

# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News

## Free Online Resources That You Can Access from Home or at Your Library



Is the topic of the June 5<sup>th</sup> DCAGS meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 4505 Regent Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

[www.mille-soeren.dk](http://www.mille-soeren.dk) Pat Skubis will update us on the expanding resources available on BadgerLink. How we can reach these resources easily and about the resources available to teach us how to get the most out of each site. Her presentation will also include links to foreign records, genealogy societies, and seldom thought-of records.

Pat (Bergstrom) Skubis, the current newsletter editor and a past president of DCAGS, became interested in genealogy when she was 30. At that time her aunt said: "I think your great-grandmother is buried in Red Wing, Minnesota." On her way back to Madison, she stopped to look for the grave but did not find it. She did find the Swedish Lutheran church, wrote to them and verified that yes her great grandparents had been members. It also helped that both her aunt on her father's side and her mother had written down records going back to the great-grandparents. It gave her a head start.



When she went back to school to obtain her BSN, she and her daughter spent many hours at the Wisconsin Historical Society looking for records needed to write her history term paper. Now 46 years later, she still has not found the grave, but she has over the years collected numerous records on her ancestors going back to the 1500s.

After retiring from a long career in nursing, Pat started teaching genealogy courses for MATC and Blackhawk Technical College. She recently has taught for the Community Education program in Oregon, Wisconsin.

To Pat, genealogy is a combination of a treasure hunt, a puzzle, and a good mystery. She enjoys filling in the holes. It is also the only way she likes to learn about history. Over the years she has received various articles and mementos from family members, but she says the best one came from her cousin Tom, who sent her a scrapbook that his mother had kept. In that scrapbook was the telegram that her grandmother had sent to her aunt announcing Pat's birth.



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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.*

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**DCAGS Update:**  
*The DCAGS Governing Board meets each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, place to be announced. Check the Web.*

Note: no regular meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join us for a special day trip on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.



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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.

#### June 2014

#### Plotting, Scheming, and Mapping Online

- **Presenter:** Cyndi Ingle
- **Date:** June 10, 2014, 8:00PM Central
- **Description:** The Internet is a source for a variety of maps and geographical tools that will help you in your research. From new maps and atlases with online driving directions to old gazetteers with county lines and ancient place names, the Internet has them all. We'll explore those resources, ideas for using them, and integrating them into your research routine.
- **Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3486718851035076865>
- This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)



**FREE WEBINARS REGISTER at**  
<http://www.familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php>

#### German Internet Research: A Launching Place for Your Research

- **Presented by:** James M. Beidler
- **Time:** 1 PM Central
- **Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

#### 10 Ways to Jumpstart Your Family History Narrative

- **Presented by:** Lisa Alzo
- **Time:** 1 PM Central
- **Date:** Friday, June 13, 2014

#### Documenting Native American Families in 19th and 20th Century Records.

- **Presented by** Angela Walton-Raj
- **Time:** 1 PM Central
- **Date:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014

#### Copyright Mythconceptions

- **Presented by:** Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL
- **Time:** 1 PM Central
- **Date:** Friday, June 27, 2014



#### The German Interest Group of Wisconsin will host their Annual Workshop on July 12, 2014.

##### Featured Speaker:

Michael John Neill

##### Place:

Hamilton Auditorium in the Conner Center at UW-Whitewater Campus. For more information, questions, or web problems: please call Jean or John.

Phone: (Jean) 608-302-4681; (John) 608-362-4311.

- **Web:** [gig.wi@hotmail.com](mailto:gig.wi@hotmail.com)
- **Early registration discount** Postmarked before July 2nd.
- **Workshop flyer and registration form will be found at**

<http://gig-wi.com/events.htm>



#### June Webinar

#### Applying for Your Irish Passport: An Introduction to Irish Research

- **Presenter:** Donna Moughty
- **Date:** Tuesday, June 17, 2014
- **Time:** 7:00 PM CDT
- **Webinar Description:** Before you buy your ticket to Ireland you need to look at the roots your ancestor planted in



- America. Focusing on U.S. resources can give you a real passport to finding your way to the right place and time in Ireland.
- **Register at:** <http://tinyurl.com/kmxc6tr>
- Webinar ID: 100-919-323
- 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.



In June the Wisconsin History Tours will feature the community of Wausau. The Marathon County Historical Society is hosting the event. More information can be found on <http://www.wisconsinhistorytour.org/> and <http://www.wisconsinhistorytour.org/staging/WausauinJune/TourHosts%7CWausauJune2014/tabid/213/Default.aspx>

**"Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes"** Book Talk in Wausau on **Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at Noon** is an example of one of the programs offered during this event. Bring your lunch and join in a discussion with Jim Draeger, State Historic Preservation Officer and Director of Outreach. He will highlight the architecture and history of Yawkey House and 19 other remarkable historic Wisconsin homes found in the Wisconsin Historical Society Press book, [Wisconsin's Own: Twenty Remarkable Homes](#), written by M. Caren Connolly and Louis Wasserman, with photographs by Zane Williams.

**September 2014**  
**Salt Lake City Research Week at**  
**the Family History Library**



Starting at 4 PM, Monday, 22 September 2014 to 5 PM Saturday, 27 September 2014.

Spend a week at the world's largest genealogy library with help from professional genealogists.

Help provided exclusively for our guests by Ancestor Seekers professionals at regular intervals. Our experts will help you find the records you need, thus providing a more productive and enjoyable experience.

Six nights at the Plaza Hotel (next door to the Library) included in the price. Just arrange your travel to Salt Lake City and we take care of the rest.

Optional Evening Activities.

For more information go to:  
[http://www.ancestorseekers.com/slcr/event.php?id=45&r=ft233&et\\_mid=665483&rid=245764480](http://www.ancestorseekers.com/slcr/event.php?id=45&r=ft233&et_mid=665483&rid=245764480)



**August 27-30, 2014**  
**San Antonio, Texas . With local co-hosts San Antonio**

**Genealogical and Historical Society and the Texas State Genealogical Society**

The FGS conference program provides more than 150 conference programs and workshops on a wide array of topics, including those of local, regional, national and international importance. The exhibit

hall gives you a chance to explore the latest genealogical gadgets, books, and websites.

Take a look at the conference brochure [https://www.fgsconference.org/FGS2014\\_%20RegistrationBooklet\\_web.pdf](https://www.fgsconference.org/FGS2014_%20RegistrationBooklet_web.pdf) for a complete list all of the sessions, speakers, workshops, and special events taking place in San Antonio.

**Conference Registration:**



- **Early Registration (postmarked or online by 1 July 2014)**
  - FULL four day conference registration (Wed. through Sat.) \$195
  - Single Day \$85
- **Registration (postmarked or online AFTER 1 July 2014)**
  - FULL four day conference registration (Wed. through Sat.) \$250
  - Single Day \$99

Be sure to register early to take advantage of the early bird price and to get tickets to the meals and events you want to attend before they sell out! Please note that luncheons, special events, and workshops are not included in the above prices.

Come to San Antonio and get involved! <https://www.fgsconference.org/registration/>



**MCIGS Summer Conference**

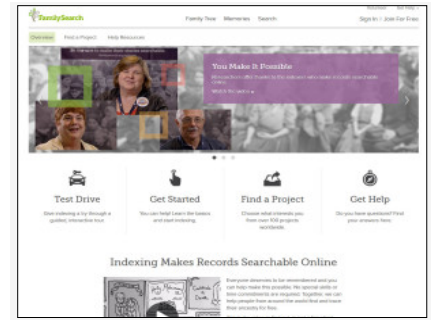
2014 Saturday, July 19, 2014  
 McHenry County College  
 8900 U.S. 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

**Early Bird Registration:**  
 MCIGS Members \$40.00  
 Non-members \$50.00

Nationally known experts, door prizes, genealogy vendors and much more. Only a two hour drive from Madison.

**Registration after June 15th**  
 Everyone \$60.00

For more information go to [McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society](http://www.mcigs.org/conference.html) or <http://www.mcigs.org/conference.html>



**Worldwide Indexing Event**

FamilySearch is hosting a Worldwide Indexing event with a goal of reaching 20,000 participants involved in one 24 hour period. The period is from **Sunday July 20, 6 pm (MDT – Mountain Daylight Time) to Monday July 21, 6 pm (MDT)**. Participants will be encouraged to work on projects from their native language and world region but you do have the freedom to choose where you want to get involved.

FamilySearch has accomplished some impressive indexing goals. The whole of the US 1940 Census was indexed. Since then the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Community Project completed the indexing of over 75 million records.

The one billion record milestone was reached in March 2013. As of Tuesday May 20, 2014, a total of 1,162,470,188 records have been indexed. This is an impressive number that continues to grow. <https://FamilySearch.org/indexing>. 2014 has been designated as the Year of the Obituary and so far over 17 million names have been extracted and indexed from obituaries.

Don't wait to the last minute to get involved. Go to <https://FamilySearch.org/indexing> and find a project that interests you and get involved. Do some practicing before the July 20, 2014 Indexing Event. There is a new indexing program coming soon with no software to download, you can index anytime you are connected and you will soon be able to index from your tablet.

Share the news about this Worldwide Indexing Event and get involved.

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## Recipe for June



### Tangy Berries and Cream

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

1 cup plain yogurt

1/4 cup dark brown sugar, packed

3/4 cup whipping cream

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 1/2 cups fresh strawberries, sliced and divided

1 1/2 cups blueberries, washed, divided



#### Directions:

In small bowl, whisk together yogurt and brown sugar; Refrigerate. In chilled mixing bowl, beat whipping cream until it begins to thicken. Add vanilla and beat until stiff peaks form. Fold in yogurt mixture, 1/2 cup strawberries, and 1/2 cup blueberries. Pour into 4 serving dishes, top with remaining fruit and serve. For more recipes visit

<http://www.eatwisconsincheese.com/recipes/default.aspx>

For more information on Dairy Month activities visit:

<http://www.dairydaysofsummer.com/events.html>

For more dairy and cheese recipes visit

<http://www.dairydaysofsummer.com/recipes.html> or download a PDF at

<http://www.eatwisconsincheese.com/recipes/ChefInspirations.aspx>

## Wisconsin Cheese Facts



Today, approximately 11,000 dairy farms, with over 1.27 million cows each producing an average of 21,436 pounds of milk per year, continue the reputation for quality milk from Wisconsin.

Cheesemakers use approximately 90 percent of this milk to produce cheese at 126 plants.

Wisconsin has more skilled and licensed cheesemakers than any other state. These cheesemakers must complete rigorous studies in dairy science and cheesemaking before they can be licensed. They also may serve as an apprentice under a licensed cheesemaker. Additionally, Wisconsin is the only state to offer a Master Cheesemaker program, patterned on the rigorous standards of similar programs in Europe.

These fine craftsmen produce nearly 2.8 billion pounds of cheese each year, over 25 percent of all domestic cheese. These quantities continue to grow to meet the nation's demand for quality and variety of cheese from Wisconsin, America's Dairyland.

[http://www.eatwisconsincheese.com/wisconsin/history\\_of\\_wisconsin\\_in\\_cheese.aspx](http://www.eatwisconsincheese.com/wisconsin/history_of_wisconsin_in_cheese.aspx)



## The History of Flag Day

On June 14th, 1885, [Bernard J. Cigrand](#), a 19 year old teacher at Stony Hill School, placed a 10 inch, 38-star flag in a bottle on his desk, then assigned essays on the flag and its significance. This observance, commemorated Congress's adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the flag of the United States on June 14,

1777. This observance was also the beginning of Cigrand's long years of fervent and devoted effort to bring about national recognition and observance of Flag Day. The crowning achievement of his life came at age fifty when President Wilson, on May 30, 1916, issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of Flag Day. Then in 1949, President Truman signed an Act Of Congress designating the 14th day of June every year as National Flag Day. On June 14th, 2004, the 108th U.S. Congress voted unanimously on H.R. 662 that **Flag Day originated in Ozaukee County, Waubeka, Wisconsin.**

<http://www.nationalflagday.com/default.asp>

## 12 Facts About the Flag and Flag Day

1. Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the American flag by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.
2. The American flag, as we know it today, consists of 13 horizontal red and white stripes, each representing the 13 original colonies of the United States, and a blue rectangle in the canton with 50 white, five-pointed stars representing the 50 states of the Union
3. The 1777 resolution did not set the size or proportions of the flag, or even what shape the constellation of stars should be. As a result, flags of the era showed the constellation of stars in different arrangements, and flags were made with differing proportions. It was not until 1912 that the flag's design was standardized.
4. A new star is added with the inclusion of every new state to the Union. The number of stars increased to 15 in 1795, 20 by 1818, and the trend continued. The 50th star was added with the inclusion of the state of Hawaii to the Union in 1959.

5. Until 1818, a new stripe was also added for each new state. The famous Star-Spangled Banner that inspired our national anthem had 15 stars and 15 stripes.

6. The first flag was not made by Betsy Ross. We do know that Ross was a seamstress and that she probably *did* sew American flags; she just didn't create the first one.

7. The flag got its nickname, "Old Glory," from William Driver, a Massachusetts-born resident of Nashville, Tennessee who hid his homemade flag from Confederate troops, unfurling it again when the city came under the control of federal troops.

8. The Pledge of Allegiance was written not for Flag Day, but for Columbus Day.



9. Flag Day was founded by a school teacher named Bernard J. Cigrand, who began observing the day with his class at Stony Hill School in Waubeka, Wisconsin.

10. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14th as Flag Day on May 30, 1916.

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<http://www.whatsoproudlywehail.org/10-facts-about-flag-day>



### President's Message:

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The board is eagerly preparing for our annual field outing that takes place each July. This year it will take place on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. At the suggestion of our program chair, Donna Johnson-Schmidt, we've decided to make a trip to Pendarvis Historical Site in Mineral Point. Our group will tour the site and then enjoy a catered meal on location. For members the tour will be covered and the meal will be provided at a nominal cost. Guests will be welcome but will need to pay for their tour and meal. If this outing is of interest to you please email Donna at [donna53705@aol.com](mailto:donna53705@aol.com) so that we can start to get an idea of the number of people attending. We will carpool or provide transportation from a central location in Madison so that those not comfortable driving that far won't need to. More details will be announced at the June meeting and registration information will be distributed shortly thereafter, be sure to check [dcags.org](http://dcags.org) for details starting June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information on Pendarvis go to: <http://pendarvis.wisconsinhistory.org/>

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### May Program



Thirty-two members gathered for our monthly meeting in May to brainstorm on each other's genealogical brick walls. We divided up into tables of 7-8 each and took 5 minutes each presenting our brick wall and then listening to suggestions from others at the table. It was great hearing some of our newest researchers helping some of our most senior. Not only were there some fantastic suggestions for individuals, there were great ideas for future group presentations including Daughters of the American Revolution database, RootsMagic genealogy software, railroad records, writing your story and the Norwegian

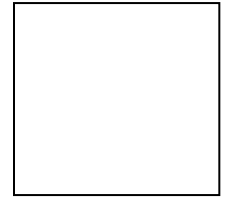
American Genealogical Center - Naeseth Library in Madison. There were also beverages and many homemade goodies shared. The group overwhelmingly felt that this format of a meeting was very helpful and suggested we repeat it in the future.



### New Member

Please join in welcoming new member Eileen Thompson. Eileen is from the Allegan, Michigan, area originally and now lives in Waunakee. She is an Ancestry.com/PC user. Her areas of research are Dane County, Connecticut, Michigan, England, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. She has special interest in English, French, German, Irish and Welsh Royalty.

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June 5<sup>th</sup>

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June  
15<sup>th</sup>

Celebrate Fathers Day