

Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



Genealogy from the Jewish Perspective



Sue Goldstein will be showing a *PowerPoint* presentation on Jewish genealogy. According to an article in Archives, tracing Jewish genealogy may be a complex undertaking, since this is one of the oldest cultures in the history of the world! However, those who are fortunate enough to find their Jewish roots are sure to explore a rich

tapestry of history and culture along the way. Jewish-Americans searching for their Jewish ancestry also have a wealth of information at their fingertips, with plenty of publications and websites devoted to this specific purpose. A list Jewish Family History Resources can be found in this article at <http://www.archives.com/genealogy/family-heritage-jewish.html>.

Sue is the only Madison member of the Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society. The Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society was formed in the 1990's and meets in Milwaukee.



Trivia Questions for the Month.

Which former U.S. president is related to Queen Elizabeth II?

Elections are coming up for DCAGS Board positions. The nominating Committee is recommending Walker Crawford for President and DeAnn McAllan for Secretary. Both candidates have agreed to serve in these positions if elected in December.

Nominations for these two positions will be taken from the floor at the November 1st DCAGS meeting. Ballots will be sent out in the November, Newsletter and will be on line at <http://dcags.camp8.org/>. They need to be returned by the December 6th DCAGS meeting.

Submitted by Patricia Skubis, Chairman of the nominating committee.

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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, WI beginning at 7 p.m.

DCAGS Update:

The DCAGS Governing Board meets the third Tuesday of each month.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the South Madison Library at 2222 Park St.

We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

December 6th
marks the date of our
SHOW and TELL SOCIAL.
Join us for a fun evening filled with
tasty treats and sharing of other
member's genealogy.



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The society is in the process of migrating to a new website. This new website includes membership management which will allow us to manage our membership from anywhere and allow multiple individuals to assist in managing it. Members will be able to access a member directory and make changes to their personal profile at any time. Members will also have the ability to control what personal information other members can see. No membership information will be available to the general public.

This new website also allows for sharing of documents securely, meaning you need to be a member to access them. Our hope is that this will help the board be more efficient in operations as well as sharing information with members.

We will also be able to offer online registration for events. Our first use of this was in July when we had an outing to Ian’s Pizza and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. The members that used this found it fairly easy to use and from an administrative standpoint it made keeping track of who was coming and who had paid much simpler than in the past.

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New Website / Membership Renewal

Website: dcags.camp8.org

Set your password

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

Monitor your email for password reset instructions and follow them

To renew your membership for 2013

- Go back to the home page and log in with your email address and new password
- Click on *View Profile* (upper right hand corner)
- Click on *Renew until 01 Jan 2014*
- 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
- 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 or 608.206.3182

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



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2013 Membership Application



New Renewal (please indicate one)

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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_____	_____	_____
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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.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Program and Education |
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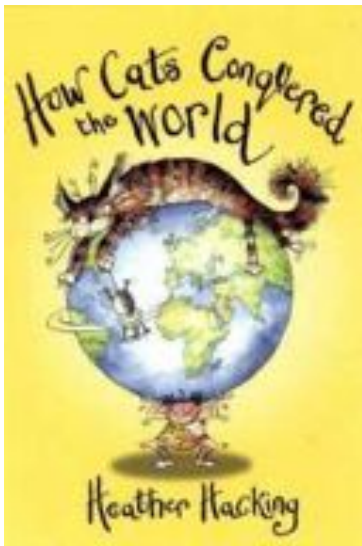


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Using *WorldCat*

Rollie Littlewood gave a short talk describing the web-based library tool *WorldCat* and illustrating how to use it. *WorldCat* is an online union catalog designed mostly as an aid to libraries and librarians, but that can be quite useful for genealogists who want to find library resources not available at their local library. A union catalog is a combined library catalog describing the collections of a number of libraries. *WorldCat* contains information about most of the holdings of most of the world's major libraries (and many not-so-major libraries). Current statistics indicate more than 72,000 libraries (including the Library of Congress) and nearly 1.9 billion holdings are represented in *WorldCat*. The caveat "most" is important when considering the results obtained using *WorldCat*. For various reasons portions of holdings of some libraries are not included in *WorldCat*, but these "invisible" holdings are often ones which the holding library do not allow to circulate anyway. There is one library of major significance to genealogists which is not included in *WorldCat*—the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Two other libraries that are thought to include only recent acquisitions are those of the Daughters of the American Revolution

and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

A union catalog aids librarians and researchers by reducing the time and effort required to locate a particular resource not locally available. *WorldCat* can reduce expenses for libraries by arranging for centralized cataloging, rather than having every library catalog every book or other resource with their own staff. Most importantly for genealogists, *WorldCat* is a very important part of what makes InterLibrary Loan (ILL) feasible. (Note: InterLibrary Loan is often called "OuterLibrary Loan" by public libraries in or near Dane County; go to <http://www.scls.info/ill/help/> for more information about how to utilize OuterLibrary Loan.)

A genealogist can use *WorldCat* to determine if any library that subscribes to *WorldCat* has the resource they want to borrow. Individuals usually cannot initiate ILL requests themselves, but they can do some background research which may help the ILL request go more smoothly. It is important to understand that not all resources listed on *WorldCat* can be borrowed; sometimes the best one can hope for is a photocopy or scan of a few selected pages.

WorldCat is operated by an organization called OCLC; "OCLC" once stood for "Ohio College Library Center," but is considered today to stand for "Online Computer Library Center." It began operation in about 1971. The public versions (both "basic" and "advanced") can be used by anyone with web access by going to www.worldcat.org. A version with more options (called "First Search") can be used from certain libraries and from computers operated by the University of Wisconsin-Madison; if you want to use *First Search*, ask your librarian if patrons are allowed to do so in your library.

There are a number of things you can do with *WorldCat*. You can search by title, author, subject, key words, etc., for

resources. You can see if there is a newer edition of a resource you already have access to. You can see if any nearby libraries have the resource that interests you. You can find out what libraries exist in a particular city. Perhaps most importantly, you can use *WorldCat* to make better ILL requests by knowing correct details before you start the request process.

One important thing to keep in mind when you fail to find a resource in *WorldCat* is that professional librarians may be able to locate holdings that do not show up in a basic *WorldCat* search. The reasons for this are rather arcane, but this truth points out that professional librarians can be very valuable allies in our research. For more information on *WorldCat*, including more comments on the limitations of *WorldCat*, view Rollie's handout and slide show of actual website operation; there are links to these at the end of the description of the October meeting on the [DCAGS website](http://www.dacags.org).

Trivia Question Answer

George Bush, president of the United States from 1989-1993, is a 13th cousin twice-removed from **Queen Elizabeth II of England**.

Source: Burke's peerage.

Trivia Question found on [GenealogySpot](http://www.genealogyspot.com/know/president.htm)
www.genealogyspot.com/know/president.htm

The Program Committee **NEEDS HELP SETTING UP TABLES FOR THE DEC 6 SHOW/TELL!!! CAN YOU HELP US???** Sign up at our November meeting or contact Jomay99@aol.com or Donna53705@aol.com

Thanks to all who have signed up for Show/Tell on Dec.6! There is still time to sign up if you would like to display your genealogy. But please come and enjoy the collections and also to meet and greet other members and friends. Cookies and bars will be available for you to enjoy!!
WELCOME ALL!!

Upcoming Classes

Oregon Community Education

<http://www.oregonsd.org/community.cfm?subpage=101> Check the Website for place and to register.

Instructor: Patricia Skubis

Dates: October 31 to November 21.

Time: 6 to 8 PM

Cost: \$44

Class 1: Finding and using land records and wills to augment your genealogy. Class 2: Locating and using church records. Class 3: Free on line Genealogy courses. Class 4: Link up with distant relatives by using Ancestry or MyHeritage.



3 Hour Workshops WHS

Genealogy: Immigration Research

The immigrant experience can be difficult to research. This class will teach you tips and tricks to help you determine the records to use and where to find them.

Instructor: Jim Hansen, 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

Time: 9 to Noon

Place: Memorial Library Room 231

Address: 728 State St, Madison, Wisconsin.

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: 12-1-2012

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

Webinars Online

Land Records

This webinar will show you how to find land records, the importance of these complex records and the various types of records that fall under this category.

Instructor: Rick Pifer, Director of Public Services

Date: 11- 12-2012

Time: 1–3 pm

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

Additional Contact Info: Lori B. Bessler by telephone at 608-264-6519 or via email at lori.bessler@wisconsinhistory.org

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

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

Date: 11-15-2012

Time: 1–2:30 pm

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

Ticket Info: Register by emailing AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org.

Venue: Online Webinar



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.

November 2012

Sidestep Genealog

Presenter: George G. Morgan

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 8:00 pm Central
- **Description:** Brick wall research blocks are inevitable. We strive to start with ourselves and work backwards, but sometimes there are impediments that stop us in our tracks. It is then that we must use our most creative research skills, and it is essential that we move to other family members. That means researching our ancestors' siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, and the collateral lines with which they are connected. Sidestep genealogy means researching these alternative individuals, their records, the places that they lived, and other resources. This lecture will make you stop and think about what alternative research paths you might use, and point you to new resources you may never have considered.
- **Register:** <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/559302166>



New!!!!!!

10 week class starting November 1 (will not meet on Thanksgiving)

Classes are from 10-11 a.m. each Thursday
Topic "**How to write your AUTOBIOGRAPHY**"
There is no charge for the classes

The Jefferson
9403 Old Sauk Road
Middleton WI 53562
608-831-4038



The German Interest Group will meet at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 2921 Mt. Zion Ave., Janesville on Monday November 5 at 7:00

p.m. Guest speaker will be Mark Loudon, who is from UW-Madison, specializing in language contact, dialectology, Pennsylvania Dutch, Yiddish, and German-American studies. At this meeting he will speak on Amish Music.

There is no charge to attend this meeting, and visitors are always welcome.

For questions, please contact Teresa Hines at (608) 931-3381



President's message

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Tell Others About Your Family History

At the December DCAGS meeting we'll all have a chance to show others some of our family history research -- methods of research, research results, ways to display results, etc. You can have an audience of friendly fellow members of the society. Come join the fun. The program committee wants to know who will be displaying their work by the time of the 1 November meeting. I'm planning to bring a short "book" my wife & I created to show our grandson how he is related to others who share his name. He doesn't "get it" yet, but he's was only 2 1/2 when we first showed it to him.

We are planning to have another Genealogy Fair next fall, in September or October. If we all pitch in together, this will be a good chance to tell the rest of the world (well, the audience will probably not extend beyond Dane County) about the fun and excitement of genealogy. Start thinking about what should be included in the fair plans.

Rollie Littlewood
(608)273-0211



Genealogy Funnies

- My family tree is a few branches short! All help appreciated.
- My ancestors must be in a witness protection program!
- Shake your family tree and watch the nuts fall!
- How can one ancestor cause so much TROUBLE?!
- I'm not stuck -- I'm ancestrally challenged.
- If only people came with pull-down menus and on-line help.

- Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!
A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots.
- A new cousin a day keeps the boredom away.
- After 30 days, unclaimed ancestors will be adopted.
- Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts, and a few bad apples.
- Ever find an ancestor HANGING from the family tree?
Submitted by Sandra Donner

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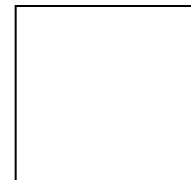
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or www.facebook.com/dcags

or www.dcags.camp8.org



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See you on November 1st

Become a Committee

Member only two left



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Writers are needed!!!

Do you have a colorful ancestor?

A great family recipe?

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

Thanks to Sandra Donner for the jokes.

