

# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



## The History of the Schenk Family and their Founding of Schenk's Corners.

When Ann Waidelich saw that the Schenk-Huegel store was closing in 2011 she contacted the great-granddaughter of Fred Schenk, Sue Rezlaff and videographer Gretta Wing Miller and together they produced a DVD on the history of the Schenk family and their founding of Schenk's Corners. This DVD is part of her presentation at the 7:00 P.M. meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4505 Regent Street, Madison, WI.

She will also be talking about the East Side History Club.

Ann Waidelich (WIDE - LICK) is the co-leader of the East Side History Club which meets monthly at the Goodman Center to share knowledge about the Schenk-Atwood neighborhood. Ann lives in the Schenk-Huegel house, 2150 Lakeland Ave., having bought it in 1973 from Elsie Schenk Huegel. This sparked her interest in Madison history and especially the history of the east side of Madison. She is: curator and board member, Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society, 2001 to date. Member of CHEW (Culinary History Enthusiasts of Wisconsin). Treasurer & annual show co-coordinator, Four Lakes Postcard (collecting) Club. Past-President, Historic Madison, Inc. (Madison's historical society) 1991-1998.

Ann was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She grew up in Mercerville, New Jersey which is a suburb of Trenton, and Glen Ellyn, Illinois a suburb of Chicago. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and her Master's Degree (Library Science) at Denver University, Denver Colorado.

She says she has had one job and retired after 35 years as a reference librarian with the Madison Public Library; one husband, Michael, retired City Planner with Madison City Planning Department; one son; and three grandsons.

### Recent Activities:

- Assistant editor and historical researcher: An East Side Album published by the Goodman Community Center for the East Side History Club, 2008
- Historical Advisor to Madison Metropolitan School District's 2nd/3rd grade Madison history book: Madison City of Four Lakes, 2009
- Co-researcher in 2010 on a history of Block 99, for Madison Children's Museum
- Editor, Roll Out the Barrels by Gary J. Hess on the Hess Cooperage in Madison, 2014

### Current Activities:

- Volunteering
- Wisconsin Historical Society - Photo archives
- Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society Dean House, 4718 Monona Drive
- Collecting old (and new) postcards & memorabilia of Madison
- Reading and bicycle Riding
- Presenting programs centered around the history of Madison, Wisconsin

**September/2014**

**Volume 9, Issue 1**

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, October 20th, at 6:30 PM, at the Fitchburg Public Library.

November meeting will be held on November 6th.

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. David McDonald, CG

Topic: "Religious Records: More than Hatchings, Matchings & Dispatchings."

**Individual Highlights: Upcoming Webinars, Conferences, Research Trips, Workshops, Events, pages 2-4**  
**Recap of September Program, and Karpatka Recipe** page -5  
**October is National Heritage Month Article** page -6  
**President's Message, New members, German and Filipino Recipes** page -7  
**Board Member Contact Information, and October Facts** page - 8



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 2014**

**Hunting for Henry: A Case Study Using Collaterals**

- Presenter: Teresa Steinkamp McMillin, CG
- Date: October 14, 2014, 8 PM Central
- Description: Henry Steren was a German immigrant who lived in Quincy, Illinois. The United States records that were created about him indicate only that he was from the Province of Hanover in Germany. This lecture will detail how his town of origin and parents were identified, in spite of the lack of records naming him. Carefully researching each of his associates and correlating all available evidence reveals the origins of Henry. Use of the Genealogical Proof Standard is demonstrated.
- Registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4324661061042799105>
- This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)

\*\*\*\*\*

**FREE WEBINARS**

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



**The Fair Court: Records of Chancery Courts**  
**Presented by:** Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

**Time:** 1 PM Central  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 1, 2014

**Overcoming Destroyed or Missing Records**

**Presented by:** Karen Clifford  
**Time:** 1 PM Central  
**Date:** Friday, October 3, 2014

**Welcome to FamilySearch Indexing!**

**Presented by:** Devin Ashby  
**Time:** 1 PM Central  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2014

**Researching Your War of 1812 Ancestor**

**Presented by:** Thomas MacEntee  
**Time:** 1 PM Central  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014

**Tracking Migration Using the Draper Manuscripts**

**Presented by:** Mary Hill  
**Time:** 1 PM Central  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014



**October Webinar**

**Pre-1850 Tic Marks**



- **Presenter:** Peggy Lauritzen
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 21, 2014
- **Time:** 7 PM CDT
- **Webinar Description:** Those pesky tic marks seem to get in our way as we work to extend our pedigrees. Just what do they mean, and how can they help me?
- **Register at:** <http://tinyurl.com/mv5u3xp>  
 Webinar ID: 108-106-395

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.

\*\*\*\*\*

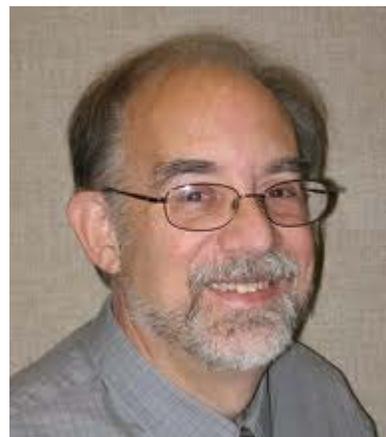
**WISCONSIN STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2014 FALL SEMINAR**

**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/>

**LECTURES**

- GenThink: Understanding the Language and Methods of Successful Genealogists
- Vital Records: What to Do When You Can't Find Them?
- Who's on First? Merging and Separating Identities in Family History Research
- Genealogical Detours: Solving Problems with Indirect Evidence

**2014 Fall Seminar Registration Form and Fees @**

<http://www.wsgs.org/upload/files/2014%20Fall%20Brochure.pdf>



## Talking Spirits: Forest Hill Cemetery Tour

Held each fall at the beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison, this award-winning living history program illuminates the lives of many prominent—and lesser known—figures in Wisconsin history. Focusing on the contributions of Wisconsin's soldiers and citizens during the Civil War, local actors and actresses don period dress, giving viewers a first person encounter through scripted vignettes. Tour guides lead informative discussions of the cemetery's rich history during the 90 minute tour.

Public tours are available on Sunday, October 12th, 2014 from 12-4 PM. Adult admission is \$5, while children are \$2. Tickets are available at the cemetery gate the day of the event. Free parking is available along Speedway Road and behind West High School.

Forest Hill Cemetery is located at 1 Speedway Road in Madison. Tours begin at the Catlin Chapel located inside the main cemetery entrance. See more at:

<http://www.wisvetsmuseum.com/events/?ID=100>



## Free Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, October 18, 2014  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

9600 W. Grange Avenue  
Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53228  
414 425 - 4182

Presented by the Milwaukee Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the

Milwaukee Personal Ancestral File Users Group (MPAFUG)

Online Registration deadline  
October 14, 2014

Optional: print and mail this registration form to Jane Orne, 3975 S. 124th Street, Greenfield, WI 53228.

Mail in registration deadline October 11, 2014.



### Presentations:

8:30 - 8:45 a.m. Orientation - Announcements and Room

### Assignments:

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

- German Research and Naming Customs (Basic-Intermediate) - Bob Heck
- Genetic Genealogy (Intermediate) - Kris Kurtz
- Beginning Genealogy, Starting Your Journey of Discovery (Beginner) - Sam Colon

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

- Wisconsin Resources for the Genealogist (Intermediate) - Sam Colon
- Google - Military Research for the Genealogist (Basic-Intermediate) - Bruce Butterfield

- Genealogical Data Entry, Documents and Sources (Beginner) - Jane Orne

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

- Census Research at the State and Federal Level (Intermediate) - Bob Tatalovich
- Google - Internet Graves, Cemetery and Funeral Home Research (Basic-Intermediate) - Bob Heck
- Polish Research for the Genealogist (Beginner) - Jerry Dominski

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Bring a bag lunch or eat at an area restaurant.

The Family History Center will be open all day during the workshop.

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

- Vital Records Research for the Genealogist (Basic-Intermediate) - Guy Porth
- Immigration and Passenger Lists (Basic-Intermediate-Advanced) - Bob Tatalovich
- Family Search Digital Records Collection (Basic-Intermediate) - Jane Orne

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

- Newspaper Research for the Genealogist (Basic-Intermediate) - Bob Heck
- Family Search's Family Tree for the Genealogist (Basic-Advanced) - Jane Orne

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

- Advanced Google Research for the Genealogist (Basic-Intermediate) - Sam Colon

<http://www.fhc.rworld.net/2014-genealogyworkshop.html>



## 7TH ANNUAL MGS NORTH STAR 2014 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

October 3-4, 2014, at Colonial  
Church, Edina, Minnesota

The Conference theme is:  
**"New Frontiers in Genealogy."**



**Featured speaker:**  
**Judy G. Russell, CG,  
CGL**

It's true--the Legal  
Genealogist is  
coming to

Minnesota to teach about DNA,  
genealogy and the law, and  
methodology. Check out Judy's  
award-winning blog at  
[www.legalgenealogist.com](http://www.legalgenealogist.com).

North Star 2014 is two full days of  
educational sessions.

Judy G. Russell will present four  
lectures:

- *Facts, Photos, and Fair Use*
- *Don't Forget the Ladies*
- *Blackstone to Statutes at  
Large*
- *Where There Is or Isn't a Will*

In addition, there will be breakout  
sessions presented by Upper Midwest  
genealogy educators, an exhibit hall  
featuring genealogical societies and  
vendors, and door prizes.

For more information and to register  
go to:

<http://www.mngs.org>

### The Madison History Roundtable

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

**On October 9, 2014**

William Raftery, Korean War Veteran  
– US Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division  
and Karen Sallandar, History  
Re-enactor, Round Table Member will  
present

**"200th Anniversary  
of the Siege of Baltimore, Fort  
McHenry and the Star Spangled  
Banner"**

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](mailto: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](http://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.



### 2nd Saturday Workshop: Going Electronic - Making the Leap With Nancy Reese

- When: 11 October 2014
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Location: Schaumburg Public  
Library, Schaumburg, Illinois

Have you been reluctant to cut the tie  
to paper? Not sure about using a flash  
drive or storing documents on the  
cloud? Want to scan old documents  
but not sure how to start? Debating  
between Flip-Pal and a digital  
camera?

### Dating Photographs Through Costumes by Ellie Carlson

- When: 18 October 2014
- Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Family photographs are hard to date  
once the generation pictured has  
passed away. Determining an  
approximate date for an unidentified  
photo may help you to know whether  
the woman is your grandmother or  
your great-grandmother. This is  
where costume dating can be helpful.  
Fashion, especially women's fashion,  
was very distinctive in the nineteenth  
and early twentieth centuries.  
Becoming familiar with certain  
popular silhouettes enables one to  
assign a date range to a photograph,  
thus helping to identify those  
pictured. Basic facial recognition will  
also be covered which will help  
identify the same person in several  
photos over time. There are some  
good, easy tricks which you will learn  
in this workshop-format  
presentation. Please send  
photographs you want "dated" to  
[programs@caggni.org](mailto:programs@caggni.org) and Ellie will  
try to date them for you using the  
techniques outlined in the  
presentation.



## Recap of September program by John Madigan

At the September 4, 2014, meeting of the DCAGS, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator Lori Bessler gave a report on the new Wisconsin Historical Society website. The website is a “work in progress” and is working through problems, linkage issues, and feedback mechanisms on a daily basis, but, in spite of any shortcomings, it offers a wealth of research opportunities for the genealogist. The website address is:

[www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org).

When you navigate to the website homepage, you can select from six general areas to research: family history; community history; collections; Wisconsin history; museums and historic sites; and homes and properties. The first three areas will probably be of the most interest to the researching genealogist. There are three million records pre-dating 1907 which can be accessed. Most are vital records accessed by a community histories surname search engine—the surname search also has a “wildcard” asterisk search option. Other collections are property records, photographs, military records from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War, county histories, maps and atlases, fire insurance maps, specialized collections such as the Draper manuscripts, and published materials of family histories.

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library also has information and links to various programs via webinars, workshops, and classes. Course descriptions and prices are variable, and offerings change every few months. There are also computer labs available on Saturday mornings.

The hours for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library are Monday through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Library is closed Sundays and holidays.

The hours for the Wisconsin Historical Society Archives are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The archives are closed Sundays and holidays.

If you have questions on the website or specific questions on record content or availability, Lori recommends you call or e-mail a librarian. Librarians are available to meet with researchers on specific problems by prior appointment. The phone number to call is: 608-264-6535. You can also e-mail your question or concern to a librarian at: [asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org). If you find problems with the website or access to website records, Lori requests you use the “feedback and support” tabs on the specific record you are searching. Keep in mind that your feedback is appreciated and the website operation is under constant improvement during the roll-out phase.

## Karpatka (Polish Mountain Cake)



<b>Ingredients:</b>	<b>For the cream:</b>
<b>For the cake:</b>	1 cup of butter
1/2 cup of butter	4 cups of milk
1 cup of water	1 cup of sugar
1 cup of flour	5 tbs of white flour
5 eggs	5 tbs of corn starch
1 tsp of baking powder	5 egg yolks
1/4 tsp of salt	2 tsp of vanilla extract
	<b>For decorating:</b>
	icing sugar

Heat oven to 200 degrees C. Lightly coat two medium size baking pans with cooking spray.

Mix flour, baking powder and salt together. In a medium saucepan, bring water, butter and salt to a boil. When butter has completely melted, remove from heat and, using a wooden spoon, add flour mixture. Return to stove and stir over low heat for 2 or 3 minutes or until dough cleans sides of pan and forms a ball.

Remove from heat and beat in eggs one at a time. You can do it either by hand or with an electric mixer. Batter should be smooth and glossy.

Pour dough into prepared pans and smooth it out. Bake 25 minutes or until top is golden brown and dry. Remove from pan and let cool completely on a wire rack before filling.

In a mixing bowl put one cup milk, flour, corn starch, egg yolks and vanilla and mix until well combined.

In a medium saucepan, bring milk to a boil and add sugar, stirring until dissolved. Reduce heat, add egg mixture and continue to cook and stir until thickened like pudding, at least 2 minutes. Stir in vanilla. Let it cool to room temperature, covered with plastic wrap not to form the crust. Make sure filling is completely cool before beating in softened butter.

Remove one cake from the pan and line it with a parchment paper. Place it half back in the pan and pour the filling over, spreading evenly. Top with the other half of dough and refrigerate at least 1 hour. When ready to serve, dust heavily with icing sugar to look like snow on a mountain. Cut into rectangles and serve.

Check this recipe video demonstration on YouTube here: [Karpatka](#) Visit me on Facebook here: [Ania's Kitchen](#)



governments discouraged Polish language and customs and demanded military service, and this was a key factor for emigration. The first Polish settlers in Wisconsin settled in Polonia in Portage County, one of the earliest Polish communities in the US. Later Polish immigrants also settled in Portage County, making it still the largest rural Polish settlement in the US. About half of the later immigrants settled in Milwaukee. A comic history of Poland can be viewed on [DYello3](#).

GERMAN (Picture 2, one of many German ethnic costumes.)

The German influx in Wisconsin began in the late 1830s, the first German colony of 800 landing in Milwaukee in 1839. By 1850 first-generation Germans constituted about 12 percent of the state population. By 1900, out of Wisconsin's total population of a little over two million, 709,909 or 34 per cent of its citizens were of German background.

A large wave of Germans came to Wisconsin between 1865 and 1873. Most of these came from northwestern Germany, specifically from the states of Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, Oldenburg, and Westphalia.

Another wave of German emigrants began in 1880, with the vast majority coming from northeastern Germany, an area dominated by Prussia and including the states of Pomerania, Upper Silesia, and Mecklenburg. Germans established communities throughout Wisconsin, but the greatest number settled in Milwaukee, Dane, Brown, and Taylor counties.

Two Oktoberfest celebrations take place in October. October 11 and 12 in Cedarburg. <http://www.cedarburgfestivals.org/>



The other **MKE Oktoberfest** (Milwaukee) Friday, October 3, 2014 through Sunday, October 5, 2014. Marcus Center Grounds Pere Marquette Park This event is free and open to the public, featuring authentic German beer, food, live music on both sides of the river, and The Glockenspiel, a life-size replica of a cuckoo clock! Marcus Center for the Performing Arts & Pere Marquette Park, 929 N Water St, Milwaukee, [Milwaukee County](#). Call 414-273-7121.

German Interest Group - Wisconsin (GIG) <http://www.gig-wi.com/>

FILIPINO (Picture 3, Filipino ethnic costume.)

According to the census the current Filipino population in Wisconsin is 5,158. The Filipino National Historical Society of Wisconsin is located in Milwaukee. They have a number of events taking place in



October to celebrate their National History Month.

Starting on Thursday, October 14, a Taste of Filipino Culture will be held in the Alumnae Dining Room at Mt. Mary College from 11:30 -1pm, 2900 Milwaukee River Parkway Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Check out the complete list of events by visiting their Website at:

<http://fanhswi.webs.com/>

Submitted by Pat Skubis

In Wisconsin, in October we have three ethnic groups celebrating Heritage Months.

POLISH (Picture 1, is one many Polish ethnic costumes.)

Locally the Polish Heritage Club of Wisconsin-Madison is sponsoring the "Forbidden Art" project which is a free exhibit from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum featuring 20 works of art created by Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration prisoners. The exhibit is at the Memorial Union until October 5th. If you are unable to see the exhibit visit and view it on this website:

[http://en.auschwitz.org/m/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1147&Itemid=8](http://en.auschwitz.org/m/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1147&Itemid=8) or watch this YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV1NG2Tq9k8>

Visit the Polish Heritage Club Web page to learn more about activities. <http://www.phcwi-madison.org/>

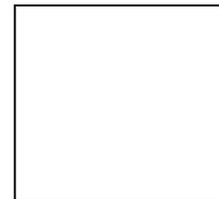
Other Polish resources: Polish Genealogy Society of America <http://www.pgsa.org/index.php>

Sunday, October 19\_ "A Musical Tribute to St. John Paul II," featuring Linda Nielsen-Korducki on flute and Alison Attar on harp. Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th St., Franklin, Wis. 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$12 advance; \$15 at door; students \$7 with valid ID. For details and tickets call (414) 529-2140 or visit <http://www.polishcenterofwisconsin.org>.

How many Poles, settled in Wisconsin from 1870 through 1920 is not known since Poland did not exist until 1918. The ethnic Poles were either German, Russian, or Austrian, since these three countries controlled Polish areas. Both German and Russian



Dane County Area Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 5652  
Madison, WI 53705-0652  
Address Service Requested  
We're on the Web!  
See us at: [www.dcags.org](http://www.dcags.org)  
or [www.facebook.com/dcags](http://www.facebook.com/dcags)



**Dane County Area  
Genealogical Society**

P.O. Box 5652  
Madison, WI 53705-0652



**See you on  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Become a Committee  
Member**

**Sign Up Today**



**DCAGS Governing Board for  
2014**

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

Vice President: Jim Benes  
[Jimbenes@iname.com](mailto:Jimbenes@iname.com)

Secretary: DeAnn McAllan  
[d.mcallan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.mcallan@sbcglobal.net)

Treasurer: Katherine Sparks  
[kasparks55@yahoo.com](mailto:kasparks55@yahoo.com)

Member at large: John Madigan  
[j.madigan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.madigan@sbcglobal.net)

Past President, Rollie Littlewood  
[rkittle@wisc.edu](mailto:rkittle@wisc.edu)

**Standing Committee Chairs**

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

Programs & Education: Donna Johnson  
[Donna53705@aol.com](mailto:Donna53705@aol.com)

**Public Relations: Vacant**

Historian: Sandy Zart  
[sandy\\_zart@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy_zart@yahoo.com)

Web Master: Rollie Littlewood  
[rkittle@wisc.edu](mailto:rkittle@wisc.edu)  
Newsletter: Pat Skubis  
[skubie27@live.com](mailto:skubie27@live.com)

**October is the 10<sup>th</sup> Month**

of the current Gregorian calendar and the second month of Autumn's rule. It derives its name from octo, the Latin word meaning "eight," as October was the eighth month of the old Roman calendar. The traditional birthstone amulets of October are opal, rose sapphire, and tourmaline.

The calendula is the month's traditional flower.



October is shared by the astrological signs of Libra the Scales (or Balance) and Scorpio the Scorpion.

Columbus Day is celebrated the second Monday every October. Halloween or All Saints' Eve, is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. [Wikipedia & http://www.popculturemadness.com/Trivia/September/index.php](http://www.popculturemadness.com/Trivia/September/index.php)