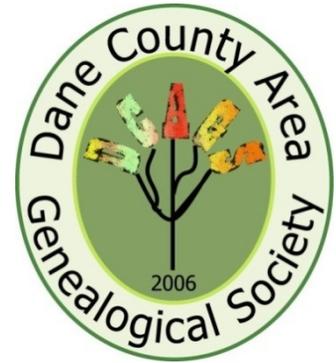


Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



Dane County Historical Society ... who knew?



is the title of the program for our November 7th meeting. Mary Clark's presentation will be an overview of the origins, services and collections of the Dane County Historical Society, one of the "best kept secrets in the area." The

Society has been serving Dane County for more than fifty years, yet few area residents have ever heard of DCHS. This presentation will focus on some of the more interesting collections in the Otto Schroeder Records Center operated by the Dane County Historical Society.

In case you do not know, the Dane County Historical Society is located at the Lussier Family Heritage Center (Lower Level), 3101 Lake Farm Road, Madison, Wisconsin. To schedule an appointment to do research email dchs@danecountyhistory.org



Mary Clark retired from the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction in 2007, after more than 25 years there as a librarian there. She is currently employed as a software product manager for a library technology company.

She holds a BA in history and an MLS in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. A lifelong resident of Dane County, she has been the president of the Dane County Historical Society for the past seven years.



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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, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin Foundation Office 1848 University Avenue Madison, WI. Please join us!

Our **December 5th** meeting will be "Show and Tell" along with a Winter Social to be held in the gym.

Members will have displays of their genealogy projects and items.

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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. Go to <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234> to learn more about the upcoming webinars and to register.

November 2013

Little Houses on the Prairie: Midwestern Research Techniques

- **Presenter:** Diana Crisman Smith
- **Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 8 PM Central
- **Description:** Do you have Midwestern ancestors? Have you found them difficult to research because they are "different" from New England, or the south, or wherever? There are some tricks and techniques which make researching this region less intimidating.
- **Register:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/848493470127452672>



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www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com

Ancestry Trees Can Jump Start Your Research

Find out why Ol' Myrt gave up the notion to avoid sharing her family tree online. Secret: It's all about collaboration. This webinar guides participants through the process of creating a GEDCOM file in the Legacy Family Tree software, uploading the file to Ancestry.com, and looking for "reasonable" matches using Ancestry's shaking leaf. We then focus on deeper searches using the "magnifying glass" and analysis of reliability of matches. [Dear MYRTLE](#) 1 PM, Friday, Nov 1, 2013.

Researching with Marian! Creating a Research Plan with YOUR Research

You've watched her solve brick walls and create research plans. Now Marian Pierre-Louis will show you strategies for some of your very own Connecticut, Rhode Island, or Massachusetts research problems. If you have an ancestral family from one of these states, send Marian your family group record (marianpl@fieldstonehistoricalresearch.com) and she and she might choose yours for a live demonstration of creating a personalized research plan. [Marian Pierre-Louis](#) 1 PM, Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

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Using GPS Coordinates to Tag and Record Your Photos with Heritage Collector software

Eliminate the guesswork and frustration trying to record, tag and find forgotten cemeteries and graves, old farms, the home where you grew up, and other family history locations anywhere in the world. The Heritage Collector GPS Module makes it easy to use and add GPS coordinates to photos and files contained in a collection. [Marlo Schult](#) 1PM, Friday, November 8, 2013.

Researching Your Ohio Ancestors

If you have ancestors who lived in or passed through Ohio, you'll find a wealth of documents waiting for you online, and at archives, libraries, and repositories. Discover what records are available, where they are located, and how to utilize them to trace your roots in the Buckeye state. [Chris Staats](#) , [Lisa Alzo](#) , 1 PM, Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

Mind Mapping Your Research Plans and Results

Mind mapping is a process of creating a diagram or flow chart of ideas and concepts. Learn about automated mind mapping tools that let you see your research data in a new light. Do you have trouble planning a genealogy research strategy? What if you had an automated way to lay out concepts, variables and actions? Mind mapping can help you create an effective research plan as well as help you connect data points once the research is completed. [Thomas MacEntee](#) 1 PM, Wednesday, November 20, 2013.



Our November WSGS Webinar will be held on
Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 PM CST

" 'Tho' They Were Poor, They May Have Been Rich in Records"

Presenter: Paula Stuart-Warren



Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM CST

Webinar Description: So many researchers put up artificial brick walls because their ancestors weren't land

owners, were perennial renters staying one step ahead of the bill collector, or didn't leave behind a ten page will listing all the children. Various records and sources for tracking these ancestors down will be discussed. Visuals will demonstrate the extensive information which may be found. Examples span many states and time periods and both private organizations and government agencies at many levels.

To register, just follow this link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4892498342496038912>

Webinar ID: 142-806-747

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar and handout information.



Genealogy Webinars for November:
November 4th, Church and Cemetery Research.

November 13th, Where do I go next, Part 1
November 18th, Where do I go next, Part 2

Cost: \$30 each **Time:** 6 to 8PM

Genealogy Workshop: Reading Old German Script on November 9th from 9AM to 2PM.

Do you have correspondence from a German ancestor written in a script that you cannot read? Or on an official document? This workshop will acquaint participants with the basics of the Old German written alphabet so that they can transcribe words into modern script. Bring your own documents. After providing a general introduction, the instructor will assist you with your specific questions.

Instructor: Karyl Rommelfanger, retired German teacher from the Manitowoc Public School System. She has transcribed and translated documents written in Old German script for more than 25 years.

This workshop is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Historical Society Division of Library-Archives and the Max Kade Institute for German American Studies.

\$35 for members of Friends of Max Kade Institute or the Wisconsin Historical Society, \$40 for non-members.

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For more information and to register go to <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes/> or E-mail: AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org Phone: 608-264-6519



<http://www.illinois.gov/alplm/Pages/gettysburgaddress150.aspx>

Gettysburg Address Anniversary Events

At the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery, on a battlefield near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, President Abraham Lincoln delivered what would come to be one of the most iconic speeches in the history of the United States, if not the world. November 19, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's address. Several events commemorating his speech are taking place here in Illinois and Madison.

First, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum invites you to join them for a week's worth of events commemorating the Gettysburg Address. The museum is located at 212 North 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois. Springfield is a 4-hour drive from Madison, but beginning Sunday, November 17th thru Sunday, November 24th different events are planned each day. Visit their web site for further information.

<http://www.illinois.gov/alplm/GettysburgAddress150/Pages/default.aspx>

The second event is hosted by the Madison History Round Table. Ed Pierce, historian for the First Brigade Band, will be the speaker for the November 14th meeting. The title of the program will be "The 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address – A Musical Perspective."

Pierce has found a way to combine his passion for the Civil War with his lifelong profession as the school band director for the Lutheran Schools of Jefferson County. He has been a member of the First Brigade Band since 1976, served as Foundation President, and currently serves as chief historian, narrator and soloist for the organization. He was a guest speaker and soloist at Governor Doyle's official "Lincoln Bicentennial" reception at the Executive Mansion. Additionally, Pierce was one of the recording artists for the Time Life series "Treasury of Civil War Music" and has been a special music artist for Old World Wisconsin.

The Madison History Round Table meets the second Thursday of the month, September through May, at the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison. The program begins at 7:15 PM. Attendance is free and no advance registration is required.

Participants can also enjoy a dinner, \$18.00 each, at 6 P.M. before the program. Dinner reservations are required by Monday before the event, which can be made by email madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com or phone Bill Sayles (608-274-9342).

Annual membership is \$30.00/year. More information is available about the Madison History Roundtable on the web www.mhrt.info and facebook page. You can also contact Bill Sayles (608-274-9342) or Jennifer Ehle (608-302-1722) for additional information. All are welcome.



President's Message:

Greetings everyone,

A couple of things I would like to reinforce.

Please, be sure to review the inclement weather policy that Pat has included in this edition. The snow will be here before we know it and given the non-essential nature of our meetings I will always error on the side of safety if there is any doubt. Also, your vote on the bylaws is very important. Please take a moment to do so.

Changes in membership renewal process and directory are coming.

Now that our new membership database is up and running you will see a couple of changes this year. First, we will not be sending out the first renewal notice until November. At that time we will include your current information for you to review. Should you choose to renew via paper you can make the changes directly on this form and send it in with your dues. The option will continue to exist to make any changes and renew online as well. Secondly, because all of the information is now transferred over to a more efficient database the time to produce the printed membership directory should take much less time. If you want to be sure to be included in the 2014 directory your renewal should be received no later than January 21st.

Happy Halloween! Walker Crawford, President walker@viridis.ws



The Program Committee



has requested that you start preparing for our December Social and Show and Tell Event.

Returning due to popular demand and because of the interesting exhibits and great food, they urge you to sign up and enter your exhibits for this event. Last year's exhibits contained everything from family records to interesting photos of ancestors. A signup sheet will be passed around at the November meeting for those who will be bringing bars and cookies or contact Donna Johnson Donna53705@aol.com and sign up early.

Wisconsin Historical Society (continued)

Genealogy: Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com has one of the top two genealogical online collections in the world. It is extensive and provides many digital collections, indexes and tools to help people share their stories. This computer lab will provide instruction on what to expect from Ancestry.com and what you will find outside of this well-publicized website.

Instructor: Lori Bessler, reference librarian

Ticket Info: \$40. Registration required and limited to 20. [Register online!](#)

Meeting Cancellation Policy

The Dane County Area Genealogical Society will consider canceling a scheduled meeting if the Madison Metropolitan School District cancels school or authorizes early release due to severe weather conditions (e.g., blizzard, tornado, etc.) that are expected to continue into the evening hours. Should school not be in session, other community-wide cancellations may be taken into account. A decision to cancel a meeting due to severe weather conditions shall be made by a majority of the Executive Committee.

The President or designee will inform the members and media with the details concerning the cancellation of that day's events. The decision should be made by Noon if possible, the day of the meeting.

Upon cancellation all members with an email address on file will be emailed. The information will also be sent to the following: dcags.org, WIBA/1310 AM, WOLX/94.9 FM, channel3000.com and NBC15.com.



New DCAGS Officers/Directors Needed

The annual DCAGS election is fast approaching. Nominations will be set at the November membership meeting, with voting taking place just prior to the December membership meeting. Depending on the result of the upcoming Bylaws amendment vote, we need to elect either a vice-president and a treasurer or somewhere between six and nine directors.

Our current treasurer has told us she will not run for re-election, so regardless of the Bylaws amendment vote we need to select a new treasurer.

If you have suggestions for members you would like to see serve as DCAGS directors or officers, please pass your suggestions on to one of the members of this year's nominating committee:

Rollie Littlewood rkittle@wisc.edu or (608)273-0211,
Ruth Simpson rsimpson@terra.com.net.
Pat Skubis skubie27@live.com or (608) 424-3919.

Photographer Needed

A photographer is needed for our December meeting to photograph the exhibits and email them to Pat Skubis so that they can be included in the January Newsletter. If you are willing to do this contact Pat Skubis before the December meeting.



Notice! Recap of our October meeting will be in our next Newsletter along with this month's recap.



Contact: Kevin Hampton **Email:** kevin.hampton@dva.wisconsin.gov **Phone:** 608.261.5409

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Cost:** FREE

Join us in recognition of the Wisconsin men and women who served their country during the Vietnam Era. The event will be held at the State Capitol. For more information please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) or visit <http://www.wisvets.com> - See more at: <http://www.wisvetsmuseum.com/events/#sthash.Q87sE7k5.dpuf>

Medal of Honor Exhibit Opening

Date: November 13, 2013 **Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: The Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 West Mifflin Street, Madison

Please join us for the opening of a new exhibit featuring selected Medal of Honor recipients from Wisconsin. Recipients include Staff Sergeant Gerald L. Endl (WWII), Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. (Korea) and 2nd Lieutenant Jerome A Sudut (Korea).

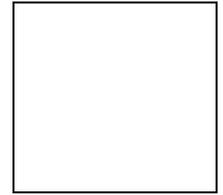


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**See you on
November 7th**



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Remember to vote on
the bylaws proposal
and be sure to attend
the annual business
meeting on
November 7th

