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In Memorial

Roderick MacRae (17 April 1939 - 26 August 2005) was the MGS first vice president and chair of our fundraising committee. He styled himself as having descended from hardy Scottish stock and was always an advocate for all things Scottish. While his tenure as an MGS officer was short, Rod made a significant contribution pulling together the plan for our annual fund drive which will have to be carried out by the rest of us. Rod gave a generous donation to the 2005 annual fund drive shortly before his death. We appreciate his generosity and that of his widow. We extend our deepest sympathy to Rod's family.

Opportunities Galore

MGS is looking for folk willing to share a few hours each month to give a helping hand to genealogists doing research in Minnesota. MGS has opportunities galore, including:

I Can Do Anything Better Than You Can!: Inter Net or Inter Not?

Featuring
Dixie Hansen and
Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D.



Saturday, 3 December 2005

Agenda

- 8:00 a.m. Registration, with refreshments
- 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:20 a.m. *GonzoGenealogy: Going after it on the Internet*, Dixie Hansen
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. *Internet Genealogy: Promise & Results: A Case Study*, Harold E. Hinds Jr., Ph.D.



Gonzo Genealogy: Going after it on the Internet Dixie Hansen

Old-school genealogical purists get pleasure in turning up their noses at the Internet. They argue that "real" family history can't be found on the web. I'm going to set the record straight. Join me for some down and dirty whiz-bang online "true blue" genealogy, illustrated with a case study.

Library Workers are essential to keeping the library open during its regular operating hours each week. Those who have staffed the library for years are retired or moving towards it, clearly telling us it is our turn to take up the challenge. Please contact Jean Jensen at the MGS library by calling 763-595-9347 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Dixie Hansen, Gonzo Genealogist and Avowed Computer Nut



Internet Genealogy: Promise & Results: A Case Study

Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Ph.D

Increasingly many genealogists seem to believe nearly everything is on the Internet, or soon will be. But, in fact, just how useful is the Internet for solving difficult problems? A case study.

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 19 historical books and numerous history and genealogical studies. He serves as a Director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and as Associate Editor of *Minnesota Genealogist*.

Registration

All registration for this meeting is at the door. The registration

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MGS Newsletter

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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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fee is \$10.00 for MGS members and \$12.00 for non-members.

Location

This meeting will be at the Fort Snelling History Center, which is located at the junction of MN Highways 5 and 55, one mile east of the Twin Cities International Airport. The Fort Snelling History Center gift shop will be open with a 20% off sale on all merchandise.

Directions

For those coming from the west:

On 494: Take 494 past the airport, branch off on Highway 5 (the sign will say St. Paul/5) and then follow the Historic Fort Snelling signs to 55 West and the Fort Snelling turnoff. (Do not exit at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery or Fort Snelling State Park exits, but continue to the Historic Fort Snelling turnoff on Highway 55).

On the Crosstown: Take Crosstown 62 east to its conclusion and then follow 55. Watch for the historic site signs to the Fort Snelling turnoff.

For those coming from the east:

On West 7th (alias Highway 5 or Fort Road) continue west through the underpass, then immediately after, follow the right fork turnoff and the signs for Minneapolis/55 west and Historic Fort Snelling.

Once you have turned off into the general Historic Site area, there are a few curves in the road. Again, just follow the brown historic site signs and you'll soon be in the parking lot next to the Fort Snelling History Center. The building isn't easy to see since it is built into the bank and the roof is basically at ground level. The building is handicapped accessible.

Vendors

Tables will be available for historic or genealogically related vendors who wish to have displays at the meeting. Requests for tables must be made by 26 November. Cost of tables is \$6. each. One table per non-profit group is free. Contact Wesley Waring, 763-494-3277, wesleyawaring@cs.com or write to MGS Program Committee, 5768 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley MN 55422-5014.

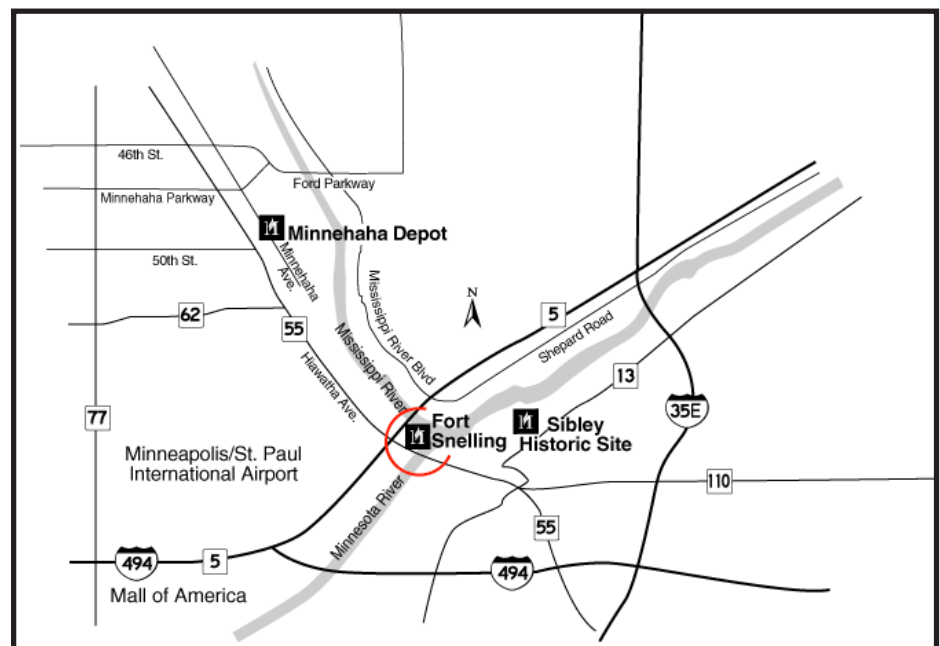
Future Meetings

18 March 2006, Branching Out

17 June 2006, Greater Minnesota

23 September 2006, Fall Seminar

2 December 2006, Winter Meeting



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Editor of Minnesota Families, our newsletter whose current editor, Paula Goblirsch, is retiring after 10 years at the helm. Contact Paula directly at paulagoblirsch@gmail.com. She will be very happy to hear from you.

Vacancies among officers and directors.

First Vice President & Second Vice President to give up-and-coming presidents on-the-job training and all of us a smooth transition with MGS leadership.

Directorships on the MGS board. We do have vacancies to fill for one, two, and three years. The board meets at the library during the morning on the third Saturday of odd numbered months (as in January, March and so forth). All board members are expected to serve on at least one board committee.

Project workers are needed on all board committees. If there is a function involved in keeping MGS going, there is a committee responsible. Some are doing better than others, since some have more person-power. The symbol * denotes committees with particular and immediate opportunities for serve. You can make a difference. Board committees are:

- **Awards**—to recognize members who have and those who currently make extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of MGS and genealogists doing research in Minnesota.*
- **Cemetery**
- **Continuous Improvement**
- **Education**—MGS and MHS are launching a new series of complimentary (as in complete and enhance one another—not free) genealogy classes. MGS focuses on the larger picture; MHS, on Minnesota specifically. Sign up now.
- **Facilities Management**—the committee has a number of handy-person tasks to complete.
- **Fundraising**—the annual fund drive

plan is ready but needs folk to put it in place now since our committee chair died and the other committee member moved out East.*

- **Government Affairs**
 - **Greater Minnesota Societies**—be a part of our efforts to encourage and support local societies and connect us to them and them to us for sharing of knowledge and other resources.*
 - **Library**—we are moving forward in developing Erv Chorn's proposal for electronic library services (see his article in this newsletter) to be available through our website. Mr. Chorn will present the draft of a working plan for this project when the committee meets in early 2006—and we will go from there.*
 - **Membership**—a big ticket item come 2006 for the same reasons, desiring folks to manage a membership campaign.*
 - **Marketing***
 - **Program**
 - **Property**—a process to gather information on the longer term expectations and needs of MGS and its allied and branch societies and interest groups is being developed by the property committee and will be carried out over the next few months. Once we have that information in hand, the committee will be better prepared to move to step two in its research.
 - **Publications**—see the notice regarding the newsletter editorship at the top of this column for before you is an grand opportunity to serve your fellow genealogists.*
 - **Research**
 - **Speakers Bureau**—sign up with Tom Rice at tomkrice@comcast.net to be an occasional speaker to groups wanting you to share your experiences as a family historian—*everyone is an expert on their own experiences*
 - **State Fair**
 - **Website**
- Unless otherwise noted by a particular opportunity to make a difference with

your life and your fellow genealogists, contact me directly at mgs@mercermercer.com.

As MGS begins a new year we will continue to take a hard look at a number of items regarding how and where we do business as a genealogical society. I encourage your participation and support as we sort through our options and come to judgments that will set the tone and direction for years to come.

Concurrently, it is important to be developing new leadership for MGS and its allied and branch societies. On the job training is available for new leaders for the asking. Please ask. Thank you.

John Whitty Mercer, President

Minnesota's Virtual Genealogical Library

By Erv Chorn

Erv Chorn made his proposal for a virtual genealogical library to our standing library committee in September. The committee took action to move forward with the development of the proposal for a virtual genealogical library initially focusing Minnesota-specific materials that we own and is part of our collection in Golden Valley. The MGS board approved the committee recommendation at its September 2005 meeting. The proposal will be developed into a draft implementation document over the next few months. The library committee will address the draft document early in 2006. In the meantime, Mr. Chorn prepared this brief article at my request so that we would be able to share it with you in this issue of Minnesota Families. The members of the committee and of the board appreciate Mr. Chorn's leadership.

John Whitty Mercer, President.

The MGS library is open approximately 24 hours per week for 46 weeks per year for a total of 1104 hours. Allowing two volunteers each hour and some travel time MGS volunteers put in 2384 hours each year. An analysis of the visitor sign-in sheets shows there were

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1936 patrons during 2004 and approximately half that number thus far the first half of 2005. For the year 2004 and half of 2005, MGS spends one hour, thirteen minutes volunteer time for each patron. Anecdotal evidence indicates that, on some shifts, there are more volunteers than patrons.

Without question the Internet has reduced the need for on-site library patronage. During the period January-June 2005 there were 26,000 visitors accessing 62,000 page views through the MGS internet site. (It should be emphasized that there are 25 different links on the web site and only a few have actual data for the genealogist researching family histories; e.g. vital records.) However, using these numbers there were 27 visitors to the web site for each library patron.

Without question there are non quantifiable benefits to supporting a bricks-and-mortar library such as: genealogy education programs, housing out-of-print books, collaboration among genealogists, browsing through books and indexes (especially family histories), ethnic specific information, multi state data bases, and most importantly specific Minnesota data.

An initial discussion among the MGS Board, the library committee, the French Canadian branch and the Computer Interest Group regarding the concept of a MGS sponsored “virtual library” (an internet site that contains data and references specific for the Minnesota genealogist and specific to Minnesota ancestry research) indicated sufficient interest to proceed with the research necessary to make an informed decision whether to engage in such a project. (The Irish are already engaged in an initial project of this type.)

To establish this library much pre-planning is absolutely necessary. Questions that must be answered are: What are the objectives of this library? What type of data is appropriate for the patrons? Who has access to the data? Are there links to other databases? Which ones? Who maintains the data and the web site? Do

subscribers pay a fee? Is access free to MGS members? How and who may add data to the database? What is the role of volunteers? What is the security of personal data? What are the copyright issues that must be addressed?

When these issues are resolved a site design team will be needed and authorized to design the site, create the security process especially if credit card acceptance is authorized, and engage an Internet Service Provider (ISP). The design team will need to specify the equipment, bandwidth, and software requirements. These are technical aspects of the concept.

More important is the scope and content of the database. Some data is already available or readily made available because the MGS and its branches own the data, such as the newsletters, journals, indexes, and other material created by these organizations. In addition there are indexes that are in the public domain such as birth/death/marriage and census records and other vital records for which permission to publish can be obtained. Books can be included within the restrictions of copyright laws.

There are other databases that the MGS site already links to (e.g. Cyndi's List). These should be continued and expanded.

The Library committee has approved the next step, which is to develop an inventory of material that potentially would form the nucleus of the first set of the database. A progress report of this phase is due in January 2006.

MGS Mentoring Program

Kathy Lund, Continuous Improvement Committee (formerly Project Growth)

Responses from the 2004 Member Survey suggested offering a Mentoring Program. Beginning genealogists could obviously benefit, but intermediate researchers might also learn either as mentors or “mentees.” Many members asked for advice on how to move their study forward. This might be the ticket!

We are looking for someone to set up the program, decide its parameters, and establish guidelines. We need a coordinator to recruit mentors, assign “mentees”, and evaluate the results of the program.

Have you had experience in such an arrangement? Do you enjoy teaching? Are you skilled in relationships?

Whatever your talents, we have a place for you in the MGS Mentoring Program! To get the ball rolling, contact me by phone, letter or email: Kathy Lund, 12200 Marion Lane #5301, Minnetonka MN 55305, 952-595-9437, mlund8307@yahoo.com

Be sure to mention “MGS Mentoring Program” so that I don't delete the message or toss your letter with the junk mail! You may also send a letter to MGS - Attn: Kathy Lund, 5768 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley MN 55422.

Web Page Update MGS Website

Jim Robasse, Web Master

Genealogy Tools have been added to our website (www.mngs.org). They include a Consanguinity Chart (a chart for figuring relationships); links to sources of printable charts, records and forms; a link to a Soundex Code Generator; a link to the Minnesota Historical Society Geographical Encyclopedia; and a link to Calendars and Date Calculators. If you have ideas for more useful tools, contact our webmaster at webmaster@mngs.org.

MGS welcomes historical and genealogical societies to submit information on events and meetings, of interest to genealogists in Minnesota, to be included on our website. The information will be listed on the website under 'Non-MGS Events of Genealogical Interest'. A submission form is available on the webpage.

2005 MGS Election Results

David Cross

There were 352 total ballots submitted with the following distribution of votes:

Position	Person	Total
President	John Whitty Mercer	319
	Harold Hinds (write-in)	1
	Tom Rice (write-in)	1
1 st Vice President	Charles Bergstrom (write-in)	1
	Kent Werner Dreissen (write-in)	1
2 nd Vice President	Kent Werner Driessen	320
Secretary	Linda Balk	324
Treasurer	Don H. H. Kratsch	325
Director (3 year)	Jay Fonkert	323
	Paula Goblirsch	323
	Kathy Lund	321
Full slate ballots with no additional comments:		304
Full slate ballots with comments:		5
Ballots with votes in the column for write-ins, but no write-ins given:		25
Ballots with partial votes, and/or write-ins"		<u>18</u>
Total Ballots Returned		352

So the new officers as of the September 2005 meeting are:

President	John Whitty Mercer
1 st Vice President	need to verify the availability and willingness of the write-ins
2 nd Vice President	Kent Werner Dreissen
Secretary	Linda Balk
Directors	Jay Fonkert
	Paula Goblirsch
	Kathy Lund

The treasurer changes at the end of the year and based on the ballot will be Don H. H. Kratsch.

We can still use suggestions on possible people to fill the open positions. We also need people to help in a number of areas including library staffing, the journal, the newsletter, property committee, library committee, etc. Especially important is finding a new newsletter editor without which this may be the last newsletter for MGS.

Notice Board

SD Public Record Copies

(In response to the notice "ID Now Required for South Dakota Record Copies" in the August 2005, Minnesota Families Newsletter.)

From Anna Duncan, affiliate coordinator for the state of South Dakota Genealogical Society. We had to come up with a card to be used along with a photo ID in order to look at the indexes in the Register of Deeds offices in our state. The Department of Health decided that genealogists had to have these two things in order to look and possibly obtain copies of vital records. At this time, I believe this restriction only applies to birth records over 100 years old and marriage and death records 50 years or more old. Anything newer, you will need more information about the person you are looking for and cannot look in the indexes for them. A research card can be obtained by sending \$5 to me. Then you take the card and your photo ID to the Register of Deeds office and you should be able to look at the indexes. If you find someone that you want to look at, tell the clerk. We are still working out some of the details, and are working with the state office. Contact me at: 501 West First Avenue, Flandreau, SD 57028 or duncana@iw.net, if you have any further questions.

Ordering NARA Microfilm

As of 12 September 2005, you can now order microfilm from the National Archives online at www.archives.gov/research/order/orderonline.html.

You can use the microfilm catalog portion of Order Online as a research tool (without having to actually buy anything). Full complete roll lists for all NARA publications are included.

As of 1 October 2005, the price of microfilm has increased from \$34 to U.S. addresses to \$65 to U.S. addresses/\$68 to foreign addresses. This reflects the actual cost of making a custom-made product.

State Fair Volunteers

Wesley Waring, Volunteer Committee

Joyce Ahles	Tim Ahles
Steve Alderson	Beth Baumeister
Carl Baumeister	Mary Bellingham
Lynn Besch	Jan Bias
Eilenne Boder	Mary Ellen Bruski
Jim Carr	Erv Chorn
Kathleen Conard	John Cross
David Cross	Darrell Dewar
Helen Dickison	Lois Dion
Kay Edquist	Lauri Erdman
Arlene Fenning	Frank Fourre
Marilyn Fourre	Kay Gavin
Ed Godin	Kathy Goldner
Clair Haberman	Dixie Hansen
Fran Hillier	Lil Hoppenen
Jean Jensen	Nancy Jensen
Audrey Johnson	Harvey Johnson
Greg Kishel	John Kowles
Paul Kulas	Dick Lundgren
Marv Lyddon	Tom Lanman
Don Lovely	Kathy Lund
Marv Lyddon	Jodi Magnuson
Elaine Magnan	Stephanie Martineau
John Mathews	Beth Mullinax
Florence Myslajek	Kathy Otto
Linda Petrich	Nathan Petrich
Jim Robasse	Jean Rosheim
Jerry Savage	Jan Savage
Ginger Simek	Annette Sorensen
Marilyn Sorensen	Mike Tumey
Pat Tupper	Paula Warren
Wesley Waring	Alan Weinand
Dot Wolking	

State Fair Booth

Photos by Alan Weinand. Thank you to Erv Chorn for for updating the State Fair Booth—it was a great success.



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/Metis Genealogical Society

Group reorganizing, for info contact: Maureen Laughy, 763-588-4504 or Mllaughy@pro-ns.net

For research help contact: Ruth Charest, 763-476-7943 or 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: 9 a.m. quarterly in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. See the MGS & Branch calendar or the GGS web site for dates.

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: Robert O'Neil, 651-770-888

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

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: Paul vonFange,
paul@vonfange.com

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: 1 p.m., Saturdays, quarterly in January, March, June, and 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. 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.mnsgs.org/yankee

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

Meetings: 1 p.m., Saturdays, quarterly

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

NWT, Canadian, French, and Metis Reorganization

The former Northwest Territory, Canadian, French, and Metis subgroup has been meeting on the 1st Monday of the month at MGS Library at 7 pm to discuss reorganization.

We will be posting information on a Yahoo Web site to share information with former members and to recruit new members interested in Canadian research regardless of ethnic origin. We encourage you to share in this process and add to this discussion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 December, at 7 p.m. at the MGS Library.

For further info please call the MGS library and leave a message or contact: Maureen Laughy at 763-588-4504 or mllaughy@pro-ns.net.

Irish Genealogical Society

Saturday, 19 November 2005, Quarterly Meeting

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

Meeting Location: MGS Library lower level meeting room.

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

Minnesota Genealogical Society Writing Study Group presented by Kathy Lund.

The MGS Writing Study Group will read from three different genres. Michael Clark has written a memoir. Mary Corcoran is finishing a family history of her grandmother and Anne Davis, a deceased member of the group, left a fictionalized story about her great-grandmother that her son has graciously allowed us to read.

We hope to encourage other genealogists to begin writing in the form most appropriate to their skills, talents and information. These are only three possible approaches.



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
Phone: 651-489-3495 • E-mail: stardustmemories@comcast.net

Genealogy Classes

The Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) Library and the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) Library are currently offering complementary genealogy classes.

All classes will be \$6 for members of either organization and \$8 for non-members.

For classes held at the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS) library, please use the registration form on page 10.

For classes held at the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) Library, call 651-296-2143 or register online at <http://shop.mnhs.org>

Individuals who need sign-language interpreters or other assistance for classes held at the Minnesota Historical Society are requested to contact Tracey Baker, 651-296-1273, at least five working days before the class.

November 2005 to March 2005

22 Nov—Census, MN (MHS)

10 Dec—Institutional Records (MHS)

21 Jan—Immigration, Non-MN (MGS)

28 Jan—Immigration, MN (MHS)

18 Feb—Property Research, Non-MN (MGS)

25 Feb—Property Research, MN (MHS)

4 Mar—Court & Probate, Non-MN (MGS)

25 Mar—Court & Probate, MN (MHS)

Locations

Minnesota Historical Society

Located in the Minnesota History Center at the corner of Kellogg Boulevard West and John Ireland Boulevard, halfway between the Capitol building and the Cathedral of St. Paul. The address is

345 Kellogg Blvd. W. and the entrance to the parking lot is on Kellogg Blvd.

From the north: Take I-35E south to St. Paul. Follow signs to I-94 west and take the first exit, Marion Street. Take a left on Marion, crossing over I-94, and follow signs for Kellogg. The History Center is straight ahead. After traffic lights at intersection of John Ireland and Kellogg, get into the left-turn lane. This takes you to the parking lot.

From the south: Take I-35E north and exit at Kellogg Boulevard. Turn left on Kellogg and take the first right into the parking lot.

From the east: Take I-94 west. Exit at Marion Street and take a left on Marion, crossing over I-94. Follow the signs for Kellogg Boulevard. After the intersection of Kellogg and John Ireland boulevards, get into the left turn lane. This takes you to the parking lot.

From the west: Take I-94 east to the Marion Street/Kellogg Boulevard exit. Follow the signs for Kellogg. After the intersection of Kellogg and John Ireland boulevards, get into the left-turn lane. This takes you to the parking lot.

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Classes

November—Census

Census records ...what's there, what's not, and how to use them. Particular attention will be given to Minnesota State

Census schedules, their creation, use, and future.

Tuesday, 22 November, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Hampton Smith, Reference Librarian, instructor

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

December—Institutional Records

State and county governments operated any number of institutions, from poor farms to mental and tuberculosis hospitals to orphanages to correctional facilities.

Come learn about the variety of institutional records available at the Minnesota Historical Society and special considerations when accessing restricted information.

Saturday, 10 December, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Steve Nielsen, Reference Librarian, instructor

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

January—Immigration & Naturalization

Passenger ship lists, ship manifest, alien registrations, citizenship papers (first and final naturalization papers) include a wealth of information about your immigrant ancestors including birth dates, port of arrival, last place of residence in the old country, and next of kin.

The MGS class will focus on non-Minnesota specific records and the MHS class will cover both Minnesota records and what's available at the Minnesota Historical Society Library.

Saturday, 21 January, 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Alison Purgiel, instructor

Minnesota Genealogical Society, Golden Valley

Saturday, 28 January, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Ruth Bauer Anderson, Reference Librarian, instructor

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

February — Property Records

These sessions will look at the genealogical value of property records—land transactions, tax records, abstracting deeds, government land grants, plat books, etc.—where to find them, what they

mean, the history behind them, and how to get full value from them. The MGS class will cover non-Minnesota property research, including how to understand legal descriptions and also what's available on the internet. The MHS class will feature an overview of Minnesota land records and property record holding at MHS.

Saturday, 18 February, 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Tom Rice, instructor

Minnesota Genealogical Society, Golden Valley

Saturday, 25 February, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tom Rice, instructor

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

March — Court Records

Probate court, civil court, criminal court, justice of-the-peace court, municipal court, district court, supreme court, appellate court—how do you ever find anything? The MGS class will cover researching non-Minnesota court records and the MHS class will feature Minnesota court records.

Saturday, 4 March, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Tom Rice, instructor

Minnesota Genealogical Society, Golden Valley

Saturday, 25 March, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Duane Swanson, Government Records Specialist, instructor

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

Tom Rice, CGRS

Dr. Rice is a certified, professional genealogist offering research, consulting, and instructional services focusing on the Upper Midwest, Ireland, and Scotland. He is a director of the Minnesota Genealogical Society and the Irish Genealogical Society International. Tom lectures frequently for genealogy groups in Minnesota and Wisconsin, and he offers a series of genealogy courses through Century College. He is a Genealogy Help Desk volunteer for the Minnesota Historical Society.



MGS Genealogy Classes

Registration Form

21 January 2006 **Immigration and Naturalization in the US.** 1-3:00 p.m.

_____number attending. Cost: MGS/MHS Member \$6.00, Non-member \$8.00

18 February 2006 **Property Research (land, tax, directories, plat books, etc.) in the U. S.** 1-3:00 p.m.

_____number attending. Cost: MGS/MHS Member \$6.00, Non-member \$8.00

4 March 2006 **Court and Probate Records in the US.** 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

_____number attending. Cost: MGS/MHS Member \$6.00, Non-member \$8.00

Name: _____ Email _____

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_____ Phone _____

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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 2005-2006:

22-26 Nov Holiday

3 Dec Quarterly Meeting

6-31 Dec Holiday

1 Jan 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

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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.

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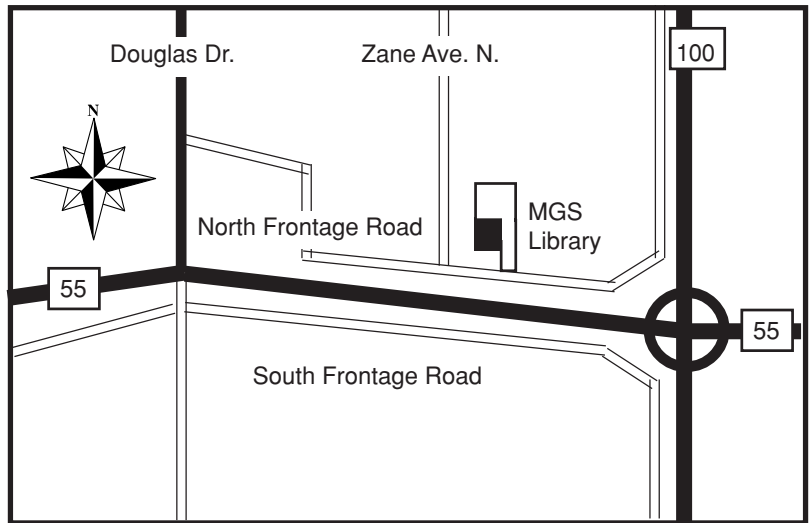
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closed	closed	6:30-9:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3 p.m. 6:30-9:30 p.m.	closed	Yankee 9 a.m.-noon Polish/Finnish noon-3 p.m.



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Library Summary and Research Policy

We are pleased to offer service for research in our library. **Our fee for one hour of research is \$20, with one hour minimum.** 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.

If you have questions about our research policy, you can contact the MGS Research Committee at research@mngs.org.

Refer to the list below for a description of materials. Please provide context about the people whose information you are seeking, to the extent you know them: locations in MN, dates and names, and origins.

Submit a check or money order made payable to: *Minnesota Genealogical Society* and include your e-mail address (if you have one). If you are seeking copies of documents (e.g., family history or obituaries), please enclose a business sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) for a response.

A brief description of some of the materials in the **MGS library** collection, and estimated time to search them.:

1. **Minnesota Censuses:** 1850, 1880 and 1900; Polk County: 1885 (unindexed) Time: depends on request.
2. **Minnesota Census Indexes:** 1870 Time: 1/2 hour
3. **City Directories:** Note: not all issues available at our library. If you don't find the issue listed here, try the Minnesota Historical Society's Library Catalog at www.mnhs.org Time: 1/2 hour to check two issues.
 - a. Duluth 1931–1957, 1970
 - b. Hopkins 1941–1960
 - c. Minneapolis 1873–1987
 - d. St. Paul 1876–1999
 - e. Rochester / Olmstead Co 1913–1991
 - f. Fargo / Moorhead 1961–1991
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additional years available for some communities Time: 1/4 hour per file.

5. **Minnesota Civil War rosters:** Index for *Minnesota in the Civil and Indian Wars, 1861-1865* Time: 1/4 hour.
6. **Catholic Church Records for some of the churches within the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis.** A few select films are available, and our collection is increasing. Please see our web site to see which films are available.

Check our online library catalog (or contact us by email or mail) **for availability of the following.**

7. **Minnesota County histories**
8. **Surname files and general county cemetery information – 1/2 hour**
9. **Wide variety of genealogical information concerning other states.** Time: 1/2 hour if indexed, 1 hour unindexed.
10. **Family history collection.**

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- The Minnesota Genealogical Society does not participate in the Inter-Library Loan program. Our collection does not circulate and is available for research only at our library.
- For a list of independent researchers, please send a SASE to MGS at the address found above. MGS does not endorse, nor is it responsible for their research services.
- The Minnesota Genealogical Society **does not have vital records**, (birth, death or marriage) or censuses other than those listed above, and we do not have **Naturalization records**. Minnesota vital records information may be obtained by contacting the county where the vital record was created. Most death certificates, some birth certificates and many Naturalization records are on film at the **Minnesota Historical Society**, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906, or www.mnhs.org. You can order records through their website for a fee.

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July, August, September 2005

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- Atl.US.AR.095 Arkansas County Maps.
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- FH.B226.Bec Beckman, Irja. Echoes from the Past. (Laaksomen, Beckman Families.)
- FH.B227.Car Carver, Janice Sanders. Climbing Zachariah's Tree a genealogy of my Beasley ancestors.
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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.

MHS News

New Subscription Services

The following subscription services are available only in the Library:

- Ancestry.com Library Edition
- HeritageQuest Online
- Digital Sanborn Maps for Minnesota
- ArchivesUSA – 5,550 archival repositories across the US

New Collections

The following records have been added to the collections:

- Ely Birth & Death Registers, 1895-1912, for the village of Ely in St. Louis County (SAM 434)
- Faribault State Hospital Cemetery Plats for the “old” and “new” cemetery, showing individual burial plots with the deceased person’s name & plot number
- Kandiyohi County Marriage Records - Marriages recorded in Kandiyohi County, 1860-1985, and in Monongalia County, 1867-1870 (SAM 430)
- Le Sueur County Naturalizations, loose naturalization records, 1853-1900. Not on the existing microfilm and not in the Iron Range Research Center indexes
- Norman County Civil Case Files - District Court Civil Case Files for 1906-1925. Includes divorces, name changes, etc.

- Ramsey County Criminal Case Files - Additional years of the District Court Criminal Case Files for 1936-1952 (SAM 47)
- Ramsey County Marriage Records - Currently available: 1849-1915. Coming soon: 1915-2000 (SAM 433). Thank you Beth and Carl Baumeister for making this possible!
- WW I Draft Registration Cards - National Archives microfilm of WWI draft registration cards for Minnesota. Note: Minnesota’s WWI Draft Registration Card records are not on Ancestry.com (M634)
- WW I Tuition Record - Soldiers’ Bonus Board record of tuition paid for returning soldiers’ schooling, 1919-1924. Includes name, address, dollar amount, date.
- WW II Bonus Files - Veterans Affairs Dept. files for several categories of applicants, including denied, late, appeals, and denied beneficiary

Help Make Minnesota Birth Records Available Online

The Minnesota Historical Society is in the process of putting all Minnesota birth records from 1900 to 1934 (more than a million names) online by June 30, 2006. Visit people.mnhs.org/bci/ to learn more. We are seeking volunteers to enter this data into a simple Excel spreadsheet at the History Center in St. Paul.

You can make a regularly scheduled, three-hour shift commitment for as little as three to six months. There are 120 available shifts during the weekday so you can choose your most convenient time. Gather a group of friends and make a fun morning out of it with lunch in the Cafe following your shift.

Qualifications

- Comfort with computers, knowledge of Windows and Excel a plus. . Ability to read difficult handwriting quickly and accurately.
- Ability to sustain strong attention to detail.
- Requires minimum direct supervision.

Training Required

All volunteers are trained in correctly entering the data into a spreadsheet. Training takes about 30 minutes and is done on the volunteer’s first day.

Time Commitment

At least one three-hour shift per week. The volunteer is expected to follow a regular schedule of days and hours. While short-term appointments are welcome, preference will be given to those willing to provide longer-term commitments.

Value To The Volunteer

The volunteer will help create an index that will be made available to patrons online, including family historians who will find this information invaluable to their research. In addition, the volunteer will become familiar with the Society, its programs and offerings, and Minnesota history.

Free parking is provided; bus cards are available for those who take public transportation.

To Request A Volunteer Application

Contact Jackie Maas at 651-284-0434 or jackie.maas@mnhs.org

MGS & Branch Calendar

CALENDAR

*Meeting held at location other than the MGS Library

- 2005
- 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
- 1 Jan MN Families Newsletter deadline
 - 14 Jan Writing Group 1 p.m.
 - 21 Jan MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
 - 21 Jan *Swedish Genealogical Society 1 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.
 - 1 Feb MN Genealogist deadline
 - 7 Feb Branch Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 - 18 Feb Irish Genealogical Society 9 a.m.
 - 21 Feb Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
 - 22 Feb Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.
 - 25 Feb Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
 - 27 Feb *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 - 28 Feb Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
 - 11 Mar MGS Board Meeting 9 a.m.
 - 18 Mar *MGS Quarterly Meeting Library Closed
 - 18 Mar *Swedish Genealogical Society 9 a.m.
 - 25 Mar Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
 - 27 Mar *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 - 28 Mar Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
 - 29 Mar Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.
 - 1 Apr MN Families Newsletter deadline
 - 4 Apr Branch Council Meeting 7 p.m.
 - 18 Apr Computer Interest Group 7 p.m.
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 - 1 May MN Genealogist deadline
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 - 22 May *Ntl. Danish-American Gen. Soc. 7 p.m.
 - 23 May Pommern Regional Group 6:30 p.m.
 - 27 May Finnish Genealogy Group 9:30 a.m.
 - 31 May Norwegian-American Gen. Assoc. 6 p.m.
 - 6 June Branch Council Meeting 7 p.m.
- See the MGS web site for the most up-to-date calendar.
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