealogists, Inc.

7 p.m., Stearns History Museum

235 33rd Ave. So.

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Info: www.rootsweb.com/~mnsacg/SCAG/

22-25 September 2005

Herrick Family Association Meeting

Salem/Beverly, Massachusetts

Herrick and allied family members are invited to the Herrick Family Association meeting. Includes trips to the Massachusetts Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, the Cape Ann Historical Society, and the Beverly Historical Society.

Dinner speaker: Fred Hammond. “Beverly and the Revolution” citing many Herrick ancestors. Info: freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~herrick, or contact Alice Herrick Reynolds, 18075 3rd Ave N, Plymouth MN 55447, 763-476-0612, Reyno23@aol.com

5-9 October 2005

“Genealogy Yesterday & Today”

40th Anniversary Fall Conference

Iowa Genealogical Society

Best Western Des Moines North, Johnston, Iowa.

Featured speakers are Megan Smolenyak and Jim Beidler who will be covering such topics as rescuing orphan photos, Eastern European research, DNA testing, Pennsylvania roots and resources, and German migration routes. Info: www.iowagenealogy.org

13 October 2005

Kansas Genealogical Society

Dodge City, Kansas

Laura L. Reichert from Cedar Rapids, Iowa presents “Introduction to Iowa Research,” “Introduction to Nebraska Research,” and “Overcoming Obstacles Unique to Research in the New England States.”

Info: www.dodgecity.net/kgs/

15 October 2005

Fall Seminar

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk

Neenah, Wisconsin

Featuring Pamela Boyer Porter, CGRS, CGL, Researcher, Author, Lecturer and Lori Bessler, Wisconsin Historical Society Microforms Librarian. Info: www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/meetings.htm, wsgs@chorus.net or Seminar List, WSGS, P.O. Box 5106, Madison, WI 53705-0106

15 October 2005

Fall Conference “Building Family Bridges: Linking the Present to the Past”

Illinois State Genealogical Society

Itasca, Illinois

Speakers include Tony Burroughs, Maureen Brady, Jeff Bockman, Brother Joseph Martin, Craig Pfannkuche, Helen Sclair, Jack Simpson, and CAGG-NI (Computer-Assisted Genealogy Group of Northern Illinois). Vendors will offer their genealogical products. Info: www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/

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MGS Web Site

mngs.org

What's New?

Catholic Church Records for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Excerpts from the Archdiocese library catalog. Some of these items are available at the MGS Library.

Lost Minnesota Photos

See photos sent to MGS that are identified as having a Minnesota connection. Do you recognize any of the names or faces?

Visitor Statistics

2004

	Page views	Visitors	Pages per visitor
Jan	3650	11852	3.2
Feb	3042	8693	2.9
Mar	3706	10949	3.0
Apr	2603	8293	3.2
May	2863	8231	2.9
June	3069	8488	2.8

2005

	Page views	Visitors	Pages Per visitor
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Mar	4940	11038	2.2
Apr	3917	8316	2.2
May	3986	9166	2.3
June	3711	8632	2.3

Most Popular Operating Systems

NetBSD	1
FreeBSD	2
Windows CE	2
Windows 2000	12
Linux	196
WebTV	263
Windows 95	1927
MacOS	6783
Windows 98	31740
Windows NT	73294

MGS & Branch Calendar

CALENDAR

*Meeting held at location other than the MGS Library

2005

- 19-21 Aug *FEEFHS Conference 8 a.m.
- 23 Aug *Research Study Group 7 p.m.
- 23 Aug Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Aug- 5 Sept State Fair MGS Library closed
- 27 Aug Irish Genealogical Society 9 a.m.
- 27 Aug Yankee Genealogical Society 1 p.m.
- 31 Aug Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
- 10 Sept Polish Genealogical Society of MN ... 10 a.m.
- 10 Sept Writing Group 1 p.m.
- 17 Sept MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
- 24 Sept *MGS Quarterly Meeting Library Closed
- 26 Sept *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
- 27 Sept. Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Sept Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
- 1 Oct MGS Newsletter deadline
- 6 Oct Germanic Genealogical Society 7 p.m.
- 8 Oct Polish Genealogical Society of MN 10 a.m.
- 8 Oct Writing Group 1 p.m.
- 15 Oct *Swedish Genealogical Society 1 p.m.
- 18 Oct Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
- 22 Oct Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
- 24 Oct *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
- 25 Oct Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Oct Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.

- 12 Nov Polish Genealogical Society of MN 10 a.m.
- 12 Dec Writing Group 1 p.m.
- 19 Nov MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
- 19 Nov Irish Genealogical Society 9 a.m.
- 22-26 Nov Holiday MGS Library closed
- 26 Nov Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Nov *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
- 30 Nov Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
- 1 Dec Germanic Genealogical Society 7 p.m.
- 3 Dec *MGS Quarterly Meeting Library Closed
- 6-31 Dec Holiday MGS Library closed
- 10 Dec Writing Group 1 p.m.
- 28 Dec Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.

2006

- 14 Jan Writing Group 1 p.m.
 - 17 Jan Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
 - 23 Jan *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 - 24 Jan Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
 - 25 Jan Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
 - 28 Jan Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
- See the MGS web site for the most up-to-date calendar.

The MGS Library lower-level meeting rooms are accessible by elevator.



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