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News, Notes & Notions

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Branching Out Seminar Successful

I want to thank MGS program chair, Wesley Waring, and branch council members for their great work in conducting our spring *branching out* seminar in Woodbury on the third Saturday in March. The active participation of the various branches in the seminar on *Traveling for Genealogy and Preparing for the Trip* made for informative and interesting sessions. We were successful in having sessions that members attended, regardless of the ethnic or national focus of their genealogical research. We accomplished a key goal in that we got us out of our branch silos for a day. Folks even stayed for the last sessions of the day, which is always a very good sign! We look forward to a repeat performance next year.

“Immigration and Naturalization Records Online”

Keynote Speaker
 Rick Crume

Saturday, 18 June 2005



Greater Minnesota Meeting

Co-sponsored by the Stevens County Genealogical Society and the Stevens County Historical Society

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, with coffee and rolls
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:15 a.m. Keynote Address
- 10:30 a.m. Break with refreshments
- 11:00 a.m. Breakout session #1
- 12:00 noon Lunch Break
- 1:30 p.m. Breakout Session #2
- 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session #3

Keynote Address

Immigration and Naturalization Records Online

Rick Crume

The World Wide Web now has not only guides to genealogy research, but also indexes, abstracts and even digital images of original documents. This presentation will point you to the best immigration and

naturalization records online and on CDROM and give you tips for using them effectively.

Rick Crume is a contributing editor for Family Tree Magazine, a former columnist for the National Genealogical Society's NGS NewsMagazine and the author of *Plugging Into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online*.

Breakout Sessions

Basic Beginning Genealogy

Learning the “basics” of genealogy research can save you many hours in the quest for your ancestors. There are some records to search as you get started that can save you hours of work and much guessing. More information can be gathered the first time by following a few simple rules

Daughters of the American Revolution: Living Historical Preservation

How the DAR promotes historical preservation by acquiring documentation on the patriotic foundation of the United States. Topics include the application process, use of the DAR Library and archives and becoming a member of the DAR.

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MGS-MHS Workshop Hits the Mark

Praise and gratitude also go to Kathie Otto of the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) and MGS education chair, Pat Tupper, for a most successful workshop on *Discovering Your Family History* on the third Saturday in April. The workshop was a joint MGS-MHS venture with a sold-out house with walk-ins appearing the day of the event at the Minnesota History Center in Saint Paul. Ms. Otto is also a MGS director and chairs our

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MGS Newsletter

Newsletter for the
Minnesota Genealogical Society

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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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Mary Kaye Brown is National Vice Chairman of Chapter Development-Genealogy NSDAR.

Census – U.S. & State – How To Get The Most Out Of Them!

Beth Mullinax

Census Records are the most important and most accessible records that we have for researching our ancestors. It is surprising the number of people who have researched for years, but have yet to search ALL the census, both the U.S. and the State. There are all kinds of information to be found on the census besides the usual family members, their ages and

place of birth. You might even find the answer to your “brick wall.”

Beth has been doing genealogy for 25 years. She has given numerous classes during this time and after working with people in classes and at the MGS Library, she was surprised at the number of researchers who had not done any, or only a few, of the U.S. and States’ census records. These are one of the most useful and most accessible sources available to us and the most underused.

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 tips for locating the best camera for your research. Software, hardware, file and time management will be also be covered. Ms. Didreckson will also share her experiences, with a digital Nikon 995 on a two week long research trips, that gathered over 4000 various types of images.

Tina Didreckson, author, lecturer, aspiring professional genealogist, and freelance research and technical assistant/consultant. Ms. Didreckson is a past presenter at MGS, the Stevens County Genealogical Society, Essex County (NY) Historical Society, and the Ohio Genealogical Society’s 200 Years of Heritage conference.

Resources at the Minnesota Historical Society

Kathryn Otto

This session will describe the depth and variety of materials in the Minnesota Historical Society Library, take a special look at the genealogical materials available, peruse what’s available on their website, and let you know what’s new and what’s coming soon.

Kathryn Otto is the Head of Reference for the Minnesota Historical Society Library. Although a Minnesota native, Kathie has only been with the Minnesota Historical Society for 3 1/2 years. She has worked as an archivist or librar-

ian for the Wisconsin Historical Society, the South Dakota Historical Society, the Montana Historical Society, and the University of Kansas.

Historical and Genealogical Society Collections

Tami Plank and Beth Mullinax

Genealogical and Historical Societies, great and small, have astonishing collections of genealogically significant items. Visiting them can be costly, frustrating and time consuming but Beth Mullinax of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and Tami K. Plank of the Stevens County Museum & Historical Society, will both present compelling reasons why these collections should not be missed.

Tami K. Plank, Stevens County Museum and Historical Society Historian/Researcher has worked extensively with genealogists, historians, and writers. Being a first-generation American, her personal interest in family history lies in the post-migration era of family members. Tami is currently completing her Masters Degree in Public History at St. Cloud State University.

Family History Treasures Await You at the Courthouse

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

Practical tips for success at the courthouse, and examples of the treasures uncovered by effective searches.

Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D. and Distinguished Research Professor of History, University of Minnesota-Morris. He has lectured extensively and is author or editor of 25 genealogical or historical books. He serves as a Director, Minnesota Genealogical Society; as Associate Editor of Minnesota Genealogist; and as columnist for NGS News Magazine.

Using the Internet to “Frame Up” a U.S. Family Line

Dixie Hansen

You don’t know much...but you want to get a start on one of those peripheral families that insects your central lines.

With a minimum of information—a name or two, a date, a place what can you learn (or, more accurately, hypothesize) without leaving your chair? This lecture ISN'T about “fleshing out” a family (though you'll want to do that later), nor does it follow the time-honored genealogical tradition of “starting at home with what you know.” It's a cruder technique of attempting to build a rough family structure from the sources at hand and (if you're lucky) maybe even putting a roof on it! We'll be using everyday genealogical websites you've probably used before—but in attack mode! You won't succeed every time, and some of those walls you build will have to come back down...but often you can make real progress and have fun doing it.

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.

Location

Stevens County Historical Society

116 west 6th Street, Morris MN

Highway 9 (Atlantic Street) goes through Morris. On Highway 9, go to West 6th Street and then 3 blocks west to the historical society building. Seventh street has a stop light and sixth does not.

Registration

Registration is \$12 in advance or at the door. The pre-registration deadline is 12 June. A boxed lunch option is available to pre-registrants.

Boxed Lunches

Boxed lunches will be available for pre-registrants for \$6.50. The pre-registration deadline is 12 June. The lunch will include a sandwich (with a choice of turkey, beef, or ham), potato salad, cole slaw, and a dessert.

Lodging

Information about area motels is available from the Morris Area Chamber of Commerce, 507 Atlantic Avenue; Morris, MN 56267, phone: 320-589-1242; www.morrismnchamber.org.

Vendor Tables

Tables will be available for vendors who wish to display genealogically related material. Tables must be reserved by 12 June. One table will be free to each non-profit historical or genealogically related group. Additional tables and tables for other groups will be \$8 each. County Genealogical and Historical Societies, as well as MGS Branches are encouraged to reserve a table and answer questions, sell publications, and distribute literature. Literature can also be made available on the free handout table even if your society isn't present. To reserve tables, contact Wesley Waring, 763-494-3277, weslwarig@cs.com, or write to the Minnesota Genealogical Society, in care of the Program Committee, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley MN 55422.

MGS Greater Minnesota Meeting 2005

Pre-Registration

Registration Fee: \$12.00 MGS Members/Nonmembers, Box Lunch: \$6.50 per person

Saturday, 18 June 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 (\$12.00 each) Optional Box Lunch (\$6.50 each) Total Enclosed

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

Pre-Registration Deadline 12 June 2005

Resources for Research in Morris and Stevens County

West Central Minnesota Historical Research Center

Room 110

Rodney A. Briggs Library

University of Minnesota, Morris

Director: Stephen Gross

Email: wcmhc@cda.morris.umn.edu

Website: www.morris.umn.edu/academic/history/wchrc/

Library hours: 8:00 a.m.-midnight M-Th, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. F, 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Sa, noon-midnight Su.

The WCHRC contains materials from the greater west central Minnesota region. Counties represented in the collection include Big Stone, Chippewa, Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Swift, and Traverse. Materials include oral histories, business and cooperative records, personal papers and government and institutional documents.

Stevens County Historical Society

116 West 6th Street

Morris, MN 56267

Director: Randee Hokanson

320-589-1719

Email: carnegiemus@hometownsolutions.net

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F, Sa 1-4 p.m.

Stevens County Genealogical Society

Stevens County Genealogical Society

C/o Morris Public Library

102 East Sixth Street

Morris, MN 56267

Morris Public Library

102 East 6th Street

Morris, MN 56267

320-589-1634

Hours: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. M-TH, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. F-Sa

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committee endeavoring to increase both organizations' engagement with the Greater Minnesota societies. MGS director Tom Rice was half the program with a full day on land transactions and records. Last year MHS conducted the workshop alone and this year asked MGS to co-sponsor. We appreciate the opportunity and look forward to next spring's workshop.

Folks Rejuvenating MGS

Over the past few weeks, we have successfully launched anew three committees to address important and pressing issues.

- The one with the most details to sort out is the **property** committee, chaired by MGS second vice president, Kent Driessen. We have a good crew for this one, but others are welcomed and cordially invited to share the work, too. Meeting times and places will be posted on the MGS website and notice will be given via email to those for whom we have an email address on record. Expect the initial meeting to be held during the coming summer. The landlord tells me the property we currently rent will be on the market in 2007. In the meantime, we will be doing some serious planning to meet our needs.
- The **library** committee faces similar challenges, since we are fast running out of space to house the collections. Concurrently, the committee needs to review and act to improve current policies and practices in the overall operation of the library. Long and short-term staffing and training, along with equipment and furnish-

ings, are also on the list. To sign on, send me an email, please.

- To sign on to the **publications** committee, do the same. It is time that we renew and grow our publishing efforts and examine the potential presented in the daily evolution of media. Publications are for some societies an important source of revenue. We are intent on completing the staffing for the **Minnesota Genealogist**, establishing production and other guidelines for new publications, designing effective library promotional literature, and vending the plat books and other publications we have on hand.

Marketing Bonanza

Courtesy of Kathy Sullivan and the Irish Genealogical Society International to whom we express our gratitude, MGS and its marketing committee now have a substantial listing of newspapers, societies, and other organizations that brought folks from throughout Minnesota and surrounding states to the Irish genealogical conference held in Anoka last year. **Please note:** They have never been charged a cent by the media for running their announcements and notices. (A substantial number of the conference offerings were on basic genealogy.) Receiving this information means a lot of work has been done for us. All we have to do is learn how and when to manipulate and use this information to our marketing advantage. While a few of the fax numbers and email addresses may have changed since last autumn, we have the marketing capacity to get the word out on all our seminars, workshops, meetings, and

other events in a timely fashion. This is a gift and we will use it well.

Library Volunteers Sought

Jean Jensen wants to hear from you. In fact, she would like for you to tell her you will volunteer at the MGS library. Training is available for all library volunteers. In the meantime, call Ms. Jensen at 763-595-9347 to sign up.

Member Surveys via Email and Snail Mail on Library and Property Issues

We would like to hear from you *within a few days of your reading this newsletter*, either by email to me or to the society at the address appearing as the return address for this newsletter. Please mark your envelope to the attention of John Mercer. Thank you.

- **Library.** Tell us your issues, concerns, wishes, and—especially—suggestions relating to the operational policies and procedures for the library and the equipment and furnishings that you see as necessary to improving your library visits. Whatever you have to tell us, please write it down and send it to us.
- **Property.** The same goes for the location and nature of the MGS library and office. What are your concerns and issues regarding the location and physical facilities of the library and office? What are your suggestions on how we might address your concerns?

Upcoming Election of Officers and Directors

Very soon we will be electing officers and directors for 2006. If you are interested in serving, let me know at mgs@mercermercer.com.

Note especially that our *secretary* and *treasurer* are looking forward to retirement come the annual meeting in September but so are some *directors*. Now is your opportunity to step up to the plate. Please do—and let me know soon! Thank you.

Newsletter Editor Sought

We are looking for a new editor for *Minnesota Families*, the MGS newsletter, with the job starting at the end of this year. After ten years on the job, Paula Goblirsch wants to do something else with her time. If you want to learn more about the position, please contact her at paulagoblirsch@gmail.com.

Time to Recognize Folks for Service to MGS and Minnesota Genealogy

Do you know of some folks who have made a sustained and meaningful contribution to MGS? Of course you do. Now is the time to tell their names and the awards for which you think they should be considered. An email or note to me, delivered to the MGS library, will do just fine,

Be sure to tell the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the persons you are submitting for nomination and the contributions they have made to the society. **The 2005 deadline is 2 July** for presentation at our annual meeting come September. Don't forget to tell us who you are and how to reach you by telephone and email. Thank you.

The MGS handbook lays out the awards in this fashion:

- **Honored Life Member**, for contributions that had a major and lasting impact on the accomplishment of society objectives.

- **Distinguished Service Award**, for outstanding service of not less than five years of sustained contributions that are of significant and long-term benefit to the society.
- **Fellow**, for outstanding service of not less than three years of sustained contributions that are of significant and long-term benefit to the society.
- **Award of Merit**, to an individual, group, or organization, for distinguished accomplishments advancing Minnesota genealogy.
- **Certificate of Appreciation**, to any individual, group, or organization, especially MGS volunteers and donors, for significant contributions in any particular year.

Indexer

Ms. Goblirsch is also the person to contact if you are willing to consider serving as the indexer for our journal, *Minnesota Genealogist*. Filling this post is another step as we endeavor to streamline the production of the journal.

Fund Committee

The fund committee is off to a good start in planning our 2005 annual campaign. Three members are not exactly enough to make it work, so we are requesting that you help us out. Fundraising can be labor intensive. Your doing some of the work as the campaign comes together will make it a more successful and pleasant time for all. Call MGS first vice president and committee chair, Roderick MacRae, at 612-377-0130 or 612-209-6819 to talk things over and learn how you can make a difference.

2005 in 2005 Membership Campaign

MGS second vice president and *membership* committee chair, Kent Driessen, urgently needs a few volunteers to wage our membership campaign this year. The board decided at its March 2005 meeting to offer a special rate of \$20 for one year for new members recruited during 2005. We expect new 2005 members to renew come 2006. We ask that you please act on the campaign slogan today: **2005 in 2005. Members that it! Recruit one for MGS today.** A handy form for you to use in signing up your new member is on page 6 of this newsletter.

MGS Website Report
2005 1st Quarter Report

Jim Robasse

MGS Website Visitors:

January - 5318 visitors viewing 14098 pages (2.7 pages per visitor)

February - 4508 visitors viewing 11499 pages (2.6 pages per visitor)

March - 4940 visitors viewing 11038 pages (2.2 pages per visitor)

Email Messages:

Currently 734 email addresses

Cash Donations to MGS

MGS received a cash donation from Mary Corcoran in February 2005.

Obituaries for the Minnesota Genealogist

We are still accepting obituaries for the Minnesota Genealogist. In order to print them, we need to know the name of the newspaper in which they were printed, the date they were printed, and your name. If you already sent us an obituary, and neglected to include any of that information, please send it to Paula Goblirsch, paulagoblirsch@gmail.com or 651-227-4523.

We received a newspaper article entitled "Cracked, broken stones are the only record of some early pioneers." "Lyon County, Minnesota" is written on the first page. Unfortunately the clipping was separated from the envelope in came in and we don't know who submitted. Please let us know who you are. You can also contact John Mercer, 651-493-2240 or mgs@mercermercer.com.

Future Meetings

Saturday, 24 September 2005

Annual Seminar

Speaker: Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, MA, MS, FNGS, head of Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library

Saturday, 3 December 2005

Winter Meeting

Fort Snelling Auditorium

Saturday, 25 March 2006

Saturday, 17 June 2006

Saturday, 23 September 2006

Saturday, 2 December 2006

**2005 in 2005—Members that is
Recruit one for MGS today!**

New Member _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Sponsor _____ Member No. _____ Date _____

Special first year sponsored annual price \$20.00
Annual Membership regular \$30.00

Please leave this form at the front desk or Mail in to:

Minnesota Genealogical Society
5768 Olson Memorial Highway
Golden Valley, MN 55422-5014

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/~mnmgscig/

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/Metís Genealogical Society

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

Indian and Metís, 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: Nancy Grell, 763-525-1463

Web site: www.rootsweb.com/~irish

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

Library catalog: www.rootsweb.com/~irish/library/lib_card_cat.htm

Meetings in 2005: 9 a.m. on 21 May, 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/~mnogsm/

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/~mnpgrm/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.et
or Dee Kleinow,
deeswede@Comcast.net

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

Meetings in 2005: 1 p.m., Saturdays,
11 June, 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
j1carr@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., 7 May, 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 Genea-
logical 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

Germanic Genealogical Society

19-21 August 2005

FEEFHS 11th International Convention
“Dare to Discover: Exploring Central
and Eastern European Ancestry”

The Germanic Genealogy Society and
the Society for German Genealogy in
Eastern Europe (SGGEE) are the con-
ference co-sponsors.

Plan now to participate in this exciting
FEEFHS family history convention at
the Four Points by Sheraton in St. Paul,
Minnesota. Nearby is the Minnesota
History Center, the University of Min-
nesota Wilson Library and Immigration
History Research Center. The Germanic
Genealogy Society collection at
Concordia University Library and Mid-
way Shopping Mall are within two
blocks of the Sheraton.

The conference will feature presentations
representing the wide range of ethnic
heritage found in Minnesota and the
Midwest.

Four Points by Sheraton St. Paul/Capi-
tol

400 North Hamline Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota 55104

www.fourpoints.com/stpaul

For reservations call: 651-603-5603 or
800-535-2339. Mention “FEEFHS” to
get special convention rate.

Convention updates will be posted on
the GGS website at

www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html
and on the FEEFHS website at
www.feefhs.org

Irish Genealogical Society

Saturday, 21 May 2005

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

MGS Library lower level meeting room.
Suggested donation: \$25 or \$20 for IGSI
members.

Dr. Brian Trainor and Mr. Fintan Mullan
of the Ulster Historical Foundation will
present an all day workshop. The session
will include research methods and re-
sources for all of Ireland, including
records available for Irish and Scots-Irish
research and how they can be used. Top-
ics will include computer developments
in Irish Genealogy and how various com-
puter databases and CDROMs can be
used as research tools.

Dr. Trainor is the research director of
Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF).
He was director of the Public Records
Office of Northern Ireland and Chair-
man of the Irish Manuscripts Commis-
sion. He has held a lecturing post in his-
tory at Queen’s University and a fellow-
ship with the Institute of Historical Re-
search.

Fintan Mullan is the Executive Director
of Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF)
where he has served for nine years. He is
a director of Irish Genealogy Limited and
the Irish Family History Foundation,
and is a committee member of the
Northern Ireland Publications Resource
(NIPR).

Private 20-minute consultations will be
available for \$35. Prior contact with
UHF is necessary. To request the UHF

consultation and preliminary assessment, go to www.ancestryireland.co.uk/research.php.

Box lunches will be available for purchase or bring a bag lunch. Drinks provided.

www.rootsweb.com/~irish for directions and more information. Or call Colleen, 651-641-0583.

Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota

All meetings 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the lower-level meeting room of the MGS Library.

24 May – Paul C. Nagel will speak about German migration to the U.S., and particularly to Missouri. He will describe the research for his recent book about German immigrants. He will talk particularly about his ancestors' experiences. His wife, Joan Peterson Nagel, a genealogist, will assist him in fielding questions about genealogical investigation.

28 June – A Kreis meeting. Plan to bring your materials about your county and share your research with others working on the same county.

26 July – Zella Mirick will talk about Pomeranian sources for research including: Ortssippenbuch – Village family book; Der Schlüssel–Series of German books indexing genealogical periodicals; Die Quellenschau für Familienforscher–The sources for family researchers.

Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

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

11 June 2005

Speaker: Professor Roland Thorstensson, Gustavus Adolphus College. He will relate memories of his home area in Kronoberg Län, Småland, Sweden.

15 October 2005

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

Classes

Genealogy Classes at MGS Library

Pat Tupper

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The Education committee is pleased to announce the first two beginning-intermediate level classes to be held at the MGS library.

The classes are scheduled the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month from 7-9:30. They will provide both instruc-

tion time and time for use of MGS library materials.

There will be a \$5.00 charge for handouts. Use of the library that evening will be free.

11 May 2005

7-9:30 p.m.

This class will concentrate on the use of the census as the primary research tool. We will stress the difference between CDROM and census microfilm searching, provide tips, techniques, and some of the pitfalls created by both. We will also identify metro area holders of various censuses.

8 June 2005

7-9:30 p.m.

This class will focus on the various types of genealogical periodicals and ways to utilize them in your search. We will cover PERSI and provide practice time for both the print and computer version.



Have you researched your family's history, but not gotten around to writing it yet? I can help turn your research into the family history you have been working toward.

I am a memoir writer who can do the tasks you have no time, or interest, for — drafting a history from your records and stories, editing what you have written, making suggestions about format and style. What I write will be yours, both the disc and print versions and any copyrights.

Don't put off writing until you have finished that last bit of research. We can start now and get it done. An addendum may always be added if new information is found.

Prices are reasonable and based upon time spent.


Susan Sternfels
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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:

26-30 May	Holiday
18 June	Quarterly Meeting
28 June-4 July	Holiday
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.

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.

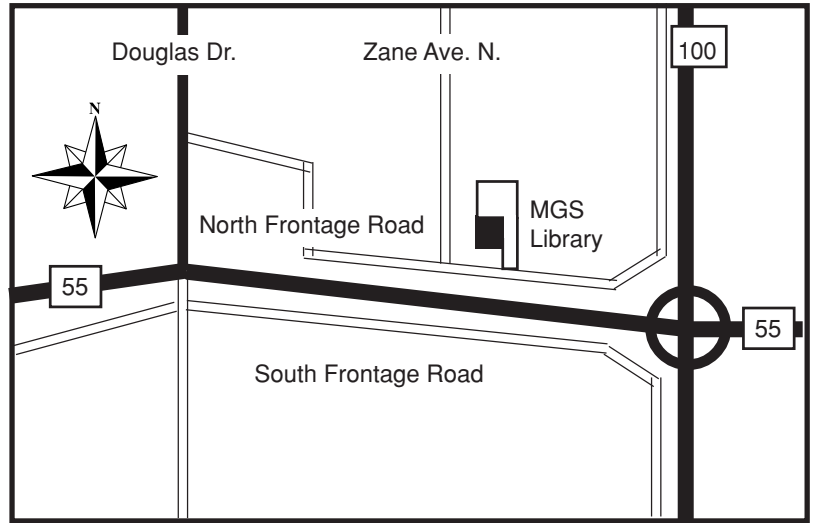
If you are interested in volunteering at the library, contact Jean Jensen, 952-890-6520 at home, or at the MGS Library on Wednesday or Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Current Volunteers

Thank you to the people who volunteered in August, September and October.

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The following individuals and groups made donations to the MGS Library during January, February, and March 2005 Thank you!

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

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January, February, March 2005

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- FH.C155.Cro Crowdell Family Tree 1820-1994.
- FH.C156.Car Cartwright, Floyd S. Ester's pioneer Stories.
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- FH.F074.Dub Duba, Doreen E. The Forman Family.
- FH.Gen.059.Sur Surname Search. Essex Society of Genealogists of Massachusetts.
- FH.J044.Joh Johnson, Harvey R. A Lifetime of Memories.
- FH.L115.Buc Bucknum, Shirley (McElroy). 1981 Revised Edition the Lanphere Family Research Aid.
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- FH.M189.Mik Mikkelsen, David Lang. Looking Into a Mirror. A Story of Our Lang-Mikkelsen Danish Heritage.
- FH.M190.McE McElwain, Wilbur J. A Documentary and Genealogical History of the Family of Andrew McElwain and Mary Mickey of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
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- FH.Z008.1.Zab Zabokrtsky, Gary Mitchel. Zabokrtsky Family Tree.
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- FH.Z011.Bun Bunnelle, Phyllis. The Three Scheinost Brothers Joe, Charles, Frank Marry Three Zoubeck Sisters Katie, Anna, Josie.

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- Frgn.Eng.292 Raymond, Stuart A. War Memorials on the Web. Pt. 1 Southern England, The Marches and Wales. Pt. 2 The Midlands, Northern England, and East Anglia.
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- Frgn.Eng.294.Ray Raymond, Stuart A. Tracing Your Twentieth Century Family History.
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- Frgn.IR.E032 Trant, Kathy. The Blessington Estate 1667-1908.
- Frgn.IR.F037 Mann, Janet Towey. Toohey-Toohey-Toey-Tooey-Touhy-Touhey-Surnames Found on Ellis Island Records.
- Frgn.IR.F038 Lyons, Capt. W. F. Brigadier-General Thomas Francis Meagher: His Political and Military Career.
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- Frgn.IR.G107 O'Mahoney, S. C., Ph.D. The Poor Law Records of Counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary.
- Frgn.IR.H565 O'Brien, William. Ross Island Mining, Metal and Society in Early Ireland.
- Frgn.IR.H566 Edwards, Ruth Dudley. An Atlas of Irish History.
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- Frgn.Nor.121.Gou Gourley, Deb Nelson. Astri, My Astri: Norwegian Heritage Stories.
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- MN.Gen.027 Pope, Wiley R. Tracing Your Ancestors sin Minnesota Volume 1. Third Edition.
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- MN.Gen.389.Rad Radzilowski, John. Poles in Minnesota.
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- US.PA.107.Humphrey, John T. Pennsylvania Births Philadelphia County V. 1 1644-1765, V.2. 1766-1780.
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On the Shelf

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Map MN M-8 002 Belle Prairie NW, Minnesota Sheet 7176 III NW : Washington, DC : U. S. Arm Map Service,

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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 \$7 (\$5 for MHS members) unless otherwise noted.

I'm New Here: Introducing the Library

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

21 May

4, 11, 18, 25 June

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July

6, 13, 20, 27 August

10, 17, 24 September

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October

5, 12, 19, 26 November

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 December

Out & About Researching

Allan Weinand

Some of my most valuable family research discoveries have come from individuals who have taken the time to share their resources and ideas. I wanted to share a few of my recent research finds in hopes that it may help provide resources and ideas for your family history work.

Wright County Historical Society

2001 Highway 25 North

Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

763-682-7323

(Located at the Wright County Heritage Center)

If you research finds you have family connections in Wright County or Northwestern Hennepin County you will find the Wright County Historical Society library a valuable resource. In addition to the many Wright County historical documents, they have many other valuable family research documents including:

1. A large library of donated Wright County family books. Family history books completed by families with connections to Wright and surrounding Counties.
2. Church records (micro film) for many Wright County Churches and a few from Northern Hennepin County churches.
3. Family name files that has clips of information from local papers and related resources that are filed by surname.
4. Great volunteer staff that are knowledgeable in the library's resources and willing to help you.

Most of the microfilm machines allow you to view and copy at the same time.

A couple of my great finds at the Wright County Historical Society:

- Church records and a Church Member census for St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael, Wright

County, Minnesota and Church records for St. Jeannie - French Catholic Church Corcoran, Hennepin County, MN. The church records were on microfilm and included the original records for baptisms, marriages and deaths from the founding of the churches in about the mid 1850's through 1930's.

Betty Dirks one of the volunteer staff working at the library the day I was doing my research asked about my research and recalled they also had a **1895 St. Michael Catholic Church Member Census**. The census was an interview with each family member of the church and recorded: all family member's names and birth dates, parents birth locations (city and country of birth), when and where they immigrated to America, when they came to Minnesota, spouse's maiden name and a list of all children born to the couple with their birth dates.

My Great Great Great Grandmother was still living in 1895 (88 years old) she was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and was interviewed for the church census. She was the mother from the original Weinand family I am researching that came from Steinsel, Luxemburg in 1852. The information confirmed all of the research I had previously documented - but to have it recorded from her own story - was a wonderful find!! The information is in Latin and Betty was helpful in translation.

- I also found a family history book that had a Weinand daughter-wedding picture from the late 1800's.

The Wright County Historical Society Library is open most weekdays year round and also Saturdays in the summer. Be sure to call before you go to make sure they are open. They are also in the process of establishing a web site at www.wrighthistory.org—should be up soon.

The next time you are researching

church records ask if there was ever a church member census completed. I understand that a number of old churches (not all) completed church member censuses in the early years of the church.

Internet Finds:

My Internet family research has helped me to find a number of important documents that I otherwise may not found or knew existed. I want to clarify that I use my research internet to supplement not replace my "in-person" research.

A web site I found extremely helpful is called "Washington County, Wisconsin—Genealogy" created by John Von Haden. The site can be found at:

www.washcowis.com

The site includes historical information on churches, cemeteries, church records and surnames (family group sheets) for **Washington, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Waukesha Counties**. You can find directions to cemeteries and churches in the area, historical descriptions and books about local churches, order family group sheets, church records and much, much, more.

John's has an extensive genealogy research background. He recently presented at the National Genealogy conference on: "Catholic Immigration Patterns from the Rheinland". His web site data is from over 25 years of extensive research (marriage & death certificates, court records, church death, cemetery records, etc.) on this part of Wisconsin (eastern) where many Belgium, Luxembourgers, Germans, Irish and other newly arrived immigrants started their new lives in America. He has also done research through Latter Day Saints records and research in Europe and published numerous historical Catholic Church books on churches in Eastern Wisconsin. Not only might you find records you also can find historical descriptions of churches and locations.

How did this site help me? My Weinand family from Steinsel, Luxemburg came into Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, as did many of the Luxembourg and Belgium families at that time. They arrived in Wis-

consin in 1852 and left for Minnesota in 1856. Even though I had documentation of the family arriving in 1852 (ship records) and being in Wisconsin until approximately 1856 when they came to Minnesota (1857 Minnesota Territory census, Hennepin County History – Peter Weinand). I had no documentation of their actual four-year stay in Wisconsin. However, I was aware that the oldest Weinand child in the family - married a Martin Delles and they had their first two children in Wisconsin during these four years.

From this site I was able to get a copy of the actual church records that included Susanna Weinand's marriage to Martin Delles and the baptism of their first two children. For \$30.00 I received a copy of all three church documents (in Latin) with a translation on the back. Mr. Von Hayden was helpful in answering follow-up questions I had regarding church location and related questions.

Now I actually have documentation of the families four year stay in Wisconsin and I didn't have to go to Wisconsin to track it down. I still want to go to Ozaukee County to visit the church site and Port Washington where most of the Luxembourg immigrants arrived from New York.

I found this site by accident. After extensive internet research for Ozaukee County, and surrounding areas, historical sites, etc. I found a number of sites for local historical centers, libraries, churches but none of these sites offered online records or related documents. In the end I just typed Susanna Weinand Delles Wisconsin into my Yahoo search and because the Weinand Delles name was on this site the link was in the list of sites. I was lucky!

I hope these resources provided you with some ideas and suggestions of materials to look for or ask about when you are doing your family research.

Good luck with all of your family research! Allan Weinand

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Events & Meetings

14 May 2005

Seminar

Naturalization and Ship Passenger List Records

Oakdale Family History Center

2140 North Hadley

Oakdale, Minnesota

9:00 a.m.

Janie Puckett shares information on tracking our ancestors from ship passenger lists and naturalization records. Included in the general information is her own personal journey of finding one of her very own ancestors by this process. There is no charge for the seminar and no registration is required. Info: jmlarsen@aol.com or 651-770-3213.

17 May 2005

Annual Meeting

St. Cloud Area Genealogists, Inc.

Stearns History Museum

235 33rd Ave. So.

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Speaker: Paula Stuart Warren. Topic: The Basics and Beyond: Getting the most out of census record. Info: www.rootsweb.com/~mnsacg/SCAG/Index.htm

19-22 May 2005

Conference in the States

National Genealogical Society

Sacramento, California

Keynote speakers: Dr. Tukufu Zuberi, sleuth for the PBS series History Detectives, is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Afro-American Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He has written more than 35 scholarly articles. John Philip Colletta, Ph.D., a faculty member of IGHR and the Salt Lake Institute, conducts workshops at the National Archives, teaches courses at Washington, D.C. area universities, and lectures nationally. Info: www.eshow2000.com/ngs/; conference@ngsgenealogy.org; NGS,

4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399; 800/473-0060 ext. 112

20-21 May 2005

My Ancestors

Family History Fair

Crystal Inn, 230 West 500 South

Salt Lake City, Utah

The Family History Fair offers a variety of classes to choose from, as well as vendors and products to enhance your adventures in family history. Info: www.myancestorsfound.com.

24 May 2005

Topeka Genealogical Society

32nd Annual Genealogy Conference

Topeka, Kansas

Featured speaker: Lloyd deWitt Bockstruck. Info: 785-233-5762; library@tgstopeka.org; www.tgstopeka.org

27-29 May 2005

Annual Seminar

“Cross Border Heritage”

Ontario Genealogical Society

Windsor, Ontario (across the border from Detroit)

Info: www.ogsseminar.org.

1-4 June 2005

27th Annual Conference in the States

National Genealogical Society and GENTECH 2005

Nashville, Tennessee

Info: www.eshow2000.com/ngs/

9-11 June 2005

30th Annual Conference

Researching Your German-Speaking Ancestors

Palatines to America

Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Topics: Murphy's Laws, Myers Orts, German Script, Atlantic Bridge, Internet, German Archives, and much more. Info: RalphKroehler@prodigy.net or Ralph & Marge Kroehler, 6910 N.

Rockvale, Peoria, IL 61614; www.palam.org

10-14 July 2005

11th Annual Genealogical Institute of Mid America (GIMA)

Illinois State Genealogical Society

University of Illinois-Springfield

Springfield, Illinois

There will be four separate four day lecture series, presented by the

following instructors: Michael John Neill (Across the Atlantic – European Research After 1840), Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Research in Action), Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck (Bridging the Atlantic, 1640 – 1861), Pamela Boyer Porter (Computer Resources in Research)

Info: www.rootsweb.com/%7Eilsgs/gima/ANNFLY2005B.htm or

www.rootdig.com/gima.tml

10-16 July 2005

National Institute on Genealogical Research

National Archive

Washington, D.C.

The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) offers on-site and in-depth examination of the common and less-known federal records there. This intensive week-long study opportunity is for experienced genealogists and also for archivists, historians and librarians interested in using federal records for genealogical research. It is not an introductory course in genealogy. Info: www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/; email NatInsGen@juno.com; or write to NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703-0724.

26-29 July 2005

“Building A Lasting Legacy”

37th Annual BYU Genealogy & Family History Conference

BYU Conference Center

Provo, Utah

Info: www.byu.edu/cw/cwgen/

7 August 2005

Annual Midwest Burgland Picnic
Trapp Family Park
Eagan, Minnesota
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is the annual picnic for descendants of immigrants from the Burgland area of Austria. Info: Kathy Middendorf, 320-836-2210 or mkmidden@albanytel.com

12-13 August 2005

Annual Conference
Missouri State Genealogical Association
Holiday Inn Select Executive Center
Columbia, Missouri

Keynote speaker: Cyndi Howells, creator and webmaster of Cyndi's List. Workshops will cover cemetery research and use of photographs in family history. Eight supporting speakers will deal with various topics, including writing your family history, DNA and genealogy, research in newspapers and church records, and Missouri as a base for westward migration. Info: mosga.missouri.org

13-21 August 2005

Reunion for Descendants from Red River Settlement and Lower Fort Garry
The Lower Fort Garry Volunteer Association is planning a reunion of the descendants of HBC employees and settlers from the Red River Settlement and Lower Fort Garry. This will be part of the celebrations of the 175th anniversary of Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site during 2005-2006. Info: Committee Chair, Barbara Gessner, Box 394, Selkirk, MB R1A 2B1, rrrreunion@3web.net, www.redriverdescendantsreunion.org

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

Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies
11th International Conference
Four Points Sheraton, 400 North Hamline Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Theme: "Dare to Discover: Exploring Central and Eastern European Ancestry"
The Germanic Genealogical Society (GGS) and the Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) are partnering to bring you this event. Conference updates will be posted on the GGS website at www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/GGS.html and on the FEEFHS website at www.feeffhs.org

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Every One Wants to Be Irish

Michael Clyde Clark

In searching census records for my great-grandfather, Franklin Monroe Clark, I found his father's birthplace shown as Ireland. Further research revealed that his father, Alscinous Clark, was born in America.

It seems that since Franklin was only about 8 years old when Alscinous died, he may have remembered hearing that his father was born north of Dublin—which he was... Dublin, Ohio,—son of another bloody Englishman.

Submitted at the request of John Mercer

MGS & Branch Calendar

CALENDAR

*Meeting held at location other than the MGS Library

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| <p>21 May Irish Genealogical Society 8:30 a.m.
 23 May *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 24 May Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
 25 May Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
 26-30 May Holliday MGS Library closed
 7 June Branch Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 9 June Germanic Genealogical Society 7 p.m.
 11 June *Swedish Genealogical Society 1 p.m.
 18 June *MGS Quarterly Meeting Library Closed
 21 June Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
 27 June *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 28 June-4 July Holiday MGS Library closed
 20 June Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
 1 July MGS Newsletter deadline
 13 July Branch Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 16 July MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
 25 July *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 27 July Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
 4 Aug Germanic Genealogical Society 7 p.m.
 16 Aug Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
 19-21 Aug *FEEFHS Conference 8 a.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.</p> | <p>17 Sept MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
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 6 Oct Germanic Genealogical Society 7 p.m.
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 12 Nov Polish Genealogical Society of MN 10 a.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 Oct Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.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
 28 Dec Norwegian-American Gen.Assoc. 6 p.m.
 *Meeting held at location other than the MGS Library.
 See the MGS web site, http://mngs.org/calendar.html,
 for the most up-to-date calendar.
 The MGS Library lower-level meeting rooms are
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