

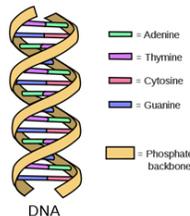
Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



DNA for Genealogy



George Spracklin will be showing a PowerPoint presentation at our meeting on August 1st, explaining how DNA sequencing can be used to trace ancestry. The three main types of DNA analyzed



(mitochondrial, Y- chromosome and autosomes) for genealogy will be examined with examples of how each has been used in genealogical studies.

Spracklin graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences with a B.S. He then worked as a research assistant at Cambria Biosciences and Massachusetts Institute of Technology before joining the Genetics Department at UW-Madison as a graduate student. George is currently in his third year working in Scott Kennedy's lab investigating epigenetic inheritance in *C.elegans* (roundworms).

More technical information about DNA can be found in the **Hartnell College Biology Tutorials** (source of the DNA photo)

<http://www.hartnell.edu/tutorials/biology/dnareplication.html>

Tour of the Wisconsin Historical Society

On Saturday, July 13th, sixteen members of DCAGS attended a tour of the Wisconsin Historical Society on State Street.



Jim Hansen was our tour guide. He explained what information and facilities were available in the reading room. He also told us of the restoration of this room. (continued on page 3)

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Regular DCAGS meetings are generally the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4505 Regent Street, Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m.

DCAGS Update:

The DCAGS Governing Board meets the third Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin Foundation Office 1848 University Avenue Madison, WI.

We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

Our speaker on September 5th will be Maria Isabelle Boyd. Her topic is The True Story of Miss Belle Boyd, Siren of the South.

Individual Highlights: Upcoming conferences & Webinars - page 2 President's message, New Member, Request for displays for December Show and Tell, Request for Newspaper articles, and the Tour recap continued - page 3 Request for committee chair - page 4



Illinois State Genealogical Society offers FREE WEBINARS on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All ISGS webinars are FREE and open to the public when they are presented live. For upcoming webinars go to <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234> to learn more about the upcoming webinars and to register.

August 2013

Getting to Here from There: Following your Ancestor's Migration Trail

- **Presenter:** J. H. "Jay" Fonkert, CG
- **Date:** Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 8:00 pm Central
- **Description:** Every migration story is different, but learning about common migration routes helps us understand the migration possibilities for our individual ancestors. Learn about major 19th Century American migration routes, as well as how to look for clues for the routes taken by your particular ancestor.
- **Register:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8033182932596979200>



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Captured For All Time: Recording Family Voices to Preserve and Pass Down

Recording oral history and family stories can be the perfect way to preserve and share your family history. Audio can be more ideal than video because the file sizes are smaller. Also, relatives may be less inhibited when recording because audio is less intrusive. Find out from Marian Pierre-Louis the best way to record and save audio files so that they become a permanent part of your family history. [Marian Pierre-Louis](#), 1 PM, Wednesday August 7, 2013.

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Digital Research Guidance, Research Logs, and To Do Lists: FamilySearch, Research Wiki, and Legacy Family Tree

Everyone can use a little research help every now and then, right? Learn about best practices in using the latest technology to organize and plan your research strategies. Call on these digital research assistants 24/7. Geoff Rasmussen will educate, compare, and contrast the three major research guidance tools: FamilySearch, Research Wiki, and LegacyFamilyTree's Research guidance. You will learn how to easily keep track of what you've previously researched, as well as plan your research To Do List. In addition to the webinar, we'll have fantastic door prizes, coupon codes, and a Question/Answer session. [Geoff Rasmussen](#) 1 PM, Wednesday August 14, 2013

Do More with your Photos with Templates from Heritage Collector software

Learn more about the Heritage Collector software to create storybook pages to preserve and share experiences that are perfect for children and young families. Learn to add voice recordings and video clips to save and share precious experiences. Learn the difference between a Quick Page and a Template. Learn how to use storybook templates. [Kathleen Bitter](#), 1 PM, Wednesday August 21, 2013

Colonial Immigrants: Who They Were and Where They Came From

Between 1607 and 1790, about 900,000 immigrants came to the colonies. Learn about each of the nationalities that came before the Revolutionary War, where they came from, and sources available to identify them. [Mary Hill](#), 1 PM, Wednesday August 28, 2013



The Federation of Genealogical Societies announces a new webinar focusing on the use of military records in genealogical research. This webinar is FREE and open to the public

Researching in the Post War Records of 1812

Presenter: Craig Scott, MA, CG
Date: Wednesday, 7 August 2013, 7pm Central [Register:](#)
<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/663333166>

This lecture will focus on the records created by the War Department after the War. It will include compiled military service records, pensions and pension payments.

Craig Roberts Scott, MA, CG is the President and CEO of Heritage Books, Inc., a genealogical publishing firm with over 4,900 titles in print. A professional genealogical and historical researcher for more than twenty-eight years, he specializes in the records of the National Archives, especially those that relate to the military. He is the Coordinator of the Advanced Military Track at IGHR and SLIG



Journey through Generations
2013 FGS Annual Conference
August 21-24, 2013 - Fort Wayne, IN

Federation of Genealogical Societies

<http://www.fgs.org/cpage.php?pt=43>

Read more about the program at

<https://www.fgsconference.org/program/>



2013 Bus Trip to FGS

The Minnesota Genealogical Society (MDS) is going to the **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana**, and you, too, can ride the bus!

The bus will leave Minnesota on August 20, 2013, returning August 25, and will have a stop near Madison, Wisconsin. If interested, please fill out the [registration form](#). Someone from MGS will contact you to make pick-up arrangements.



President's Message:

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I would like to know when each of you first became a member of DCAGS or one of its predecessor societies--your "start date," if you will. Our predecessor societies were "South Central," CAGSW, and Dane County Genealogical Society. If you joined since DCAGS was formed in 2006, I have your start date.

Just a rough estimate is great – I'm looking forward to see what the average tenure of our members are (and who's been a member the longest)! Please email or call me with this information.

Secondly, we have two research requests from folks out of state that I could use your help on. I'll give a brief overview of both cases below and if you'd like to help with either or both please let me know.

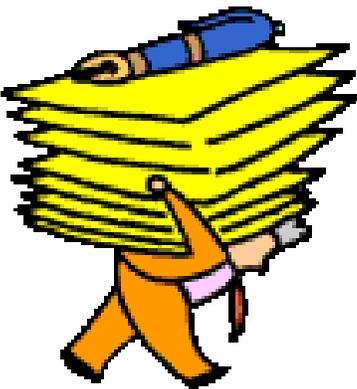
- a) An individual is trying to fill in some blanks on her Wilkins family tree. Her Wilkins settled in the DeForest area in the 1850s and she's trying to determine if there are any descendants still on the land or in the area.
- b) The other individual is trying to find information on some Browns that lived here as late as 1950 but disappeared from any records he has access to after that. This individual has offered a payment of \$10 to the group if we can assist him with his request.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you on the 1st!
Walker walker@viridis.ws

New Member

We have one new member to introduce this month, Brenda Outhouse. Her research interests include Kammer, Outhouse and Weeden.

Her geographic interests are Dane, Dodge, Green and Sauk Counties and Holland and Norway. If you would like to contact Brenda please let Walker know.



Did you go on a research trip this summer or attend a genealogy conference?

Have you met distant family members or cracked a brick wall? If so why not share your stories with your fellow DCAGS members. This

month's newsletter is smaller than usual since the newspaper editor is in need of news to share.

All you need to do is write up your article and email it to skubie27@live.com. Submit by the third Tuesday of the month. Trivia, recipes and stories are all acceptable.

Tour of the Historical Society (continued from page 1)

A lot of work and research went into recreating this room to its almost original glory. Because additional floors were added to the building, the original skylights are now electronically lighted. They are beautiful.

Jim took us to the archives area on the fourth floor and we toured the card files and microfiche area and learned how to find what you need on microfilm. We were also shown how to use the card system to print out information. Our tour lasted almost an hour with a lot of good information given.

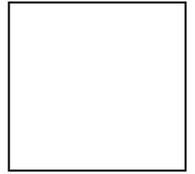
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One Committee Chair position remains open. It is the public relations position.

Being a Committee Chair requires you to attend the board meetings that are held once a month.

Each of the committees could use more members. All of the committee chairs would welcome help.

Attend a board meeting and learn more about how you can participate.