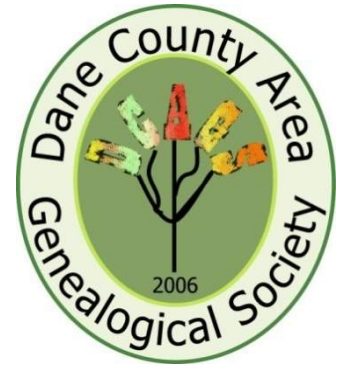


# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



## "What my grandmother told me and she never lied"



is the title of the program for our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Solveig Astrid Schavland Quinney will be using examples of stories she has heard from clients and the importance of verifying their validity.

When I heard her title it reminded me of information that my grandmother had told me, about how her father had arrived in America three years before the rest of the family. After searching for him in ship

records for 1885, I finally located him as arriving in 1888. This was the same year as the rest of the family, only it was three months earlier. Since my grandmother was only five at the time, it probably seemed to her to have been three years.

Solveig also plans to talk about Bokmål and Nynorsk: the two languages of Norway, how to use Bygdebøker, farm names and the patronymic naming system.

Solveig Schavland Quinney is the library services specialist at the [Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library](#), which is dedicated to researching Norwegian heritage. She was born in Stavanger, Norway on the day of the German occupation. In 1949, at the age of nine, she moved with her family from Stavanger, to Story City, Iowa. She has worked at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center since 2002.

She is the author of *Leaving Norway: A Family Story*.



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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.*

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**DCAGS Update:**

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

*The next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.*

*at the University of Wisconsin Foundation Office 1848 University Avenue Madison, WI.*

*Please join us!*

Our speaker on **November 7<sup>th</sup>** will be Mary Clark, President of the Dane County Historical Society.

**Topic:** Introduction to the Dane County Historical Society

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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.

### October 2013

#### *Up In Smoke!! What To Do When the Courthouse Burns*

- **Presenter:** Peggy Clemens Lauritzen, AG
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 8:00 PM Central
- **Description:** War and natural disasters have taken their toll on many of our nation's county courthouses. Let's look at some helpful sources that may still exist.
- **Register:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1130232329628818432>



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[www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

#### **Get the Scoop on Your Ancestors with Newspapers**

Yearning to "read all about it?" Newspapers are a fantastic source of research leads, information and historical context for your family history. Learn the specialized approach that is required to achieve success in locating the news on your ancestors. Includes 3 Cool Tech Tools that will get you started. [Lisa Louise Cooke](#) Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 1:00 PM

#### **Using Church Records to Identify Ancestors**

Church records contain a wealth of family history information - what types of records different churches kept, how to determine your ancestor's denomination, and where to locate these important records. [Mary Hill](#) Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 1:00 PM

#### **Using Court Records to Tell the Story of our Ancestors' Lives**

Early court records give us evidence to prove who our ancestors were. But they're even more wonderful in helping us understand how our ancestors lived. Learn how to use court records to add richness and depth to help tell your family's story. [Judy G. Russell](#) Wednesday October 30, 2013 at 1 PM  
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#### **Genealogy - Family History**

Taught by Pat Skubis, past president of the Dane County Area Genealogical Society.


**Time and Place** 6:00 - 8:00 PM / Oregon Sr. Center at 219 Park Street, Oregon / \$44 per four week session; Join any class for \$12 per evening.

#### **Wednesdays, Oct. 2 - 23**

Class 1: School records and other local resources; Class 2: Locating and using military records; Class 3: Learn about BadgerLink and how to use it; Class 4: Getting the most out of obituaries.

#### **Wednesdays, Oct. 30 - Nov. 20**

Class 1: Finding and using land records and wills to augment your genealogy; Class 2: Locating and using church records; Class 3: Free online Genealogy courses; Class 4: Link up with distant relatives via Ancestry/MyHeritage.

 [Fall 2013 Program Guide](#) (PDF -5.13 MB)  
Programs and classes for youth and adults!

 [Registration Form for Classes/Programs](#)

(DOC -30 KB)

[Online registration for Community Ed programs](#)



#### **October WSGS Webinar**

**Finding Those Who Served:  
Genealogy Resources at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum**

**Presenter:** [Russell Horton](#), Reference & Outreach Archivist, Wisconsin Veterans Museum & Archives

**Date:** Tuesday, October 15th, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 PM CST

#### **Webinar Description:**

*Do you have military ancestors in your family and don't know where to begin to look for information on them? The Wisconsin Veteran's Museum and Archives have many resources that can help point you in the right direction, including much*

*on the Civil War, World War I and II and more. Come listen to Russ as he shares all of the jewels and gems of their collection and how it might be able to help you with your genealogical research.*

**To register for the webinar, follow this link:**<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2611639535833757696>  
Webinar ID: 118-090-691

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

### **Family History Library Genealogy Research Tour**

**October 27 - November 3, 2013**  
**NAGC Members: \$1,120\* -**  
**Non-Members: \$1,185\***

You are invited to join us for a genealogical tour to the world-famous Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located in Salt Lake City, Utah. Participating in this tour will give you an opportunity to work with the largest collection of genealogical materials in the world. Jerry Paulson, Director of Genealogical Research at Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library will assist you with your research and be available for personal consultation. Knowledgeable library staff and volunteers will also be available to assist you. Overnight accommodations will be at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, located next to the library. *\*Please note that registration does not include airfare; all arrangements for travel must be made by each tour participant.*

For more details, contact Jerry Paulson at (608) 255-2224 or at [gpaulson@nagcnl.org](mailto:gpaulson@nagcnl.org). Sponsored by Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library



**The Minnesota Genealogical Society**  
**October 4-5, 2013**  
**Proudly Presents**  
the 6th Annual North

Star 2013 Family History Conference  
**"Discovering and Telling Family History" at the Colonial Church, Edina, Minnesota.**  
**featured speaker** Steve Luxenberg  
\$65 per day or \$140 for both days.  
[mngs.org/calendar.htm](http://mngs.org/calendar.htm)



## President's Message:

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Defining Your Goal, Enjoying The Journey. I am co-instructing a beginners' genealogy course next month at WHS and I think this is the most important lesson that I can leave attendees with. My first venture into genealogy was at the request of one of my grandaunts. She had been researching our family history for over 40 years but it was all on paper and her goal was to publish a book to share with our expansive family. I spent the next several years entering and editing the information, over 6,000 names in all. Following that we were starting to resume research to try and knockdown some of the roadblocks she had encountered. Unfortunately she passed away just as we were getting started with that process. My aunt failed to be specific in her goal and as a result her scope was ever increasing. She had information on tons of branches but hadn't answered her original questions. That said, a good researcher does not close their eyes to periphery information that may be of help down the road. And let's face it, sometimes it's fun to take a SHORT detour of interest. But don't let it consume you. What's the most important lesson you've learned over the years? Send it to me or Pat and we'll be happy to include it in future newsletters.

Walker [walker@viridis.ws](mailto:walker@viridis.ws)

## New Member

We have one new member this month, Kathy (Kathleen) Poi. For genealogy aides she uses Ancestry.com, Family Tree Maker and FamilySearch.org on her PC. She lives in Madison, but is originally from the Eastern United States. Kathy is researching the names Bedish, Dobson, Gibbs, Hartnett, Mangan, Perrault, Poi, Shaughnessey, Smith and Williams. Her US areas of focus are California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Wisconsin. Foreign countries of interest are Canada, England, France, Hungary, Ireland and Scotland. Welcome Kathy!

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## 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. Contact Donna Johnson [Donna53705@aol.com](mailto:Donna53705@aol.com) and sign up early.

## Upcoming Events!



[Kristyna Wentz-Graff](mailto:kristyna.wentz-graff@wisc.edu)

[wisc.edu/online.com/news](http://wisc.edu/online.com/news)

### Talking Spirits Cemetery Tour XV

**Date:** October 6, 2013  
**Time:** 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tour leaves every 20 minutes from 12:00 PM through 4:00 PM  
**Location:** Forest Hill Cemetery, 1 Speedway Road, Madison, Wisconsin  
**Cost: Adult admission is \$5; Children are \$2.**

On this 90 minute walking tour, local actors will portray important Civil War-era characters buried at Forest Hill. In the event of inclement weather, be sure to check back at [wisvetsmuseum.com/events](http://wisc.edu/wisvetsmuseum.com/events) for important information about this program.

## Upcoming Events continued

### [The Men Who Lost America: British Leadership, the American Revolution, and the Fate of the Empire](#) -

**Date:** October 17, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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

**Contact:** Kevin Hampton

**Phone:** 608.261.5409

**Cost:** FREE

**Dr. Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy**, Author, Historian, and Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello, VA (continued - page 4)

#### **Lecture and Book Signing**

Britain seemingly should have won the Revolutionary War. Its failure to do so is commonly assumed to be due to the incompetence of commanders and the politicians who are ridiculed in fiction and in movies. Although less crudely presented, such caricatures even permeate scholarly literature. The talk will challenge the stereotypes and offer a very different explanation of why Britain lost the American War of Independence.

### [African American Faces of the Civil War: An Album](#)

**Date:** October 24, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

**Ron Coddington**, Author and Historian

#### **Lecture and Book Signing**

More than two-hundred-thousand men of color served in the Union army and navy during the Civil War after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued. Some were free men; others were escaped slaves or slaves released from by their owners to join the military. All stood up to fight for their freedom and the future of their people. Historian Ronald S. Coddington spent four years collecting original, unpublished portraits of a representative sample of these men, and researching their compelling stories. -

### [John Reynolds and the Iron Brigade](#)

**Date:** October 30, 2013

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

**Lance Herdegen**, Author and Chair of the Wisconsin Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission

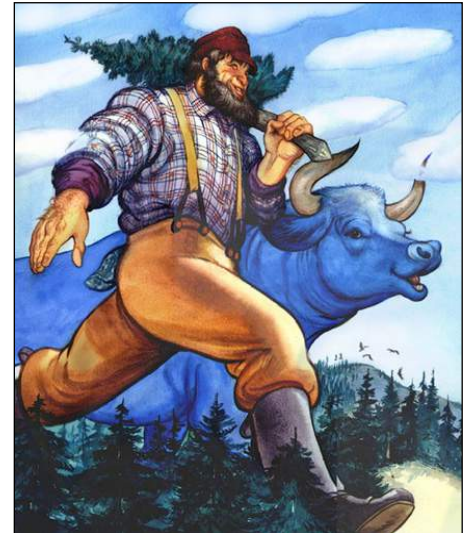
#### **Lecture and Book Signing**

The death of General John Reynolds as he led the 2nd Wisconsin into action at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, turned him into an American

military hero. But his relationship with the famous Iron Brigade of his First Army Corps was distant those days before the epic battle. This is the story of how that all changed that morning 150 years ago and how Reynolds found fame only after he had been killed in battle.- See more at:

<http://www.wisvetsmuseum.com/events/#sthash.RguTENjo.dpuf>

# Join



## The Madison History Roundtable

for their October 10, 2013 program on Paul Bunyan to be given by Michael Edmonds, author of "Out of the Northwoods: The Many Lives of Paul Bunyan." The title of the program is: "Bunyan's Progress: How the Private Jokes of Lumberjacks Turned Into America's Best-Known Folk Hero." Edmonds will share his discoveries about Paul Bunyan's origins among Wisconsin loggers in the 1880s. He'll describe where the stories began, how they migrated from logging camps into print, and how publication changed them forever. He'll also share some of the earliest authentic Bunyan stories as they were actually told aloud by Wisconsin lumberjacks during the 1880s and 1890s.

The group meets the second Thursday of the month, September through May, at the Radisson Hotel Madison, 517 Grand Canyon Drive. Participants can enjoy a dinner at 6 P.M. [reservations required] prior to the program, which can be made by email [madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com](mailto:madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com)

The program begins at 7:15 PM. There is no advance registration for the programs. However, dinner reservations are required by Monday before the event, Annual membership is \$30.00/year. More information is available about the Madison History Roundtable on the web [www.mhrt.info](http://www.mhrt.info) and face book page. You can also contact Bill Sayles (608-274-9342) or Jennifer Ehle for additional information (608-302-1722). All are welcome. Photo from <http://interopia.com/2012/10/11/a-timeline-of-famous-fictional-characters/>

## "The True Story of Miss Belle Boyd, Siren of the South"



At the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dane County Area Genealogical Society, attendees were treated to a period dress presentation of the life of the "LaBelle Rebelle," Belle Boyd, a Confederate spy. Wearing a bright yellow hoop skirt dress, Melanie

Lichtfeld, a re-enactor from the Columbus Carriage Festival, did the reincarnation of Belle. Her words filled in the character of Boyd, who died, after a life of extensive travel and three marriages, in Kilbourne City, Wisconsin (now known as the Wisconsin Dells) and is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery outside of Portage close to the junction of routes 46 and 13.

Isabella Marie Boyd, more commonly referred to as "Belle Boyd," was a Confederate spy in the United States Civil War. She was born in 1844 in Martinsburg, Berkeley County, Virginia (which would become West Virginia in 1863) to Benjamin and Mary (Glenn) Boyd. With the country of Boyd's youth embroiled in a festering "states rights" versus "federalism" controversy driven by the issue of slavery, Belle grew up in a family fervently of the "states rights" opinion. Boyd lived a very carefree life as a youth, and, by her own description, she was a "tomboy" who could ride a horse as well as anyone. Her father was able to afford sending Belle to a college or finishing school for girls, Mount Saint Agnes College (Mount Washington Female College) in Baltimore, Maryland.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, her home in Virginia was the site of early battles and skirmishes. During the early part of the war, Belle Boyd shot and killed a "Yankee" who had harassed her mother for displaying a Confederate flag. During the military investigation which followed, a board of inquiry exonerated Belle of murder. This verdict, however, proved to be the

beginning of her active involvement in the Confederate military efforts.

Belle intermingled with Yankee troops stationed in the vicinity of her home, including the "Iron Brigade" from Wisconsin, and through girl wives and the perceived innocence of youth, Boyd managed to pass troop strength and deployment information on to the Confederate general staff. At this point in the Civil War, civilians could, especially local inhabitants, with a note from the commanding colonel, pass between the combatant lines. Her efforts helped General Stonewall Jackson and the Confederacy in the Shenandoah Valley campaigns of 1862-63. Belle's efforts were not without consequences, she was arrested on three different occasions, avoided the gallows, and spent time in the Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D.C. and at Fort Monroe.

In 1864, Boyd went to England, and there she married her first husband, Captain Samuel Wylde Hardinge, a U.S. Navy officer. Hardinge died in 1866, and Boyd subsequently returned to the United States. Two more marriages and a stage career followed. Boyd died of a heart attack in Kilbourne City, Wisconsin, in 1900. Submitted by Mary Madigan



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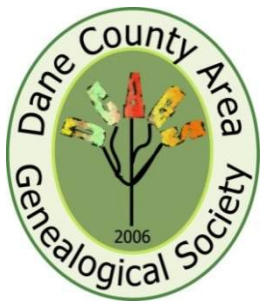
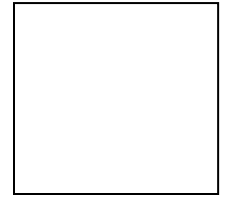


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October 3<sup>rd</sup>**



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**Help Wanted**  
We need a reporter for  
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Please let Walker know  
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you will do this.  
Thanks to all the  
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written articles for the  
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Please keep them  
coming.