

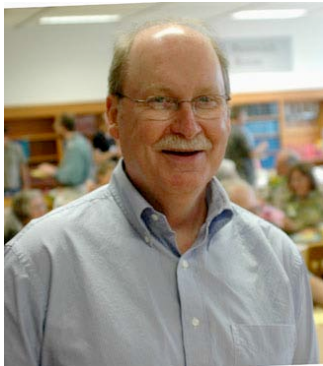


Dane County Area Genealogical Society News

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Genealogical Resources in the UW-Madison Archives at the April 5 Meeting



David Null, Director of the UW-Madison Archives, will join us at our April 5 meeting to talk about resources available in the University Archives for genealogical research. The Archives have materials relating to former students -- admissions papers going back into the 1880s, class directories, alumni directories, photo albums, etc.

In addition, Null will talk about online resources available from the UW Digital Collections Center about University and Madison history and students, and some of broader Wisconsin interest.

Since February 2003, David Null has held the position of University Archivist. Formerly Head of Reference, David had served as the interim Director of the Archives since June of 2002. Null originally took a position as the head of the Reference Department in Memorial Library in 1994. He has served on a number of committees, most recently the UW digital steering committee and as the staff consultant to the Memorial Library Committee 2006/07.

He has also served as the publications committee chair of the Wisconsin Library Association as well as the ACRL liaison and as a member-at-large for the board of directors of the Reference and User Services Association of the ALA.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Null to the April 5, 2007, meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 4505 Regent, Madison, beginning at 7 p.m.

Genealogy Fair Set for September 8

DCAGS will be hosting a Genealogy Fair on September 8. The Board is looking for volunteers, including a chair for the Special Education Fair Committee. The Special Committee will work with the Program and Publicity Committees in planning the Fair. Volunteer Now!

Regular DCAGS meetings are the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 4505 Regent, Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m.

DCAGS Update:

The DCAGS Governing Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting is on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Park Library, 2222 Park St. We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

March Meeting Cancelled

Due to inclement weather the March 1 DCAGS meeting was cancelled. Our speaker, James L. Hansen of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library, will be rescheduled for the October meeting.

The DCAGS Board will be discussing an inclement weather policy, which will be shared with members when it is adopted.

Let us Remember

We are sorry to report the recent deaths of several DCAGS members – Eleanor Blakely (Dec. 27, 2006), Gerald Chipman (Feb. 21, 2007), Paul McFee (March 17, 2007) and

Carol McLeester (March 20, 2007). (See letter on funeral on page 4.)

Each was very committed to genealogy. We send their families our sincere condolences for their losses.

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A Cap from the past captures records sources and our featured speaker for April.

Puzzle of the Month is a new feature. It is a great way to share what we know. A member may submit (on a 4 x 6 card) a basic puzzle and give it to a program committee member. At each meeting a new puzzle will be announced and any member can offer direction, an answer or you can bring the info to the next meeting. Each puzzle of the month will be printed in this newsletter as well as the answer/solution to last month's puzzle. Everybody learns!

Last fall my older sister passed away and among her belongings my niece found an old brown cap. Above the brim of the cap was the emblem of the University of Wisconsin Corps of Cadets. On the leather inside the cap, the name H.W. Bergstrom and address, 740 Langdon Street was stenciled. Neither my niece nor I had ever seen the cap before but we knew that it had been my father's. It was logical that my sister had it since she at least knew my dad for five years.

For me, my father has always been part of my genealogy. He resided in a grave that we visited on Memorial Day. He was born on March 28, 1905 and died on September 28, 1937, six months before my birth. My knowledge about his life came from stories that family members told and photos that they shared. I knew that he grew up on a farm outside of Withee, WI. I knew that he attended the University of Wisconsin for one year and that he

finished his education at the University of Minnesota.

So when my niece gave me this cap, I started looking on the Internet for a building at 740 Langdon Street, to see where he had lived. No building was to be found, so where did he live? Had there been a building there in 1923, which was no longer around? Next I checked out information about the University Corps of Cadets and found photos in the online year books and information about how the University of Wisconsin students protested the mandatory rules that all men attending the UW had to belong to the Corps of Cadets, but still nothing about a building at 740 Langdon Street. Having had no luck on line, the next morning, I called the University Library and luckily I got connected to David Null, Director of the University Archives.

David not only was able to identify what building had been located at 740 Langdon Street, he

also informed me that the archives contained the admission papers for the students. He searched the records and later in the day, via email, sent me the following:

1. Admission papers for my father from 1923.
2. His High School Transcripts.
3. The page from the Student Directory that listed his residence in 1923 – 24.
4. Excerpts about the YMCA, which was the building located at 740 Langdon St.
5. Excerpts about the Corps of Cadets.
6. Links to other articles about the YMCA.

Best of all he offered to come and talk to us about the records, admissions papers, directories, and some other cool things that the Archives hold. I am looking forward to his presentation in April since it will give me the chance to thank him in person for providing me with a glimpse of my father's life as a student at the University.

Puzzle of the Month

What address should I list for a person's place of death? The address where he lived at the time of death, the place where the accident took place, or the place where the hospital reported the death?

1. The person lived in Winnebago County,

WI, at the time of his death?

2. The person was in an auto accident in Waushara County, WI, which caused his death?
3. The person was taken to a hospital in Green County, WI,

where he was reported as dead?

Also, remember the March puzzle, "Does anyone know how to find out about the German settlers in Mason County, IL in the mid-19th century?"

If you have a suggestion or idea, bring it to the April 5 meeting.

Ancestry.com Terminates Free Access in Family History Centers

We received the following report from the Eastman Online Genealogy Newsletter.

The Generations Network, Inc, the owner of Ancestry.com, announced it will no longer be providing free access of Ancestry.com to Family History Centers.

In the announcement, Ancestry.com wrote:

“Over the past several months, Ancestry.com has been working actively to reach agreement with the Church on a formal licensing arrangement by which it could continue to make its service available

to the public for free. Unfortunately, the two parties were unable to reach an agreement on this matter.”

This is no doubt a big loss to Family History Centers, but Ancestry.com will still be available at public libraries, including the Madison Public Library.

Message from your President

Recently I read an article by Peggy Rockwell Gleich, President of the British Internet group of WI & IL, on becoming a volunteer. In her article she pointed out that April is “Volunteer Month”. She also wrote about how some volunteer jobs only take 60 minutes or 1/24th of a day.

Many of us waste an hour when we could be helping out. So I am asking each one of you to volunteer one hour, once or twice a year. What can you do to volunteer? You can use your hour to:

1. Write an article for the Newsletter and give it to Ruth Simpson.
2. Serve as a greeter at one of the meetings, sign up with Bill Bauer.
3. Help post posters for the Educational Genealogy Fair to be

held on September 8th. Let a Board member know.

4. Call up members in case a meeting must be canceled due to inclement weather. Sign up on the sign up sheet.
5. Set up or take down tables for meetings in the gym or for displays for the Fair. Put your name on the sign up sheet.
6. Present a program, contact Fay Schoenemann or Joan Nagle.
7. Help plan the Genealogy Education Fair, Volunteer to be the Chairman – talk to Pat Skubis about this Great Job.
8. Make phone calls or send out invitations to various groups to be part of our Genealogy Fair.
9. Look up information for someone who has submitted a Query.

10. Be a big brother or sister to a new member. (This is a new idea).

Now sign up at our April meeting and share your talents. If you would like to read more of Peggy's article you can find it in sample BigWill newsletter at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~willbig/index.html>

In closing I want to thank Pat Stone and Shirley Levine for giving up an hour of their time to help with getting the cancellation message out to all of you in March. The program committee has rescheduled Jim Hansen's talk for October. I know that many of you were looking forward to his presentation. Be sure to join me at our April meeting to hear David Null's presentation on resources at the UW Library.

Pat Skubis

Volunteers Needed

Three volunteers are needed to serve on the Audit Committee. The Committee will review the financial records of the prior year. Contact Pat Skubis if you can serve on this committee.

An Inquiry from the North.

Below is the note we received on the death of long-time member Carol McLeester. Her enthusiasm and generosity of sharing her genealogical knowledge will be missed by one and all.

Dear DCAGS Friends,
It is with sadness that I write to tell you that my dear Mother-in law, Carol McLeester has passed away. She died at home in her sleep most probably from a tumor that was recently found on her pituitary gland. She had been sick only a week, with flu like symptoms. It doesn't seem possible that she could be gone because she had so many projects going on! Don't we get to tie up all our strings first?

Her funeral is this Saturday, March 31, at Gunderson's in Middleton. Visitation at 12:30, Service at 2:00 Her Obituary was in last Sunday's paper, but I thought I should write and let you know as well. Going to SCWGS meetings was something that we really enjoyed doing together. I know she had great respect and affection for all of her genealogical comrades.

Sincerely,
Jenny Williams

In late February we received an Inquiry from Walter Clark of Kensington, Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was interested in locating information about one of the pioneers of Dane County, Lewis and Sophia (Baker) (Taylor) Baker of Waunakee. He would like more information about them and their children - Emmeline, Lillian (Mrs. William A. Rudd), Theodore and Lewis, and Horatio and Theophilus Taylor - who are the sons of Mrs. Baker by her first marriage.

After receiving this request, I did a bit of searching and found the following information on this Web site: <http://www.webmger.com/WebMgmt/Content/waunakee/Default.asp?CategoryID=36&SectionID=389>

Job Opportunity at Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

WSGS has an immediate opening for a second part-time Administrative Assistant at our office on the far west side of Madison (near the Beltline)

To do what?

Under supervision of the Senior Administrative Assistant, process membership records and conference and meeting registrations, do data entry for bookkeeping and membership systems, fill requests for information and products, maintain publications inventory and

Yes, Lewis Baker was one of the founders of Waunakee. In fact Mr. Lewis Baker and Mr. George Fish, owned land along the new railroad line and plotted a village on their property. In exchange for \$1,500 and two miles of right of way, Railroad officials changed their original plans and trains roared to a stop in what is now known as Waunakee. The original plat of the village was dated January 30, 1871.

I sent Walter the information that I located about this family. This also included the information that the family was buried in the Kingsley Cemetery in Waunakee. It has the dates for death for Baker, Hattie, b. 1857, d. 1862, s/w Lewis Baker, Row 7 Baker, Lewis, b. 1827, d.

1912, father, s/w Lillie Rudd, Row 7 Baker, Sophia G., b. 1826, d. 1899, mother, s/w Lewis Baker, Row 7 Rudd, Lillie (Baker), b. 1856, d. 1898, s/w Lewis Baker, Row 7.

Walter appreciated receiving this information and would like to hear from anyone else who knows any more information about this family. If you are interested in helping him out you can email him at awc@islandtelecom.com

If you want to check out the 1873 plat maps for Dane County, visit the home page of the Dane County Historical Society and click on the map link. <http://wicip.org/dchs/> or this is the direct link to the interactive map <http://wicip.org/dchs/1873plat/1873plat.html>

Submitted by Pat Skubis

respond to genealogical inquiries.

What Skills are needed?

Experience with standard word processing, spreadsheet, database and e-mail software (preferably MS Office) is needed, and experience with accounting software (preferably QuickBooks) is desirable, but not essential. Experience with standard office equipment is needed. And an interest and some experience with genealogy is desirable.

Ability to work with minimal direct supervision is important.

What about hours and pay?

Normal work-week is ten hours, scheduling is flexible. During times of peak workload additional hours may be required. Beginning pay is \$10.00 an hour.

BENEFITS - Interesting work and nice folks to work with.

INTERESTED?

Contact the WSGS Treasurer, Jean Kitsemel, at 608 536-3871 or bluebels@mwt.net or Jack Brissee at 608 835-9750 or jbrissee@charter.net.

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's Gene-A-Rama 2007

Genealogy = Genetics + Generations

When: April 13-14, 2007

Where: Oconomowoc Resort and Conference Center

Featuring: Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, James L. Hanson, Nancy Emmert, George Findlen

Information about the conference including the schedule of lectures, can be found at <http://www.wsgs.org>

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society's Biennial Workshop

When: April 21, 2007

The featured speaker will be Cyndi Howells. For more information check their website, <http://www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org/>

2007 NGS Conference
"Rediscover Virginia:
400 Years of Family History"

When: May 16-19, 2007

Where: Richmond, VA

The program will feature the 400th Anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown. Information, including the schedule of lectures, can be found at <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/2007>. Early registration deadline is March 30.

Expand Your German Research

When: Saturday, July 14, 2007

Where: Greenhill Center of the Arts, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Featured Speaker: Larry O. Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah

Sponsored by the German Interest Group-Wisconsin

Registrations postmarked by July 1st are guaranteed lunch and a syllabus. For more information and a registration form: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig/index.html>.

2007 FGS Conference
"Meeting at the Crossroads
of America"

When: August 15-18, 2007

Where: Fort Wayne, Indiana

For more information go to: <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/FGS07AnnouncementFlyer%20FinalWeb.pdf>. Early registration deadline is June 1. The program details (lecture titles, etc.) have not yet been published.

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International 11th bi-annual Genealogical/Cultural Conference

When: October 18-20, 2007

Where: Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall in Madison

The Illinois State Genealogical Society 2007 Conference

When: October 20, 2007

Where: the location has not been announced

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall 2007 Seminar

When: October 27, 2007

Where: Wausau, Wisconsin

A New Resource for Genealogists

The Historical Society's genealogy collection just got better. Researchers who visit the Historical Society Library may now order microfilm from the vast collections of the Genealogical Society of Utah, the world's greatest collection of family history source materials.

The Genealogical Society of Utah has been microfilming original records from around the world for almost 70 years. They have filmed in over 100 countries and amassed a wide variety of primary historical documents such as civil registration,

church, probate, census, land, tax, and military records. The collection also contains numerous family and local histories. With the cooperation of the Historical Society, the GSU has been filming Wisconsin records since the 1970s.

During the last 160 years, the Historical Society built one of North America's premier genealogical collections. The Library collection consists of published and microfilmed family histories, church and cemetery records, birth, death and marriage

registrations, federal and state census, local histories, and military information covering the United States and Canada. The Society's Archives houses original land, court and military records useful to researchers studying Wisconsin families.

This new borrowing service will dramatically increase the sources available to the genealogical community served by the Society. For more information contact Lori Bessler at (608) 264-6536 or Lori.Bessler@wisconsinhistory.org

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April 5**

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will take you to the
group's website on
Rootsweb.

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offered by ACE

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