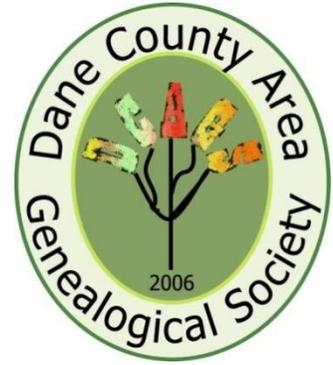


Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



The New Wisconsin Historical
Society Website

About Our New
WEBSITE

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

The Wisconsin Historical Society has updated its website. It has merged some sources together to allow people to find more resources.

Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian, will go over the new website and show where you will find the collections you used to find on the old site and how to find more collections on the new site.

Please join us at the 7:00 P.M. meeting on September 4, 2014, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 4505 Regent Street, Madison, WI.



Lori Bessler has worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives since 1988.

She is a Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator. Lori has lectured throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest on genealogical topics for over 25 years and has been researching family history for over 35 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 PM.

DCAGS Update:

The DCAGS Governing Board meets each month.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 15th, at 6:30 PM, at the Fitchburg Public Library.

Our October meeting will be held on October 2nd

Check the Website for information on the Speaker and the Topic.

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When Pat Skubis visited the new website she found these two photos of buildings that were designed by her grandfather Christian Madsen.

- Left - Historic Name: **Stevens Point Brewery Garage** Reference Number: **150161**
Year Built: **1936** Architect: **Chris Madsen.**
- Right - Historic Name: **Parker Memorial Building** Reference Number: **70987**
Year Built: **1933** Architect: **Chris Madsen**
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>





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.

September's Webinar

Treasures and Hidden Secrets of the Illinois Regional Archives (IRAD)

- **Presenter:** Luana Darby, MLIS
- **Date:** September 9, 2014, 8:00 pm Central
- **Description:** If you research in Illinois, you don't want to miss the resources held in the seven regional archive repositories of IRAD. From vital records to city directories, probate to local histories, each site has its own unique set of records. Learn tips and tricks for getting the most out of your visit, whether long-distance or on site. Come see some of the gems already gleaned from the vast resources of this amazing Illinois asset.
- **Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1778023905401548033>
- This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)

FREE WEBINARS

Register at <http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>



Researching Your Jewish Ancestors
Presented by: Jennifer Alford
Time: 1 PM Central
Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Legacy Family Tree - Virtual User's Group Meeting
Presented by: Legacy Family Tree Panel
Time: 1 PM Central
Date: Friday, September 5, 2014

Success with Manuscript Sources
Presented by: Barbara Renick
Time: 1 PM Central
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

A Library at Your Fingertips - the Internet Archive
Presented by: Maureen Taylor
Time: 1 PM Central
Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2014



September Webinar

Norwegian Genealogy: A Ten Step Program to Get You Started and Addicted



- **Presenter:** Jerry Paulson
- **Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014
- **Time:** 7:00 PM CDT
- **Webinar Description:** Confused by the naming patterns in Norwegian genealogy? This class will help to clear up some of the mysteries associated with this ethnic group. Topics to be discussed include naming patterns, using Norwegian and Norwegian American church records, relationship of church and state in Norway, websites of value for doing Norwegian and Norwegian American research and migration patterns.

• **Register at:** <http://tinyurl.com/kztpyvo>
 Webinar ID: 106-999-027

After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar and handout information. Please remember that this is a first come first serve webinar. Registering does not hold a spot for you. Those that log in first will be admitted to the webinar.

WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2014 FALL SEMINAR

Saturday, October 18, 2014

To be held at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Direct or Indirect Evidence: Sorting Out Your Genealogical Madness



The speaker will be **Jay Fonkert, CG**. For more information go to: <http://wsgs.org/>

If you would like to attend the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Leaders Workshop - A Local Society Officer and Board Member Training on Saturday, September 20, at the Marshfield Clinic, 1000 N Oak Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449 let Walker know ASAP.



President's Message

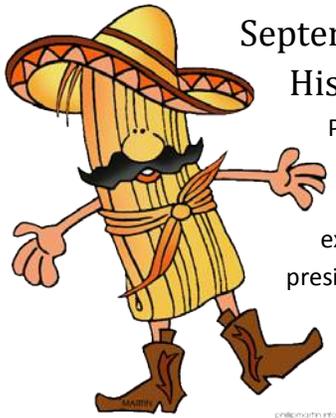
The President is off in Scotland on vacation and said he was having trouble logging on to the internet. He said that I should put in a picture of a Scottish kilt. So I found this one on the internet showing the various parts of the kilt.

I don't know if he plans on buying one, but if he does I believe he should wear it to our next meeting. Hopefully he is having a marvelous time and will share his thoughts about Scotland and his travels there.

Submitted by Pat Skubis

<http://www.weddingchaos.co.uk/GroomsArea/groom-outfit-kilt.asp>





September is National Hispanic Heritage Month

President Lyndon Johnson approved Hispanic Heritage Week and the length was expanded to 30 days by president Ronald Reagan in 1988. "September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary

of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Hispanic_Heritage_Month

Empanadas

Recipe by Rosina

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 (3 ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 cup fruit preserves
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Directions:

1. DAY BEFORE: Cream butter and cream cheese together until smoothly blended. Beat in the flour. Shape dough into a smooth ball, wrap in foil or cling wrap, and refrigerate overnight or up to a week.

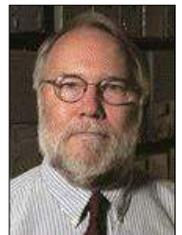
2. AT BAKING TIME: Remove dough from refrigerator 30 minutes before using. Start heating oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
3. Roll chilled dough thin. Cut with 3 or 4 inch round cookie cutter. Place small spoonful of jam in center of each round, moisten edges with water.
4. Fold round over and press edges together. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet 15 to 20 minutes. Immediately roll in sugar mixed with cinnamon.

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Empanadas/Detail.aspx?evt19=1>

The Madison History Roundtable

meets the second Thursday of the month, September through May, at the Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Drive, Madison, WI.

On September 11, 2014, at 6 PM, the first speaker of the fall season will be Michael Edmonds, Deputy Director of the Library Archives Division at the Wisconsin Historical Society. His topic will be about the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Freedom Summer Project. Edmonds will talk about why the Society has one of the nation's finest civil rights collections, what happened that summer, and how the WHS is commemorating it this year. People can attend just the program at about 7:15 PM, or make reservations for a meal at 6 PM which precedes the program. Reservations are required by Monday before the Thursday PM meal. Reservations can be made by email



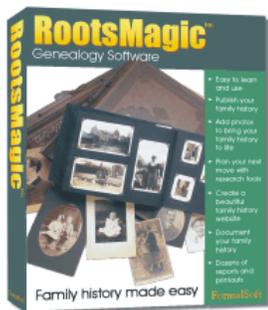
madison.history.roundtable@gmail.com

There is no advance registration for the programs. 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 for additional information (608-302-1722). All are welcome.

Recap of August Program

Sherry Lloyd gave a presentation on the genealogy program *RootsMagic* at the July Dane County Area Genealogical Society meeting. *RootsMagic* allows you to keep track of your research, prepare reports, share your research online or create a book. Sherry believes *RootsMagic* is one of the easiest genealogy programs to use but one which also provides the genealogist with many tools to make record keeping easy and fun.

The software is available in two forms, the standard package called *RootsMagic* and a free version called *RootsMagic Essentials*. Both forms are available from



<http://www.RootsMagic.com>.

The free version may be useful for people that want to encourage a relative to start genealogy or provide a way for you to share your research with family members that have not

used a genealogy program. You can easily transfer your research from *RootsMagic Essentials* to *RootsMagic* if you chose to purchase *RootsMagic* at a later time. *RootsMagic* costs \$29.95; it can be downloaded or ordered on a CD from [RootsMagic.com](http://www.RootsMagic.com). *RootsMagic* is a Windows program, but can be run on a suitably-equipped Macintosh.

The tour of the software starts at the top tool bar and how to get your research into the software. The first tab "File" on the tool bar is the place to start. This is where the in's and the out's of the software reside, where you will enter your information into the database and get your information out.

To start, you open a database. *RootsMagic* will allow you to open two databases at the same time and open the same database twice. This will allow you to slide people from one screen to the other or to compare information in one database to another database. The software works with the GEDCOM tool as well as special tools for some common software. If you want to download a tree from Ancestry.com use the GEDCOM import tool. I recommend whenever you download information from the Internet make a new database so you do not mix up your research with the other person's information. You can then review the research before you add it to your database. The software will allow you to have many trees. If you do not know how a person is related you can enter the name and not link to your tree until you know the relationship.

The second row tool bar includes some of the frequently used tasks from the top tool bar. To enter a new person into the database go to the "Add" tab or click on the picture of the person on the second tool bar row. This is where you will start entering names, dates, and other facts. The software allows for many types of facts and you can make your own fact type. For example, if you want to keep track of all of the people that are descended from a Revolutionary patriot you can make a fact for that. Once you have a person entered

into the database you can edit the person's information by clicking on the name in the pedigree chart or go to the "Search" tab.

One of the best features of the software is the source wizard. When you add a source to your fact the software offers templates for several types of sources with hints on how to enter the information. You can also memorize a source and click on other people in the database to copy a source quickly. Sherry often copies text information from a test file directly into the source manager to save time. This is also a good way to reduce typing errors. For example, if you find an obituary in an online newspaper highlight the information and copy to a *Word* or text file then save to your computer; next open your database and click on the person you want to add the obituary source to and highlight the information in the *Word* file, press <Control/C>, then go to your database source detail tab and press <Control/V>.

The database offers different views: pedigree, family, or descendant views. You can search for a person by selecting events. You can color code the names in the database to help you keep track of family lines. You can set bookmarks to save your place, make groups, to-do lists, place lists can help you with spelling place names and even look at maps or check when a territory became a state.

One of the best features of *RootsMagic* is the *RootsMagic-To-Go* tool. You can click on the *RootsMagic To-Go* icon and the software and database transfer to a flash drive, so you can take your database with you without taking your own computer!

There are many charts and reports to choose from, or you can customize your own reports. You can even prepare a book with a few clicks of the keyboard. A recent feature is to work with FamilySearch Family Trees. You can, if you choose, link your database to FamilySearch and copy information back and forth. There are many extras with this software and very useful webinars to help you learn how to use the software. For more information just go to [rootsmagic.com](http://www.rootsmagic.com). submitted by Sherry Lloyd edited by Rollie Littlewood

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter

The Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter

<http://blog.eogn.com/author/eogn/>

On August 10th Dick Eastman announced that he planned on reviewing all of the more popular genealogy programs. He plans to release these once a week.



For his first review he chose *RootsMagic*. His review is very comprehensive and includes screen shots that can be enlarged by clicking on them so that you can review some of the features of the programs software. Here is the link to his review. <http://blog.eogn.com/2014/08/10/genealogy-software-review-rootsmagic>.

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September is the 9th Month,

since the time of the emperor Augustus,
it has had only 30 days.

The Autumn Equinox is September 22.



To many ancient people, the waning of the light signaled death. For example, in Welsh mythology, this is the day of the year when the God of Darkness, Goronwy, defeats the God of Light, Lleu, and takes his place as King of the world.

To this day in Japan, the equinox is celebrated by visits to the graves of family members, at which time offerings of flowers and food are made and incense is burned. The three days preceding and following the equinox are called "higan," or the "Other side of the River of Death."
<http://www.popculturemadness.com/Trivia/September/index.php>