



# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News

## *The Flavor of Wisconsin: History and Culture through Recipes at September 1 Meeting*

Wisconsin's food traditions reflect the richness of an ethnically and agriculturally diverse region. At the September 1 DCAGS meeting, writer and food activist Terese Allen shares the stories behind such varied foods as Cornish pasties, Hmong egg rolls, and the Friday night fish fry, and tracks the amazing cornucopia of what Wisconsinites have gathered, grown, produced, cooked, and eaten.

Terese Allen writes about the pleasures and benefits of regional foods, sustainable cooking, and culinary folklore. She is food editor and columnist for Organic Valley Family of Farm, the country's largest organic farmers' cooperative, and a food columnist for *Edible*

*Madison* magazine.

A former chef, Terese went from kitchen manager to cookbook author when she wrote *The Ovens of Brittany Cookbook*, a collection of recipes and remembrances from a groundbreaking Midwestern restaurant. Her subsequent books feature the diversity of Wisconsin food, culture, and agriculture--its farmers' markets, food festivals, cheese factories, small-town cafes, and more. Her many columns, articles, and cookbooks emphasize local ingredients, seasonal dishes and ethnic specialties--and the people and stories behind them.

Allen is author of the prize-winning second edition of *The Flavor of Wisconsin*, a history of

food and cooking in the Badger State, and the *Wisconsin Local Food Journal 2012*, a guide to eating seasonally and sustainably all through the year.

Since food plays a central role in most families, after the meeting DCAGS members are welcome to bring a recipe and/or favorite family food to share with other members. DCAGS will provide lemonade. If you have a family recipe book or favorite recipe to share, please contact Ruth Simpson, [rsimpson@terracon.net](mailto:rsimpson@terracon.net).

Please join us on Thursday, September 1 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4505 Regent St.

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### **Pat Skubis' Cousin to Visit in September**

In last month's newsletter, we reported that Pat Skubis had won a contest sponsored by *Family Tree Magazine*. As a result of her winning, her cousin from Denmark – Birgit Kristine Thygesen Mose – will be coming to visit her and the magazine will interview both. She will be arriving on August 30 and will be attending the September 1 DCAGS meeting. Please come and meet her.

## ***Genealogy Fair: October 8, 2011***

The DCAGS Genealogy Fair is coming together. The Fair will be held on Saturday, October 8 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 4505 Regent Street in Madison, WI. A full day of learning about genealogy is planned for our members and the greater community. Speakers include Pat Stone, Pat Skubis, David Null, Cora Kluge, and Joyce Higgins, as well as a full room of exhibitors. A full schedule will be printed in next month's newsletter.

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the beginning

of the Civil War, DCAGS will have on display the Wisconsin Civil War Moving Memorial Wall created by the D.C. Everest School District. The memorial wall lists all Wisconsin soldiers who gave their life in service of their country during the Civil War. The wall consists of 13 panels, printed on both sides, with all of the Civil War Veterans listed alphabetically as well as the regiment they served in.

### **Volunteers Needed for Genealogy Fair**

An event of this size depends on its members to  
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## ***Solving a 27-Year-Old Mystery***

Like most researchers, Pat Skubis is busy trying to put together the puzzle pieces to solve her genealogy mysteries. Recently Pat found two of her missing pieces. One solved a 27-year-old mystery. The other helped Pat locate the marriage place of her great-grandmother.

It all started in Møgeltønder, Denmark. Møgeltønder is a small town in southern Jutland, which is near the border with Germany. Pat's great-great

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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, Madison, WI 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, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the new South Madison Library on 2222 Park St. We invite all members to attend. Please join us!***

## Solving a 2- year-old mystery continued...

grandfather Martin Thygesen lived there with his wife Ingeborg. I knew they had two children, her great-grandmother Caroline and a son Thomas.

While at the Family History Center in 1984, she came across an Ancestral file on Peder Andersen Thygesen. Since this person was from Møgeltønder with the same last name, Pat felt that he might be related to her ancestors.

Pat contacted the submitter by mail, Alison Rogers of Bargarra, Queensland, Australia.

Alison replied that one of Peder's sons, named Andreas, immigrated to Australia with his wife, Juliane Andresen and their eight children in 1873. Andreas was Alison's great-grandfather.

Pat's great-grandmother, Caroline Thygesen left Denmark in 1888 with five of her children. Her husband Ludvig Jessen, her oldest daughter and two sons had come to the USA before her.

Alison and Pat knew that they all were baptized at the same church, but there were missing pieces that did not fit together. So Pat put Alison's letter away.

As the years passed Pat gathered pieces of knowledge that helped fit the pieces together.

In 2004 Pat contacted the Lokalhistorisk Arkiv in Tønder, Denmark, <http://www.tbib.dk/Lokalhistorisk/lokalhistorisk-arkiv.htm>. She needed the name of the parish that her ancestors lived in before moving to Møgeltønder. She not only received that information but they sent her information from the church records going back nine generations.

Now Pat had information on Martin Thygesen's parents -- Thyge Jorgensen and Karen Nielsdatter, his grandparents and his great-grandparents.

In March of 2011 Tage Thygesen in Denmark was researching the Thygesen name and posted information on MyHeritage and Pat received a Smart Match notice. At first Pat wasn't sure that there was a match. The parents' names were the

same but the children's names did not match. So Pat asked the submitter for more information.

Then she searched the Parish Registers. The Danish parish and census records are online and are free.

<http://www.sa.dk/ao/default.aspx> Directions are given in Danish, English and German on how to search the records. One needs to know the name of the county. If you're not sure of the name of the Herred, use the blank line at top of the choices. Then select the Sogn or Parish.

Locate Maps of Herreds or Parish Map for Tønder Herred at <http://www.disdanmark.dk/kort/kort.htm> and now select the date you want.

Pat looked in the 1792 to 1815 records. She was looking for Niels Madsen Thygesen and found him in the 1794 record. He was born on the 21st of March and baptized on the 25th. Pat proceeded to check for other births. Pat looked for children every two years, sometimes it was longer. She found Peder Andersen in 1796, Hans Christian in 1799, Anders in 1801 and Martin in 1805 -- five children. Wow!!

She had found the missing piece; Peder Andersen Thygesen was a brother to Martin Thygesen. So after 27 years the mystery has been solved. Alison and Pat are related.

Pat notified Alison, who told her about two other children born to Thyge Jorgensen and Karen Nielsdatter -- Margrethe born 1798 and Jørgen born in 1791. So now there are seven Thygesen children. Pat has linked up three of their decedents also all living on a different continent.

In June of this year, MyHeritage and *Family Tree Magazine* had a contest on discovering a long-lost relative. So Pat submitted her entry on her recent discovery and won! The prize included a free, expenses-paid reunion, a year-long VIP subscription membership with Family Tree Magazine and a

three- year Premium-Plus subscription with leading family history site MyHeritage.com.

Using Google Translate, Tage and Pat started emailing information about the family. After winning, Pat contacted Tage to ask if he was willing to come to the USA for a reunion. He was not willing to come, but said his sister was, Birgit Kristine Thygesen Mose. The plan is for her to arrive on August 30th. Family Tree Magazine will interview the two for an article this fall.

### A Second Brick Wall Falls Down

Pat's question: Where did Anders Pedersen and Petrine Jensdatter get married?

According to the family Bible Anders Pedersen and Petrine Jensdatter were married on April 7, 1870. They also immigrated to the USA from Denmark in the same year. But where were they married?

Pat was on the new FamilySearch Site, <https://www.familysearch.org/>. She looked at Denmark marriages 1640-1917.

Pat found a marriage listed on April 3, 1870 in Nykøbing, Thisted.

Pat wanted to verify the date. The Church Book recorded April 3, 1870, but could not verify the groom's birth. She knew he was born on April 24, 1844. She also knew that his father's name was Peder Andersen and that he was born on February 13, 1813. So she turned to the Census and found Anders Pedersen age 6 Ugift Barn Tødsø sogn Thisted in the 1850 census. Pat then found him listed in the Parish records of 1844. She then found Petrine Jensdatter who was born September 6, 1840 in Dragstrup, Thisted, Denmark. Another mystery solved.

We thank Pat for her persistent detective work in solving these genealogical mysteries. She inspires us all to keep working to fill in the branches to our family trees.

# Upcoming events

## Federation of Genealogical Societies 2011 Conference, Pathways to the Heartland

**When:** September 7-10, 2011

**Where:** Springfield, Illinois

**Registration:**

<http://fgs.org/2011conference/registration>

## University of Wisconsin Union Mini Course: Genealogy

**When:** Three Tuesday evenings: September 20, 27 and October 4. The class runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Where:** A room has not yet been assigned.

**Instructor:** Sherry Lloyd is an experienced genealogist with over 25 years of experience.

**Description:** Interested in discovering your family's history? We will look at how to begin genealogy, what resources are available, how to keep track of your information and genealogy standards. You will learn how to find information on the

Internet as well as the large amount of information available at your local libraries. Emphasis will be on using free computer programs and Internet sources.

**Cost:** Standard charge for Union members or students: \$44.50; for UW staff or others the charge is higher. Please see Mini Course web site for membership options and registration,

<https://www.union.wisc.edu/minicourses>

## Blackhawk: Monroe Internet Genealogy Class

**Class Dates:** Thursdays for 4 weeks, September 15, 2011-October 6, 2011

**Meeting Times:** 2-3:50 p.m.

**Location:** Blackhawk TC, Monroe Campus, 210 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Monroe

**Instructor:** Pat Skubis

**Approximate Tuition:** \$26.37

This course is designed to increase internet skills and confidence. Topics include major genealogy websites, searching ship and immigration records, locating church and military records, and how to find records in other countries. Also covered will be using the Internet to plan a research trip or genealogy

vacation; using MapQuest and the white pages to assist you in genealogy research. Knocking down brick walls and learning to think outside the box are other topics that will be covered. Class will be a combination of lecture and hands-on practice. Come prepared with names of ancestors that you want to research.

**Recommended resources:** *The Complete Guide to Online Genealogy* by Rhonda McClure; *Welcome to the Internet* by Russel Stolins.

**Recommended Prerequisite:**

Introductory computer experience including keyboarding, and use of mouse.

<https://forms.blackhawk.edu/ncform/forms/register.htm>

## The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society

Its 2011 Fall seminar is scheduled for 15 October 2011 at the Country Springs Hotel, Water Park & Conference Center, 2810 Golf Rd., Pewaukee, Wisconsin (near Waukesha). The featured speaker will be James L. Hansen, FASG, Genealogical Reference Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

## WHS Library-Archives Classes and Workshops

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library Archives (WHS) is offering a full set of classes and workshops this fall. Programs are geared to all levels of experience and offer something for everyone, from beginners to veterans.

Society members and members of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society (WSGS) receive discounts on registration fees. To register for the classes or for additional information, go to <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/library/archives/classes/>

### Genealogy Is For Everyone

Do you want to learn how to research your family history? Have you done this research and hit brick walls? Do you want to learn what resources are online? This class is for beginners and those who want a refresher course.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, WHS Reference Librarian

**Registration:** \$25 for Society and WSGS members, \$30 for non-members.

**When:** 9/17/2011, 9 a.m.-Noon

**Where:** Memorial Library, Room 126, 728 State St., Madison

### Ancestry.com (Computer Lab)

Ancestry.com is one of the top genealogical websites for researching your family tree. This class will show you what records are found on this site, how to search it and use it to hold family tree information, and what can be found on the various versions of this site. This is a

hands-on class so you will be able to search for ancestors during the class.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, WHS Reference Librarian

**Registration:** \$35 for Society and Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members, \$40 for non-members.

**When:** Two separate offerings: 1) 10/22/2011 2) 10/29/2011, 9 a.m. to Noon

**Where:** Memorial Library, Room 231, 728 State St., Madison

### Using Archival Collections (Computer Lab)

The Wisconsin Historical Society Archives is a treasure trove of records from Wisconsin court houses, military records and state institutions. Learn about the wide array of materials available in the archives. Class time will include an introductory lecture, searching the archives catalog and a tour of the archives. Students will gain a better understanding of the Wisconsin Historical Society Archives and what to expect when working in archives in general.

**Instructor:** Rick Pifer, director of public services for the WHS Division of Library-Archives

**Registration:** \$35 for Society and WSGS members, \$40 for non-members.

**When:** 11/12/2011, 9 a.m. to Noon

**Where:** Memorial Library, Room 231, 728 State St., Madison

### FamilySearch.org (Computer Lab)

FamilySearch.org contains thousands of collections to use when researching your family tree. This class will show you what the site includes as well as how to search the site for resources. This is a hands-on class so you will be able to research your ancestors during class time.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, WHS Reference Librarian

**Registration:** \$35 for Society and WSGS members, \$40 for non-members.

**When:** 12/3/2011, 9 a.m. to Noon

**Where:** Memorial Library, Room 231, 728 State St., Madison

### Online Genealogy (Computer Lab)

There are so many genealogical resources online it can be overwhelming. This class helps researchers sort out the types of websites, which ones to trust as well as how to search the various sites. It is a hands-on class so researchers will be given time to search for ancestors during class time.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, WHS Reference Librarian

**Registration:** \$35 for Society and WSGS members, \$40 for non-members.

**When:** 12/10/2011, 9 a.m. to Noon

**Where:** Memorial Library, Room 231, 728 State St., Madison

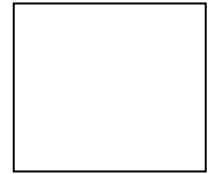
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**See you at the  
September 1  
Meeting!**

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***Genealogy Fair 2011 continued...***

make it run smoothly. We need some of our fabulous members to volunteer at the fair. Here is what we'll need:

**Kitchen Coordinators** (1-2 people needed)  
Volunteers would be responsible for ordering food/beverages ahead of time with help from Walker and Pat: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Refreshment Servers/Set-up/Clean-up** (10-12 people needed) 8:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Greeters/Runners** (12-24 people needed) 8:30 - 3:00. We will need greeters for our two welcome tables from 8:30 until 3:30 p.m. as well as people to assist in case something is needed.

**Friday night set-up** (6-8 people needed) 6:00-8:30 p.m. (Putting up tables)

**Saturday afternoon tear-down** (6-8 people needed) 3:30 - 5:00 (Taking down tables)

**Bakers** (breakfast rolls or other such goods) We also would like to be able to offer cinnamon rolls or other breakfast type goodies if any of you would be willing to bake these.

You're welcome to work whatever length of shift works for your schedule and we welcome all help. Please let Walker Crawford know at [walker@viridis.ws](mailto:walker@viridis.ws) or 608.206.3182 or sign up at the September 1 DCAGS meeting.

With your help this will be a great fair!  
Walker Crawford & Patricia Skubis, Co-Chairs