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August 2009

## 3rd Annual Appreciation & Awards Banquet and 2009

## North Star Genealogy Conference



Claire Bettag

**FRIDAY - 18 Sept 2009 - at MGS, 1185 N. Concord Street, South St. Paul**

12:00-1:00 Registration

1:00 - 1:15 Welcome: J.H.Fonkert

1:15 - 2:15 *Genealogical Assumptions: Your Own Worst Enemy* - Claire Bettag

<b>Auditorium (Main Floor)</b>	<b>Board Room 4th Floor</b>	<b>MGS Classroom 2nd Fl.</b>
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2:45 - 3:45 <i>Capturing Internet Search Results</i> Tom Rice	<i>Minnesota Military Records</i> Hampton Smith	<i>Writing Your Family History</i> Linda Coffin
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4:15 - 5:15 <i>MN Related Resources</i> Lois Mackin	<i>Adoption Research in MN</i> Sandy Thalmann	<i>Family History Writing Styles</i> - Harold Hinds, Jr.
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**Evening - South St.Paul Hotel, 701 S. Concord Street, South St.Paul (I-494 & Concord)**

5:45 - 6:30 *Ask a Genealogist* - J.,H. Fonkert and Tom Rice

6:00 - 8:00 Reception and Banquet. Speaker: Jere Mackin, "The Life of a Genealogy Spouse"

**8:00 - MGS Awards Ceremony**

**SATURDAY - 19 Sept 2009 - 1185 N. Concord Street, South St. Paul**

8:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 10:00 *Government Documents: Untapped Genealogical Treasures* - Claire Bettag (Auditorium)

10:30 -11:30 *Introduction to Federal Land Records* - Claire Bettag (Auditorium)

11:30 - 12:30 LUNCH

12:30 - 1:00 MGS General Meeting (Auditorium)

	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Boardroom (4th Floor)</b>	<b>Classroom (MGS 2nd Floor)</b>
1:00 - 2:00	<i>Handling Genealogy Related Images</i> Dixie Hansen, KSTP-TV	<i>Minnesota Maps</i> Pat Coleman	<i>Anatomy of a Genealogy Report: Make it More than Just a Skeleton</i> J.H. Fonkert

2:30 - 3:30 National Archives Records at Your Finger Tips - Claire Bettag (Auditorium)

### Appreciation & Awards Banquet

Friday September 18

South Saint Paul Hotel  
701 South Concord Street  
South St. Paul, MN 55075

**Reception 6:00 p.m.**

**Dinner: 7:00 p.m.**

**Dinner choices:** Chicken Minnesota with Wild rice,  
Walleye Almondine, or Sirloin Strip.

If you require a vegetarian meal or have other special dietary needs,  
please send your requirements to: [jfonkert@aol.com](mailto:jfonkert@aol.com) no later than  
September 10, or include a note with your registration

### Conference Sessions will be held at the

Friday, September 18, 2009

12:30-5:00 p.m.

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1185 North Concord Street, Suite 218  
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Saturday, September 19, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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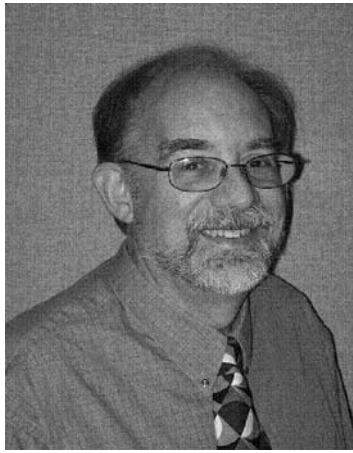
## Presidential Ravings. . . .

It's August, and MGS is as hot as the weather! Of course, I'm writing this in the last week of June, and I'm not paid to forecast the weather, so I could be wrong about the mercury, but I'm pretty sure about the temperature at MGS.

Our third free Members' Morning is coming up in a few weeks. The first two have been very well-attended. On August 29 we will have a short **Members Meeting**, followed by meetings of our learning groups on Writing, Research, and Beginning Genealogy. This a great, low-risk opportunity to get some help with your favorite hobby.

**A New Class, Beginning Genealogy**, a six-session course for those seeking to improve their understanding of fundamental genealogical skills. It will be on Sundays, starting on September 13.

A couple of other big events are on the horizon. Foremost is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **North Star Genealogy Conference** August 18-19 at MGS in South St. Paul. Online registration is now open, so claim your spot at the year's premier Minnesota genealogy event. Our featured speaker is Claire Bettag, a nationally renowned genealogy instructor and lecturer. A certified genealogist, she will teach us about federal land records and resources at the National Archives. In addition, you can choose from three breakout tracks:



**MGS President Jay Fonkert**

- **Minnesota Resources,**
- **Family History, and**
- **Technology for Genealogy.**

Check out the registration elsewhere in this issue.

The conference is sandwiched around our annual MGS Awards Banquet the evening of September 18. If you're into genealogy, this is a don't miss event. Come help us honor your friends and colleagues who have made outstanding contributions to MGS and the broader genealogy community.

Then, in October, join us for a new series of **Four Classes on Technology** led by Tom Rice, CG, and Mary Wickersham. This

class will fill fast, so don't hesitate to sign up.

These are all great chances to get to know people who share your passion for family history. They are also great reasons to renew your MGS membership. Why join a genealogy society? Because a strong genealogy society is good for family history in Minnesota. At heart, MGS exists to help people do their family history. We do this in many ways – through our library, education programs and our journal. But, we have a second purpose: to promote genealogy and family history. This includes promoting genealogy in libraries and fighting to protect access to the records you need. Your membership strengthens our ability to do these things.

If you belong to one of our branches – whether it be Irish, Germanic, Swedish or other – but don't belong to MGS, please consider joining MGS as well. It's a few extra dollars, but money well spent. Most of us are Heinz 57 Americans, with ancestors from several nationalities. You will receive our journal, the *Minnesota Genealogist*, cut rates for programs and events, and access to MGS Library. MGS volunteers will help you apply your research skills to find all your ancestors.

## Say "YES" to MGS

Do more than just pay dues. GET ACTIVE. Breathe LIFE into your membership.

We need new people on the MGS Board of Directors, on committees, as well as help in our magnificent library. This is a great way to get to know other people interested in family history and genealogy. There are immediate openings on these committees:

<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>Marketing</b> (and publicity)	<b>Education</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>Awards</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Library</b>
<b>Publications</b> (editors, proofreaders, writers)	
<b>Research</b> (contact: <a href="mailto:research@mngs.org">research@mngs.org</a> )	

Put your special talents and interests to productive use. Say **YES** to MGS, and contact President Jay Fonkert at (651) 735-8630 or e-mail: [jfonkert@aol.com](mailto:jfonkert@aol.com).

MGS is also always on the look-out for presenters, lecturers and instructors. Contact Lois Mackin at: [loismackin@aol.com](mailto:loismackin@aol.com).

The Library is a fun place to spend a few hours helping others dig up their family history as well as your own. Contact Kathy Lund at: [mlund8307@yahoo.com](mailto:mlund8307@yahoo.com).



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**Submissions:** Send articles, announcements, and advertisements to the Newsletter Editor, Minnesota Genealogical Society, 1185 Concord Street North, Suite 218, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

**Deadlines:** Information and advertisements must be received by January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 for the February, May, August, and November issues respectively. Contact Robin at (651) 297-7963 or: [robin.panlener@state.mn.us](mailto:robin.panlener@state.mn.us)

### Newsletter Publishing Dates:

**November 1, 2009** - Family Research Fair at MGS, with lunch. "Ask a Genealogist." An "All Branches Show"

**February 1, 2010** - Committees, Family Reunions

## **NEW CLASS: Using the Internet for Genealogical Research**

**What:** A four session course on how to get the most out of your browser, search more effectively, capture and organize what you find, communicate and learn using much that the Internet has to offer genealogists.

**When:** Four Wednesday evenings: October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, 2009; 6–9 p.m.

**Where:** The Minnesota Genealogical Society library in South St. Paul, Minnesota

**Who/Attendees:** MGS members\* with basic genealogical and computer skills. Students should be able to use a browser to find web-sites, use Google at a basic level, download files, save them and find them again.

**How:** Classes will be a combination of lecture, demonstration and hands-on, and will include some home assignments.

**How Many:** This class is limited to 12 registrants. Eight will be able to use the MGS library computers and 4 others will be able to bring their own laptops to use the MGS library's WiFi connection.

### ***Instructors:***

**Tom Rice, CG** – professional genealogical researcher, lecturer and author. Past director of MGS and past officer of the Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI).

**Mary Wickersham** – professional genealogical researcher and lecturer. Past officer for MGS and IGSI.

### ***Course Content:***

**Session 1:** Introduction, browsers, browser settings and plug-ins, search engines, genealogical search techniques.

**Session 2:** Key genealogical websites, Internet research strategies and searching databases.

**Session 3:** Capturing, saving, and organizing search results, the Internet as a learning tool.

**Session 4:** Internet communication tools, social networking, blogs, wikis and wrap-up.

**Cost:** \$65.00

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**How to register:** Sign up by mail or in person at the MGS library. Please provide your address, phone and email address. Please specify whether you wish to use a library computer or bring your own WiFi enabled laptop.

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\*Not a member of MGS [or one of its branches]? Sign up for membership at [www.mnngs.org](http://www.mnngs.org)

## **MGS in Need of Journal Editors and Volunteers**

The *Minnesota Genealogist* is one of your benefits of membership in MGS, but like every other MGS activity, it depends on volunteers like you. The MGS Board is looking for volunteers for two key journal roles: a Managing Editor and a Layout and Design Editor.

These volunteers work with the MGS Publications Committee to put the journal out four times each year. The Managing Editor's responsibilities include

- Planning for contents of future issues,
- Recruiting and communicating with authors, and
- Working with copy editors and proofreaders.

The Layout and Design Editor uses desktop publishing software to layout each issue and works with the Managing Editor to determine the final look of the journal.

Ideally, the Managing Editor should have writing and editing experience, understand genealogy research standards and be familiar with the broader Minnesota genealogy community. The Layout and Design Editor should have familiarity with word processing and layout software. At this point, both jobs are unpaid volunteer positions, but there is some possibility of a small stipend in the future. Whether paid or not, these are outstanding opportunities to serve your fellow genealogists and to get better connected with genealogists in Minnesota.

John Whitty Mercer recently stepped down as Editor after six years of service. MGS gives hearty thanks to John for his service.

## **MGS Library Volunteers January - June 2009**

Our **appreciation** and **thank you** to these volunteers for helping to keep our resources available! There may be others, unnamed, who volunteer for a group, and we extend to them a hearty and warm **thank you** as well.

### **Roll of Honor**

**Library Director:** John Schade  
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## **Congrats to ISFHWE Award Winners**

Congratulations to two MGS members for awards won from the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors-ISFHWE.

J.H. Fonkert, MGS president, won the Second Place Award for Articles that have been Published in 2008. "In Search of Early Dutch Settlers in Minnesota" appeared in the *Minnesota Genealogist* (Spring 2008), and will be published in the Sept. 2009 issue of *Columnns*.

Linda Coffin won a Second Place Award for her Original Research Story: "Great-Uncle Andrew: The Murderer in the Family Closet" which will be published in the Dec. 2009 issue of *Columnns*. Coffin is the owner of HistoryCrafters.

# The Irish Collection at the MGS Library and Resource Center

By Beth Mullinax

The collection of the Irish Genealogical Society International (IGSI) is the largest Irish collection in North America, except of course, the LDS Library in Salt Lake City.

We have been collecting materials since about 1985, starting with three books. We have haunted the used book stores, called "Antiquities" in Ireland and still receive catalogs from many of these stores. We've also watched for any new books being offered, and if they fit our criteria for Irish genealogical research, we purchase them. We now have over 600 histories alone.

As of August 1, 2006 we had more than 2,441 titles. This includes the Householders' Index to Griffith's Valuation as well as microfiche of the actual Griffiths Valuation books.

The major collections are as follows:

- 101 rolls of film of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- Over 2 linear feet of microfiche
- 347 maps
- All 40 volumes of the Ordnance Survey maps, including 168 total showing the town lands in the Republic of Ireland, plus index.
- 14 maps from Northern Ireland; numerous cemetery records of Ireland, and Irish cemeteries in the U.S. and Canada; 29 volumes of Roots Towns Books; various books and CDs of Irish and Scotch-Irish immigrants, and many other maps.
- Copies of the contents of Estate Records gathered by the National Library & National Archives of Ireland in print.
- Books of Survey and Distribution 1636-1703, Volumes 1-4, Counties Roscommon, Mayo, Galway and Clare.
- Volumes I thru X of the Civil Survey of 1654-1656, published by the Stationary Office, Dublin
- The Irish Fiants of the Tudors, 1521-1603, four volumes, plus index.
- A small collection of Canadian books mostly on the Irish in Canada. MGS has an extensive Canada section.

- The Emigrant Savings Bank records from New York. This collection is on microfilm and includes three rolls of Indices, 1850-1880, plus Test Books, and other records totaling 20 rolls of film. Also, two books published of the records, indexed through July 1854.
- We subscribe to Irish Origins website, which includes all of the Griffith's Valuation, plus many maps, and various other records of Ireland. This website is available on all the computers in the library.

We worked for years with the National Library and National Archives of Ireland to produce a table of contents of Estate Records, kept at these two repositories. These are available at the library as well as for purchase. To help our members find and use these resources, we have "Irish Day" on the second Saturday of most months. On these days, the Irish are the library volunteers. We give free classes, including a tour of the library, but what is really valuable is the one-on-one assistance on Irish research that we can give researchers. For out-of-town members who do not have access to the library, we do basic research within our collection for a minimal fee.

The library belongs to our members and we do all we can to make it accessible and useful to all our members. If out-of-town members are planning on coming to the library, please let us know ahead of time. We will try and see that an Irish volunteer is there to help you, even if the library is closed the day when you are planning to visit.

## Research Committee Report:

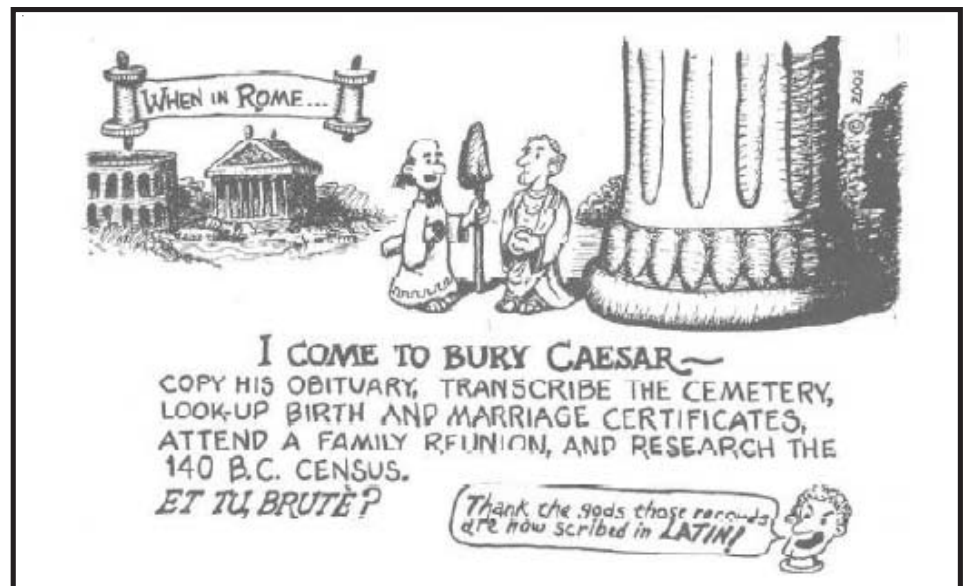
The Research Committee provides assistance to family historians from around the U.S., and occasionally from Europe and Canada. Through the end of June 2009, the committee has handled 30 requests, ranging from lookups in family histories to Catholic sacramental records on microfilm from some Twin Cities area churches, and advice on where to look for information. Lookups are provided for a fee, with the committee charging \$20/hour for services to nonmembers, and \$15 to members. All proceeds go to support the MGS.

Interesting cases have included tracing Minnesota descendants for cousins living in Sweden and Germany. Occasionally committee members discover a connection to their own family or people they know.

Not all requests result in a payment to MGS: one of the highlights this spring was a request from a central Minnesota fifth grader for a school assignment.

Since it started in 2004, the committee has handled 50-60 cases per year. In the process, its members are constantly learning about Minnesota and French Canadian research, the library's holdings, and internet-based research tools. During less busy times, committee members work on other projects, including creating a preliminary catalog of the Mary E. Leonard collection (Mary's family donated 40 boxes of materials related to the Leonard Family in America).

The small committee meets informally weekly or bi-weekly, usually on Monday mornings. Members are: Cindy Lindau, Sarah Martin, Anita Lee Palmquist, Linda Rosedahl, Linda Reverchon, and Mary Wickersham. Contact [research@mngs.org](mailto:research@mngs.org) to join, or if you have any questions.



# Välkommen to the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota!

by Dee and Ray Kleinow

[ **NOTE:** President Jay Fonkert thought it would be a great idea to feature the many genealogical organizations which are part of Minnesota life, and which are part of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. In that spirit, here is the first offering. ]

The Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota was organized in March 1983 as a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society (MGS). In March of 1999, we adopted our own Constitution, becoming the Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota (SGSM).

Our membership is open to any person interested in Swedish-American genealogy. SGSM does not have a membership fee. If you wish to receive the Newsletter or purchase items such as clothing, books, etc., there is a charge. If you would like to attend a meeting, we ask for a donation of a few dollars or so to cover expenses of the room, refreshments, speaker fees, etc. This way you only pay for what you wish. By subscribing to the "Tidningen" (our newsletter) you become a member of SGSM, and are allowed free access to the MGS Library holdings.

The goals of our Society are to assist members in their Swedish-American genealogical research by:

- 1) Holding meetings to instruct and encourage members.
- 2) Providing informative talks on Swedish-American genealogy.
- 3) Helping solve individual problems with members contributing solutions.
- 4) Researching the more common troublesome areas.
- 5) Publishing materials to aid research in Swedish ancestry.

Starting in January 1997, the SGSM has published a newsletter entitled the "Tidningen" to subscribers. The "Tidningen" is published quarterly, usually a week or two before our next meeting.

We meet four times a year, the third Saturday of January, March, May and October. We usually meet in the Minnesota Genealogical Society's Auditorium at 1185 Concord St. N., South St. Paul, MN 55075-1187.



Our meetings start with a short business meeting (about 15 minutes), then a speaker giving us help in Swedish research or a related subject (about one hour), and then we have members of our Society available to help attendees with their research problems until the close of the meeting. Several of our members have access to numerous databases from Sweden which are a major help in finding your answers.

We are very happy to announce that SGSM volunteers run the MGS Library every third Thursday of the month! This means the volunteer(s) (one or more) at the MGS Library will more likely be able to help you with your Swedish research. They may also be able to help with other research. This started in May 2009! The normal hours of the MGS Library for Thursdays are from 10am to 4pm and then 6:30pm to 9:30pm in the evening. Please see the MGS calendar at <http://www.mnsgs.org>.

Also, MGS and SGSM are sharing the cost of an online subscription to the Genline.com database. This database has more than 30 million pages of primary records from the parishes in Sweden, including the births, marriages, deaths, moving in and out of parishes, and household examinations. Once you know your parish, you can do your research from an MGS computer, (or at home if you purchase a subscription)! The pages are identical to the microfilms you can order from the LDS Family History Library.

This year we are having our annual research day in October and will have five top genealogical researchers from Sweden as well as our experienced members to help you with your research problems! We are calling this our Fall Research Conference as it will be a

day and a half!. It will be on Friday & Saturday, October 16th (1 until 4 p.m.) and October 17th (9 a.m. until 4 p.m.).

We will host the SwedGenTour2009, Genline Sweden and Genline North America at the Minnesota Genealogical Society building, 1185 Concord Street North, South St. Paul, MN. It will feature one-on-one help sessions with these top Swedish & American genealogists with access to most major (and some private) Swedish and Swedish-American databases, both days. In addition, Swedish Genealogy Research Lectures will be given

morning and afternoon on Saturday by SwedGenTour2009. Vendor tables may be reserved to display genealogically related materials. For more details and to pre-register (this will be required), PLEASE check our SGSM home page at:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnsgsm>.

We will be updating the webpage as details become available! As was popular last year, we will have MANY nice table specials and door prizes, which will be drawn throughout Saturday. Refreshments and lunch are in planning.

Additionally, workshops on doing Swedish genealogical research are available through the joint efforts of SGSM and the American Swedish Institute (ASI). These workshops are for beginning and intermediate genealogists, with content ranging from the basics of genealogy through demonstrations of computer databases, internet research and the Genline database. Complete the workshop knowing the steps needed for successful genealogical researching; the records used; how to access them; how to analyze the data found and how to continue with research.

The next workshop is on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at ASI. Required class text "Your Swedish Roots" is available in the ASI Bokhandel or at our SGSM sales table. Check with ASI about the class registration fee, for ASI members and nonmembers. To register call ASI at (612) 871-4907 or send questions to: ASI-Genealogy, 2600 Park Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407.

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## COMMITTEES:

**Branch Council** - Meetings for '09:

- February 14
- April 4
- June 20
- August 8
- October 24 (to be confirmed; this is a switch from Nov 7)
- December 5 (maybe a little bit of festivity?)

## Members of the MGS Board of Directors:



### Terry Kita, 1st Vice President

My interest in my family's history dates from the day on which my son came home from school with a family tree, and asked me to complete it. With my mother's help we filled in my Polish, Bohemian, German/Bavarian, Dutch and French-Canadian ancestors. Several years later I became curious about where I came from, and began the search for the place of origin for each European ancestral family. My initial research was seat-of-the-pants, based on what I thought would work, and since it did work, it is my method today.

Each of my ancestral families posed a different set of research problems, which required different approaches. However the use of LDS and state/county records was common to each. Each of my ancestral families arrived in Wisconsin, in or near Door County, 1854 to 1881.

After I managed to find my Polish ancestral village, I decided to visit it, and look for living relatives, which I did. I have found this to be the most satisfying aspect of genealogical research, and have been able to successfully continue with the remainder of my families. As a result I have enlarged my family to include European cousins from many countries.

I am, and have been, a member of many genealogical and historical societies. I have

served as president of the Polish Genealogical Society, am VP of MGS, and a director of PACIM.

I am a retired mechanical engineer, living in SW Minneapolis with my wife, Ann. We both indulge in foreign and domestic travel, as well as our grandchildren. Volunteerism a big part of our lives.

The task I dread, but must undertake, is to organize the multitude of records which I have acquired.



### Jennifer de Fiebre, 2nd Vice President

Although you could say my journey into genealogy started many years ago, it has been within the last five years that I have "caught the bug". My paternal grandfather (who just celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday!) has been researching his and grandmother's families since the 1970's. His passion for learning about our past sparked an interest in me as well. Thanks to all of the research by him and other family still in Germany, we have a "Stammbaum" (German family tree) for the de Fiebre surname that details our ancestors back to the 1600's in the Alsace-Lorraine region.

My maternal lines have also yielded some exciting results. In researching my grandfather's surname (Basye), I happened upon a nearly 1,000 page family history book written in 1950 by a distant relation. This research takes the family line back to the 1600's in Virginia, where the family was believed to be French Huguenots, escaping persecution. My primary research focus for the last couple of years has been on my grandmother's line (Schwichtenberg). She and her 11 older siblings were first generation Americans. Her parents were from Pommeran Germany and immigrated to Southern Minnesota (St. Peter area) in the 1870-1880's

Through genealogy, I have met some really wonderful people, many of whom are generous with both their time and experience to help me further my own research. I am a member of several genealogical and historical societies and an active volunteer for both Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness (RAOGK.org) and FindAGrave.com. This gives me an opportunity to share my knowledge with other genealogists. Helping others break down their brick walls is incredibly satisfying and good karma!

## David Suddarth, MGS Secretary

Originally from the Chicago area, I moved to Minnesota twenty years ago. I went to school in Missouri, where I majored in mathematics, moved back to Chicago for a few years and then to Minnesota. My interest in genealogy began when I was in high school, but I did not really get serious about research until about eleven years ago.



As most do, I started by researching my father's side of the family. This has proved to be especially challenging, in that I have run into many brick walls. Along the way, however, I have learned a lot and met a lot of good people. I am hoping to trace back every line of my family, on both sides, to the immigrant ancestor. In some cases, this is only back to the mid to late 1800's. However, there is at least one line in which it appears I will need to go back into the 1600's before the immigrant ancestor is found.

I am a member of many state and national genealogical organizations including the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, Indiana Genealogical Society, Kentucky Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, and, of course, the Minnesota Genealogical Society.

Each of our ancestors helped to shape, in some way, who we are today, and their stories deserve to be told and they deserve to be remembered for future generations. I believe that genealogy and family history is important, so I became involved with the Minnesota Genealogical Society. I believe it is vital that we remember our family's history and origins. In addition, I have had, and continue to have, many generous people willing to teach me what they have learned so that I am able to become a better researcher. I hope to be able to pass that on by helping and teaching others, as well.



## Sandy Stadtherr, Director

After I graduated from the College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minnesota with a nursing degree, I worked as a Pediatric ICU nurse for close to 14 years. Married to Jim for 35 years, we have four children and three grandchildren. During the years of raising our children,

I pursued many volunteer positions in Girl Scouts, Cable TV production, church choir, and many other school and church activities. Then I spent several years teaching women how to use the different sewing machines especially focusing on the computerized machines and machine embroidery. In addition to caring for our grandchildren, I have my own sewing business doing both custom and commercial sewing and embroidery.

My interest in genealogy began when I was in the 5th grade and I had to produce a family chart for an assignment! I began researching my husband's family before I even married him! Our ancestors are mostly of German-Bohemian, Austro-Hungarian, Czech, or Irish backgrounds. My husband's cousin and I have produced a genealogy of the Stadtherr's but one is never truly "finished." With every bit of gathered information comes a yearning to discover even more. Researching your family heritage is exciting, intriguing and a challenging, but fun adventure. I enjoy as well as benefit from my memberships in the GGS, German-Bohemian, Ramsey County, and MGS organizations.

In addition to my love of genealogy, I enjoy scrap booking, sewing, machine embroidery, and participating in our classic car club. I look forward to serving on the MGS Board and hope that I can contribute to its continuing success as well as benefit from all the society has to offer.

# CALENDAR

- August**
- 1 Minnesota Genealogist (JOURNAL).....deadline
  - MGS Education Committee.....9:00-11:00am
  - Pommern Regional Group of MN.....1:00-4:00p.m.
  - 5 Germanic Genealogy Society Web Comte.....7:00pm
  - 8 Irish Gen. Soc. Class.....10:00-11:30a.m.
  - MGS Branch Council Mtg.....9:30a.m.-11:00a.m.
  - 11 Czechoslovak Gen. Soc. Intn'l. Bd. Mtg.....6:30p.m.
  - 12 Irish Gen. Soc. Bd. Mtg.....4:00-6:00p.m.
  - 15 Irish Gen. Soc. Quarterly Mtg.....8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
  - 16 Canadian Gen. & Heritage Soc.(CGHSM)...1:00-4:00p.m.
  - 26 Norwegian-Amer. Gen. Assn.....6:30-9:30p.m.
  - 29 MGS Member Morning.....9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
  - MGS Writers Study Group.....morning
  - MGS Library Volunteers Meeting.....1:00-3:00p.m.
  - 31 Ostfriesen Gen. Soc. of Amer.....7:00-9:00p.m.
- September**
- 5 **MGS Library CLOSED**
  - Pommern Regional Group.....1:00-4:00p.m.
  - Polish Genealogical Soc. of MN.....9:00am-12:30pm
  - 8 Czech Gen. Soc. Intn'l. Bd. Mtg.....6:30p.m.
  - 9 Irish Gen. Soc Bd. Mtg.....4:00-6:00p.m.
  - 12 Polish Genealogical Soc. &
  - Pommern Reg. Group of MN.....8:30a.m.-12:30p.m.
  - Ostfriesen Genealogical Soc. of America.....10am-2pm
  - MGS Intermediate Genealogy Class at MHS....9am-12pm
  - Irish Gen. Soc. Class.....9:00am-3:00pm
  - MGS Bd Mtg.....1:00-4:00p.m.
  - 16 Germanic Genealogy Soc. Bd. Mtg.....7:00p.m.
  - 17 South St. Paul Genealogical Soc.....Dakota Co.

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## 18 NORTH STAR GENEALOGY

CONFERENCE & AWARDS.....Noon - 9:00p.m.

## 19 NORTH STAR GENEALOGY

CONFERENCE.....9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

- 26 MGS Education Committee.....9:00-11:00am
- 30 Norwegian-Amer. Genealogy Assn.....6:30-9:30p.m.

## October

- 1 Minnesota Families (NEWSLETTER).....deadline
  - 3 Pommern Regional Group of MN.....1:00-4:00p.m.
  - Polish Gen. Society of MN.....9:00a.m.-12:30p.m.
  - 6 Czechoslovak Gen. Soc. Intn'l Bd Mtg.....6:30pm
  - 7 Technology Course Series.....6:00-9:00pm
  - 10 Irish Genealogical Society.....10:00-11:30am
  - MGS Intermediate Genealogy Class at MHS...9am-12pm
  - Germanic Genealogy Soc. Conference.....8:00am-4:00pm
  - Writing Study Group.....1:00pm-2:30pm
  - 14 Irish Genealogical Soc. Bd. Mtg.....4:00-6:00pm
  - 16 Swedish Genealogical Soc. of MN.....1:00-4:00pm
  - 17 Swedish Genealogical Soc. of MN.....9am-4pm
  - 21 MGS Technology Course Series.....6:00-9:00pm
  - 22 South St. Paul Gen. Soc.....Dakota Co.
  - 24 MGS Branch Council.....9:30-11:00am
  - Norwegian-American Gen. Assn.....8:00am-3:30pm
  - Yankee Genealogical Society.....at MGS....1:00-3:00pm
  - 28 Norwegian-American Gen. Assn.....6:30-9:30pm
  - 31 MGS Education Committee.....9:00am-11:00am
- November**
- 1 Minnesota Genealogist (JOURNAL) Deadline
  - 4 MGS Technology Course Series.....6:00-9:00pm
  - 7 Polish Genealogical Society of MN.....9:00am-12:30pm
  - MGS WINTER PROGRAM.....8:00am-4:00pm

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### Jennifer Sly, director

After catching the genealogy bug through my Aunt Lyda and annoying my friends by my intense interest in their ancestry, I am now happily focused on being of service to others by introducing them to details of their family history. I spent years researching my own family and decided to found Simunye Genealogy ("We are one people" in the language siSwati) in 2007 to be able to

work with others and their families. Although relatively new to the field of genealogy, I am extremely passionate about continuously learning more about the field as well as finding new ways to introduce others to genealogy and their own personal heritage.

I also have experience in the field of technology having worked for some time with Honeywell and now work with an international organization, YouthAssets, which works with youth and technology in southern Africa. I am interested in ways technology can facilitate documenting family trees as well as provide global access to local records. I am also working on a personal project documenting life in Vernon, Ohio using my great-great grandmother's series of diaries

from 1870 – 1880 while she was a wife of a Ohio State congressman. I also am researching my German immigrant family in Douglas County, MN.

I recently returned to my home state of Minnesota after eight years in New York City and am excited to be involved with the Minnesota Genealogical Society. I am a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, both Brooklyn Historical Societies, International Society of Genetic Genealogy, and the Ohio Genealogical Society. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

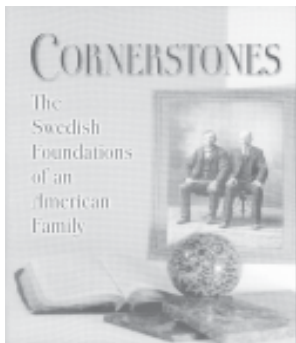
### Get on Board - We Need You

MGS is looking for 3 New Directors to serve on its Board of Directors. The term is for three years. Each director gets a specific assignment and attends Board meetings every other month. Contact J.H.Fonkert.

### MGS at Teachers' Conference

As we did last year, the Minnesota Genealogical Society will be at the Minnesota Teachers' Conference. It will be held at the St. Paul RiverCentre on Thursday, October 15. The Teacher's Genealogy Guide will be sold, and given to those who join MGS. We will also promote the many Branches, Interest Groups, and Affiliates that are part of MGS. Volunteers needed for two-hour slots. Contact Robin PanLener.

### Cornerstones: the Swedish Foundations of an



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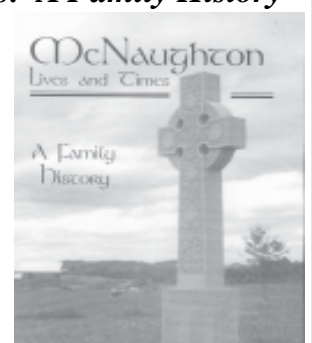
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# MGS: Celebrating 4 Decades

From *Minnesota Genealogist*, Vol. 15 #3, *Continued* . . . "MGS: The Years 1974 Through 1984," by **Wiley R. Pope and Ginger Hamer**

## 1975: Tom Sartell, President

According to Tom, he "carried on the work" and began the preparation for the Bicentennial year. At that time, in spite of efforts to form committees, the MGS presidency was still very much a "one-man job." As president, he took over the responsibility for the MGS newsletter. Jan Sellers became the editor of the *Genealogist* until the demands of her work schedule forced her to retire. Fortunately, however, more articles were submitted and she was able to prepare the quarterly on a more timely schedule.

A highlight of the year's meetings was a trip to Stillwater and the Washington County Historical Museum. Although it was a beautiful day, attendance was disappointingly low. Tom gives fishing season as one of the possible reasons for that.

## 1976: Ingmar Lee, President

The new nationwide interest in genealogy brought on by the Bicentennial and Roots made 1976 a year of great progress. Ingmar was a president who made the commitment that he would do whatever it took to provide the leadership the society needed. During that year he drove over 2,000 miles around the state of Minnesota, talking about genealogy and delighting audiences with tales of his ancestor, James Pantier, who had known and heckled Abraham Lincoln. He spoke at Marshall, Hibbing, Rochester, Mankato, Austin, and Fergus Falls. In some places the groups were small and just getting organized. In Northfield he spoke to a group around a kitchen table. Many newspaper articles were generated as a result of his trips around the state.

## KUOM and KTCA-TV appearances

Often he was accompanied by Wiley Pope who also spoke. "We had been called a Twin Cities organization," says Ingmar, "and I tried to prove that we were not." Also included in his public relations work for MGS were appearances on KUOM radio and on KTCA-TV as a panel member along with Leslie Gillund, discussing Memorial Day. All of his travel and lectures did increase interest as he hoped; minutes from November 1976 state that a record 134 people had joined MGS that year. Additional new application forms were printed up on green paper.

Consistent with reaching out to the state's local societies, the names and addresses of Minnesota genealogical societies began to be published at the back of each quarterly beginning with the first issue in 1976. Ingmar and his wife Betty, took over the publication of two issues of the quarterly. It fell to Betty to do all the typing and the major part of editing. One of these was the special Bicentennial edition, "Revolutionary Ancestors of Minnesotans," which was the first

publication ever to deal exclusively with that topic. Growth of the society notwithstanding, Ingmar relates that MGS work was still "piece work" and the *Genealogist* was collated and stapled around his dining room table. "MGS was not financially well off," he says, "but we had fun."

## Magazine Exchanges

At this time MGS was exchanging magazines with 26 other societies. The magazines and other publications received were donated, then as now, to the Minnesota Historical Society Reference Library, where they were made available to researchers.

Ingmar Lee credits his "superb board members who were all willing to work together" and a "vice-president who worked as hard as he did," with many of the accomplishments of the year. More efforts were made to obtain non-profit status in order to obtain a bulk mailing permit. Money from a memorial fund which had been established was used to buy microfilm for the Minneapolis Public Library. Bylaws were changed to allow payment of routine bills without approval from the board. Wiley Pope had begun a listing of all the cemeteries which had been transcribed and a cemetery committee was formed, consisting of Arthur Gould, Lauraine Kirchner, and Rose Johnson, Ingmar and Betty Lee also edited a second volume of *Surname Index*. The interest groups were beginning to take shape in these years, at first in the form of regular workshops. French-Canadian and English groups met often.

Ingmar Lee is included in *Who's Who in Genealogy and Heraldry, Vol. 1*, along with Elmer Courteau and Wiley Pope. He is still on the speakers bureau and travels to give talks whenever he is invited to do so.

## 1977: Elmer Courteau, President

Elmer Courteau continued the progress started by Ingmar Lee. He increased the number of newsletters to almost one a month and the number of exchanges to between 50 and 60. When he left office, there was a relatively large amount of money in the treasury, and memberships kept increasing -- up 33% over the past year. He also designed the MGS brochure which was used until 1984.

Thanks to the work of Bill DeCoursey, Donal Nelson, and other past presidents, the non-profit status was finally received from IRS. Before that "our postage was a financial headache."

Elmer Courteau amended the constitution, giving the editor of the *Genealogist* a position on the MGS board, and increased the number of board members from nine to twelve. He suggested the "Fellows" and "Most Honored Fellows" Awards and named four people to this honor: Ingmar Lee, Tom Sartell, Donal Nelson, and Mrs. Melvin Burlingame.

## Constitution Change Allows Sub-groups

At first, the French-Canadian group was a part of MGS and had a




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combined treasury. During this year English, German, Slavac, and Scandinavian workshops were also being held. As these groups grew, Elmer saw the need to change the constitution to allow these groups to become separate subgroups of MGS.

The best news of all in 1977 was that Betty Jane Goold became editor of the *Minnesota Genealogist*. Betty Jane has probably spent more time working for MGS over the years than any other individual. As of this writing, she has been editor of the *Minnesota Genealogist* for eight years. The quarterlies have always been on schedule since she became editor. She has greatly appreciated the support of members and friends who have sent in articles for publication. In March 1977, the *Genealogist* included a topical index prepared by Ingmar Lee.

Elmer Courteau remained active in MGS for a couple of years after his term, and then, thinking it would be better to let others lead the organization in their own way, he began to concentrate his efforts in the French-Canadian group. He was president of that group for several years and now does research for them.

## Tips for Google Users:

Here are some tips for those who are searching for their ancestors and their records using the Internet site Google.

This is a very helpful search engine, although not the only one, and the tips below can help cut the time of your search, as well as making your search more accurate.

### 1) Focus Your Search

- Use a plus sign (+) before words which are critical to your search.
- Use a minus sign (-) before words you want excluded from your search. Especially helpful when searching for a common surname like "ford". Use *ford -harrison* to exclude words with harrison
- Use quotation marks ("") around and two word or longer phrase to find results where the words appear together exactly as you have entered them, i.e. "*thomas jefferson*".
- Use or to retrieve search results that match any one of a number of words, i.e. *smith genealogy* OR *geneology* OR *cemetery*.

### 2) Search Without Stops

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## 1978: George Mellon, President

George Mellon calls his term as president a "year of change." In spite of efforts in the past to spread out the work of MGS, it was in many ways still a one-man organization. To this day George remains grateful to Loranine Rouzer, his one volunteer, who answered the mail during his term.

George did the paste-up of a new cover design for the *Genealogist* which is still being used today (1984). He, along with Betty Jane Goold, continued to stress the importance of giving members all they bargained for in making sure to publish the quarterly on time. He reorganized the back issues of the *Genealogist* which had been in storage and put together several complete sets which went to various libraries.

In February he initiated his "pet project," the collection of ancestor charts from members for ultimate publication. The most far-reaching thing he accomplished, however, was putting the mailing list on the computer. With some programming help from Bill DeCoursey, George key-punched all of the cards, going back into the original files of MGS to include all of the charter members and other information.

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meaninfgul results (i.e. where, how, about.. or are parts of speech like conjunctions, prepositions and adverbs (i.e. and, if, be, the...) Google tells you when it's ignoring a stop word by displaying details on the results page below the search box (i.e. "about" is a very common word and was not included in your search).

There are times when searching that you will not want Google to exclude these stop words. For example, will is considered a stop word by Google, which can mess up your search results if you are searching for the will of a specific ancestor. To get around this you can either force Google to include a stop word in your search by putting a "+" sign in front of it or by enclosing your phrase of two or more words in quotation marks (i.e. "*will rogers*").

### 3) Search Suggested Alternate Spellings

Google is smart and now suggests alternate spellings for search terms which appear to be misspelled. The search engine's self-learning algorithm automatically detects misspellings and suggests corrections based on the most popular spelling of the word. You can get a basic idea of how it works by typing in "*geneology*" as a search term. While Google will return search results for pages on geneology, it will also ask you "*Did you mean genealogy?*" Click on the suggested alternate spelling for a whole new list of sites to browse. This feature comes in particularly handy when searching for cities and towns when you aren't sure of the correct spelling. Type in *Bremehaven* and Google will ask you if you meant *Bremerhaven*. Or type in *Napels Italy*, and Google will ask you if you meant *Naples Italy*.

## *Psst ! Am I Hiding on Your Shelf ?*

by John Schade

Borrowed, or stolen, and never returned. Following are books missing from the Minnesota Genealogical Society Library shelves. Donated copies of these books will be accepted and placed on the shelf. Those books not returned or re-donated within 100 days (from the date of publication of this list) will be removed from the Minnesota Genealogical Society Catalog to bring the library catalog up-to-date.

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**A Historical Directory of Minnesota Homes for the Aged** by Ethel McClure MN GEN 109 MCC  
**A Menu of Memories** by Sandy Kreamer FH K091 KRE  
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## NEW CLASS: Beginning Genealogy

**What:** A six-session course for beginning genealogists and others seeking to improve their understanding of fundamental genealogical skills.

**When:** Six Sunday afternoons, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 8, and November 22, from 1-3 PM.

**Where:** MGS library classroom.

**Who: Attendees:** Open to anyone interested in beginning genealogy—MGS and branch members or members of the community. No prerequisites.

### **Instructors:**

**Lois Mackin, Ph.D.**—genealogical researcher and lecturer. MGS education chair.

**Jay Fonkert, CG**—genealogical researcher, lecturer, and author. Current MGS President.

**Sheila Northrop**—genealogical researcher and lecturer. Past MGS secretary.

**John Schade**—genealogical researcher and lecturer specializing in Native American, Canadian, and fur trade research. MGS librarian and past President.

**David Suddarth**—genealogical researcher and trainer. Current Secretary of MGS.

**How:** Classes will be a combination of lecture, small group, and individual work, and will include home assignments. We will use *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*, by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls, as our textbook and reference. MGS will provide copies to registrants at the first session.

**How Many:** Up to 30 registrants. Course will not be offered if fewer than six people register.

### **Course Content:**

**Session 1:** Overview of how genealogists work and tools of genealogy. Introduction to the Five Steps of genealogical research (write down and organize what you know, decide what you want to learn, locate a useful source, learn from the source, and use what you learned). Workshop on Step 1.

**Session 2:** Continue work on Step 1, learning about using home sources, identifying what's easily available, and customizing a plan for organizing your genealogical materials.

**Session 3:** Learn about Step 2—identifying gaps in your knowledge, defining what you want to learn, and creating a focused research plan.

**Session 4:** Learn about Step 3—learning about the main types of sources commonly used by beginning genealogists, where to find them on the Internet and in repositories, and how to use them.

**Session 5:** Learn about Step 4—capturing information from a source, citing the source properly, and analyzing the evidence.

**Session 6:** Learn about Step 5—identifying the pertinent clues in what you find, defining how to continue on your own.

**Cost:** \$70.00, plus textbook cost (approximately \$18.95, plus tax and shipping).

**How to register:** Sign up online at: <http://www.mnsgs.org>, or via mail to:

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## Michael Clark Family History Writing Competition

According to reports from Sue Kratsch, current president of the Yankee Genealogical Society, there have been 17 submissions to their new creative writing competition.

First, second, and third place awards will be presented at the September 18 Awards Banquet. The First Place Award winner will have her, or his, entry published in the *Minnesota Genealogist*, the MGS journal.