

# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



Let's Party  
like it's 1773!

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## IT'S SHOW & TELL! DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM

### MEET IN THE GYM AND SEE HOW OTHERS DISPLAY THEIR GENEALOGY!!!

### WE HAVE 14 EXHIBITORS COME! ENJOY! GET IDEAS!

### Enjoy Refreshments and Visit with Friends.

### Remember to Vote for Your New President and Secretary.

### Bring In Your Ballots.

### Election Results Will Be Announced at the Meeting.

*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, 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, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. place to be determined.*

*We invite all members to attend. Please join us!*

Ring in the New Year by attending our January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Lori Bessler will be speaking on Family History Projects.



karenswhimsy.com

Photo: <http://www.americanrevolution.org/clothing/clothing4.html>

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## Recap of “Genealogy from the Jewish Perspective”

Sue Goldstein showed a *PowerPoint* presentation on Jewish genealogy. Although some of the challenges faced in doing Jewish genealogy are the same as those faced by anyone looking for their ancestors, there are additional challenges. Name changes were common, like changing “Moshe” to “Max” or as Sue informed us her relative was born with one first name and buried with another first name. It was thought that if a person was very ill and if you changed the person’s name the angel of death could not find the person and the person would live. Several resources for locating Holocaust data bases were provided. The central Database of Shoah Victims’ Names [www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY-Hon-Entrance](http://www.yadvashem.org/wps/portal/IY-Hon-Entrance) or <http://db.yadvashem.org/names/search.html?language=en> . The Bad Arolsen Archives mission is to document the fate of the victims. Requests can be made by mail or online. <http://www.its-arolsen.org/en/homepage/index.html> Several research publications are available “How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy & Family History” by Arthur Kurzwell, “Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy” by Gary Mokotoff & Warren Blatt, & “How to Document Victims & Locate Survivors of the Holocaust” by Gary Mokotoff. 556 Jewish links can be found on [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com), [www.JewishGen.org](http://www.JewishGen.org) offers many resources, and [www.routestoroots.com](http://www.routestoroots.com) specializes in research in the archives of Eastern Europe and arranges tours of ancestral towns. Sue is a member of the Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society, which meets in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Dane County Area Genealogical Society New Website / Membership Renewal

Website: <http://dcags.camp8.org/>  
Renewal page:  
<http://dcags.camp8.org/Default.aspx?pagelid=1256183>

Set your password

- o Click on *Forgot Password*
  - Enter your email (If your email is not found please email Walker with your correct email and he will have a link sent to that email address)
  - Enter the code given pictorially
  - Click Submit

Monitor your email for password reset instructions and follow them

To renew your membership for 2013

- o Go back to the home page and log in with your email address and new password
- o Click on *View Profile* (upper right hand corner)
- o Click on *Renew until 01 Jan 2014*
- o Follow instructions to finish process
  - You can pay online, but you do NOT have to – you can pay via check through the mail or in person at a meeting
- o Take the time to edit your profile

Explore the website – you won’t break anything!

Thank you for your patience through this migration. If you have ideas for ways we can improve your experience as a member please let us know.

If you prefer you can use the printable form on pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Walker at [walker@viridis.ws](mailto:walker@viridis.ws) or 608.206.318

When you’re ready to renew your membership for 2013, please take the time to walk through the instructions (provided in the October newsletter) to setup your membership profile. If you have any problems contact Walker at [walker@viridis.ws](mailto:walker@viridis.ws) or via cell phone at 608.206.3182.

If you signed up to help set up tables on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> please join the program committee in the Gym at 6 PM.

If you are displaying your Genealogy, please setup between 6:15 to 6:45 PM.

If you are bringing refreshments, please drop them off before the meeting starts at 7.

**Renew Now**

2<sup>nd</sup> Notice

## **New Hours**

The FamilySearch Center (located at Regent Street & Segoe Road in Madison) will be changing its hours, effective the first of January, 2013. The new hours will be Tuesday: 9am-12pm; Thursday: 9am-12pm & 6pm-9pm; and Saturday: 9am-12pm.

Note also that the Center will be closed for the **Christmas holiday from 21<sup>st</sup> of December through the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.**

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2013 Membership Application



New  Renewal (please indicate one)

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

**Individual Membership**

\$23.00 annual dues. USPS MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

\$23.00 annual dues. USPS and E-MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

\$15.00 annual dues. ONLY E-MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

**Family Membership: 2 individuals living in one household. Each is a voting member.**

\$28.00 annual dues. USPS MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

\$28.00 annual dues. USPS and E-MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

\$20.00 annual dues. ONLY E-MAIL Delivery of DCAGS Newsletter.

Make checks payable to *Dane County Area Genealogical Society*. Return to address above.

**NAME(s) as you'd like them to appear for:**

**Mailings & Membership Directory:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name Tag:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENEALOGY SOFTWARE YOU USE** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give permission for DCAGS to publish this information in a membership directory for the benefit of other members?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (If neither YES or NO is checked, YES will be assumed)

Continue to next page, be sure to turn in both pages along with your dues.

Please list your research interests below. If you don't write down any information we will assume it's the same as you provided last year. If you write down information, please indicate if it's to replace your old information or an addition.

**Geographic Areas of Interest (alphabetically)? Replace Add (choose one)**

Wisconsin Counties \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. States \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Countries \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What SURNAMES are you researching (alphabetically)? Replace Add (choose one)**

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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**Please help the Program and Education Committee in planning and setting up programs and activities that would interest you by answering the following questions.**

1. I would like to see the following topics presented:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I would enjoy helping the DCAGS by volunteering to:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. I would like to serve on the following committees: (We are especially in need of leadership for the Public Relations committee.)

- |                                     |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Relations</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Program and Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster               |

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_

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# Upcoming Classes



WISCONSIN  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

## 3 Hour Workshops WHS

### Ancestry.com

Ancestry.com is one of the top genealogical websites to research your family history. This computer class will show you what you will find on this site, what you will not find and how to use the site. Ancestry Library will also be addressed in this class.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian

**Date:** Dec 1, 2012

**Time:** 9 AM – Noon

**Registration:** [Download a registration form for this class](#) (PDF 118 KB)

**Ticket Info:** \$35 for Wisconsin Historical Society or Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members, \$40 for non-members

**Place:** Memorial Library Room 231

**Address:** 728 State St, Madison, WI

### FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch.org is a great site with lots of genealogical collections. This computer class will show you how to use the site, what it includes and how it fits into the online resources for genealogists.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian

**Date:** Dec 8, 2012

**Time:** 9 AM - Noon

**Class Size:** Limit of 20

**Registration:** [Download a registration form for this class](#) (PDF 118 KB)

**Ticket Info:** \$35 for Wisconsin Historical Society or Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members, \$40 for non-members.

**Place:** Memorial Library Room 231

**Address:** 728 State St, Madison, WI



## Writing Your Family History

Are you ready to write your family history? This class will show you how to prepare, how to write family history and the various levels of family history projects that will share your hard research work with your family and friends.

**Instructors:** Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian, and Sarah White, Wisconsin Humanities Council

**Date:** Dec 15, 2012

**Time:** 9 AM – Noon

**Registration:** [Download a registration form for this class](#) (PDF 118 KB)

**Ticket Info:** \$25 for Wisconsin Historical Society or Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members, \$30 for non-members

**Place:** Memorial Library Room 231

**Address:** 728 State St, Madison, WI

## Webinars Online

### Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org

This webinar will show you the similarities and differences in these two sites. It will provide information on search strategies and explanations on subscriptions.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian

**Registration:** [Download a registration form for this class](#) (PDF 118 KB)

**Ticket Info:** \$25 for Wisconsin Historical Society or Wisconsin State Genealogical Society members, \$30 for non-members

**Date:** Dec 11, 2012

**Time:** 1 PM to 3 PM

### The Society's Collections and Services

This free webinar will describe the extensive North American collections found in the Society's library and archives as well as the services that make these collections so accessible. This is one of the top five genealogical collections in the country.

**Instructor:** Lori Bessler, reference librarian

**Add'l Contact Info:** Lori B. Bessler by telephone at 608-264-6519 or via email at [AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org).

**Ticket Info:** Register by emailing [AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org)

**Date:** Dec 20, 2012

**Time:** 1 PM to 2:30 PM.



The 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. For **Upcoming Webinars:** go to <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234> to learn more about our upcoming webinars and to register.

## December 2012

### Ready-Set-Plan! Developing a One-Step Research Plan

- **Presenter:** J. Mark Lowe, CG
- **Date:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 8:00 pm Central
- **Description:** Learn a simple technique for breaking down difficult research problems into manageable segments. Learn to get more research done while remaining focused.
- **Register:** <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/226300078>



Who were the first people known to use surnames?

Found on <http://www.iroslund.com/Trivia>

## Free Access to ArchiveGrid Now Available

ArchiveGrid connects researchers with catalog records and finding aids for unique or rare materials (such as diaries, letters, photographs, scrapbooks, and bible records) from the collections of historical societies, museums, public libraries, universities, and other archives around the world. This database, developed by OCLC Research, was formerly available by paid subscription only, but now is offered as a free site, currently in beta version.

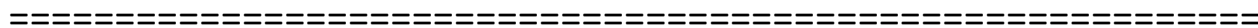
Check it out today at:

<http://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid>

*Submitted by Mara Munroe to the WinnebagoLand Genealogical Society newsletter. Thanks for sharing.*



## President's message



### What Would You Like Your Society to Become?

Now that we are about to choose new leadership for the society, I think we should consider what we would like the Dane County Area Genealogical Society to be – to become. During the four years of my “administration” the society has more-or-less coasted; doing much the same things we had been doing before. We tried to do these things as well as we could, but we did not reach out very much to try new activities. We have had monthly programs. We have had our annual “special meeting” each July. We have put on a genealogy fair every other year. We have put out a monthly newsletter. The one new activity that comes to my mind as I write this is the 1940 census indexing project. We could be doing much more if we set our minds to it! There are indexing projects that could be undertaken – not just those managed by FamilySearch but some local projects. There are new knowledge-sharing efforts we could be working on. I am sure you can think are many worthwhile projects a bunch of interested genealogists could accomplish right here in Dane County.

Membership renewal time is an excellent time to think about what more we (that's a bunch of “you”s, or really a bunch of “I”s) might accomplish to make our family history projects more satisfying. Think about this as you complete the back side of your membership form. Look at websites of other societies to get ideas of what we might do as we develop our new website. Talk to any of the members of the Governing Board (listed on the back page of this newsletter). Agitate!

Rollie Littlewood  
(608)273-021



## Enjoy Genealogy Webinar

MyGenShare FREE webinars are a hit. Webinars are part of the MyGenShare portfolio of educational resources. Click on the link to register for the 1 hour webinar.

### Ten Ways to Supercharge Family History Research at Home

Mon. Dec. 3, 7:00 PM

### Quick Start for Family Historians

Tues. Dec. 4, 2:00 PM / Sun. Dec. 16, 3:00 PM

### Genealogy Treasures: How to Find, Learn and Share Genealogy One Generation to the Next

Wed. Dec. 5, 10:00 AM

### Fifty Google Searches Every Genealogist Needs to Know

Thurs. Dec. 6, 7:00 PM | Thurs. Dec. 20, 10:00 AM

### Ancestor Immigration and Migration: Keys to Unlocking Family History

Fri. Dec. 7, 7:00 PM

### Conducting Oral Interviews: The Most Important Research You'll Ever Do

Sun. Dec. 9, 3:00 PM

### How to Discover Treasures in the Library, Archives and Societies

Mon. Dec. 17, 7:00 PM

For more times and topics check out Barry's Genealogy Newsletter, 27 Nov 2012 [http://www.icontact-archive.com/PZ\\_Es\\_uxaix\\_pdLvV8ToDjYwG4PS6ZZT?w=2](http://www.icontact-archive.com/PZ_Es_uxaix_pdLvV8ToDjYwG4PS6ZZT?w=2)

## Trivia Question Answer

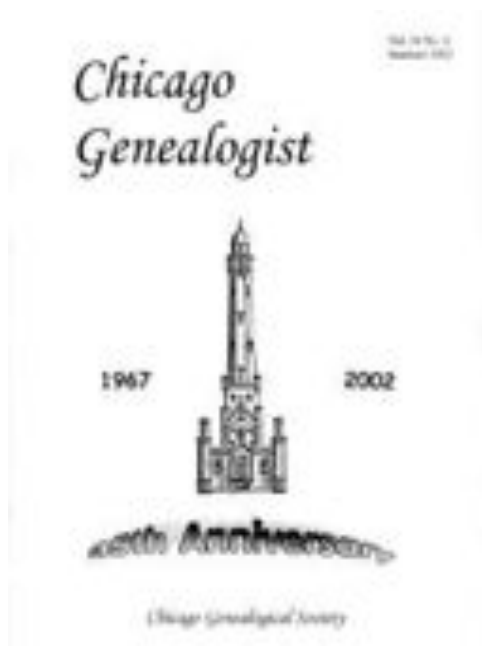
Surnames were used by the Chinese in 2852 B.C.



# Season Greetings from the Board

# Chicago Genealogist Now On-line

Posted on Saturday, November 3, 2012 on the Newberry blog at <http://www.newberry.org/chicago-genealogist-now-line>



Chicago Genealogist. Journal of the Chicago Genealogical Society. Chicago Browsing F548.1 .C45

The Chicago Genealogical Society and the Newberry are pleased to announce a new digital collection, the [Chicago Genealogist](http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm4/index_nby_cgs.php?CISOROOT=/nby_cgs) or [http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm4/index\\_nby\\_cgs.php?CISOROOT=/nby\\_cgs](http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/cdm4/index_nby_cgs.php?CISOROOT=/nby_cgs). The Chicago Genealogist is a quarterly journal published continuously since 1969 by the Chicago Genealogical Society or <http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/>

The easily searchable online collection is free to the public and contains volumes 1-39 (1969-2007). Although a useful listing of the contents of the quarterly is available on the society's website and it has been indexed in PERSI, this collection allows the researcher to search by keyword - a surname, church or school name, Chicago neighborhood, etc., in a way not possible previously. The collection is another valuable resource for the Chicago researcher's toolbox.

This cooperative effort is accessible through the CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) [Digital Collections](http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/index.php) site <http://collections.carli.illinois.edu/index.php>, where it is one of several collections of interest to genealogists.

All of the images in the Chicago Genealogist have been made available courtesy of the society and all rights are reserved by the Chicago Genealogical Society. Information about requesting reproductions is on the collection website. Newer issues are available through membership in the Chicago Genealogical Society. A complete [print collection](http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/qu%20contents.html) is available at the Newberry. The print link provides a table of *CONTENTS OF THE "CHICAGO GENEALOGIST" (CGS QUARTERLY) from 1969 to 2011*. <http://www.chicagogenealogy.org/qu%20contents.html>



Earth Point is a web site that offers a variety of mapping services, all of which will display map coordinates on Google Earth. Genealogists will be interested in the ability to

display townships and ranges on Google Earth.

The BLM Township, Range, and Section service displays townships, sections, and even quarter-quarter sections if you zoom in close enough (most, but not all areas have quarter-quarter sections mapped). It also calculates area, centroid, and corner points. You must zoom into the central or western United States to see the data.

## NOTE:

States with complete BLM coverage:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

States with limited BLM coverage:

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota (central and western portions are covered), Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota (western part is covered)

In addition, Earth Point can convert Township, Range, and Section into latitude and longitude or it can convert latitude and longitude into Township and Section.

Finally, if you have a long list of locations, Earth Point can import a

spreadsheet of lat/long coordinates to Google Earth. The conversion can even add pop-up balloons, icons, and paths directly from the spreadsheet data.

Earth Point provides some features free of charge but then requires payment for more sophisticated features. I found the list of what is free versus what is available only for payment to be rather confusing. The sites help files describe the differences this way:

A subscription is best for those utilities that display a grid on Google Earth, such as Township and Range, Texas Land Survey, and the Coordinate Grids. Without a subscription, these utilities display a pop-up message every ten minutes, asking you to purchase a subscription. After one day, the grid is deactivated, but continues to display pop-up messages. At this point, the user should remove the grid from Google Earth.

No subscription is needed for the one-time lookups, such as the Township and Range "Fly To" buttons, or the single Coordinate Conversions.

You can see for yourself and try some of the conversions at <http://earthpoint.us>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Rae Williams for telling me about Earth Point. From Dick Eastman's blog [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/copyrights-and-other-lega.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/copyrights-and-other-lega.html)

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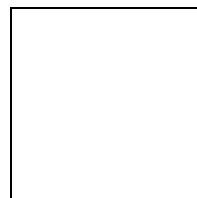
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We're on the Web!

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or [www.dcags.camp8.org](http://www.dcags.camp8.org)



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**See you on  
December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Become a Committee Member  
**Only One Left**



### DCAGS Governing Board for 2012

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### Writers are needed!!!

Do you have a colorful ancestor?

A great family recipe?

A Holiday memory?

A new genealogy web site?

A tale about your ancestor's coming to America?

A story about a veteran?

The ancestor you cannot find?

Help by submitting your tale to the Newsletter.

Just email it to [skubie27@live.com](mailto:skubie27@live.com)

