

Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



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A Double Feature by Walker Crawford and Rollie Littlewood highlights our October 4th meeting.

DCAGS is moving to a new website (<http://dcags.camp8.org>) that allows us to include an online membership management program accessible at anytime on the internet. Walker will walk you through this new product in advance of the official launching later this month as we begin 2013 membership renewals. This will allow (not require) members to manage their membership at their convenience. Members will have access to a members-only area (that will not be viewable to the public). This will add the ability for members to share more information about themselves, such as profile pictures and family tree documents. A current membership directory will be available, rather than relying on a paper version that outdates quickly. This product will also provide a venue for discussions on any topic members or visitors would like, including assistance on research.

Walker Crawford works for the University of Wisconsin Foundation supporting the development needs of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He's been involved with genealogy since his great aunt turned over her 6,000 plus names from her research for computer entry when he was 21.



WorldCat is described as the world's largest library catalog; it is sometimes referred to as "OCLC." It is what virtually every Interlibrary Loan staff member uses to help you get books and other material from libraries other than your own. It contains information on MOST of the holdings of MOST of the major, and many of the not so major, libraries in the world. Rollie will show some of the features of *WorldCat* which you can use from your own computer. You can not only find where items you are interested in are held, but you can use it like any other online library catalog to discover related material.



Rollie is a retired academic staff member of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Among other "vices", he spends at least one-half day a week working as a volunteer staff member in the Wisconsin Historical Society library archives.

Trivia Questions for the Month.

What does "P.O.E." stand for?

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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 on 2222 Park St.
We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

In November Sue Goldstein, who is the only Madison member of the Wisconsin Jewish Genealogical Society, will give a PowerPoint presentation on Jewish genealogy.

Nominations Requested
Elections are coming up for DCAGS. Nominations will be presented at the November 1st DCAGS meeting. DeAnn McAllan has indicated she is willing to serve as Secretary. We need a nominee for President. Please let Rollie Littlewood (rkittle@wisc.edu) know if you are interested in serving.



341,151 War of 1812 Pension

Files are currently on

http://www.fold3.com/title_761/war_of_1812_pension_files/. Last month 27,779 records were added. The total current amount is only 4% of all the records that need to be digitized.

In conjunction with the [National Archives & Records Administration](#) (NARA), [fold3](#) and [Ancestry.com](#), FGS is helping to digitize

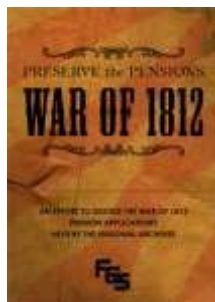
180,000 pension applications representing an estimated 7.2 million pages of War of 1812 Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. The collection will be available for **free** on fold3's website at http://www.fold3.com/title_761/war_of_1812_pension_files/.

The War of 1812 pension files resulted from a man's service during the war, 1812-1815. Pensions were granted to the veteran, his widow, or his heirs.

The documents in this collection include full pension application files for soldiers and sailors who served in the War of 1812, as well as for their widows and children, or other heirs. The first applications were filed by servicemen who were disabled as a result of their service, or by widows who lost a husband in the war.

The descriptive pamphlet about the [Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files](#), M313, published by NARA, provides a great deal of background and explanatory information about the pension files and the acts that provided for them.

If you wish to make a donation to this project go to http://www.fgs.org/cstm_PreserveThePensions.php/.



CIVIL WAR ANTI-HERO

Not every family tale of the civil war is about a hero. My great grandfather Luke was born deaf, learned the three Rs in his years at the Kentucky School for the Deaf, but never learned to speak. Still he had a family and a small farm up in the hills where he raised turkeys, tobacco, and chicory.

On the morning of October 8, 1862 he climbed a steep hill so he could watch the Battle of Perryville going on down below. Odd but not rare, hundreds of people left Washington to watch the First Battle of Bull Run.

It was the bloodiest battle ever fought in Kentucky. Afterwards as Union corporals paced the battlefield looking for Southern sympathizers and deserters, they found Luke fast asleep under a tree and challenged his presence. He tried to say he lived nearby but his customary yowls convinced the men he might be a spy or escaping enemy.

Townpeople established his identity before nightfall and he was released but he resented the rough treatment he received and named his next son Jefferson Davis.



Attention!!!!

Help is needed in order to continue to put together the newsletter.

We would like it if we had a person at each meeting take notes and send a write up about the program to Pat Skubis at skubie27@live.com so that she could put in the newsletter.

If we had 12 volunteers to do this it would mean you only had to do it at one meeting during the year.

We will send a sign up board around at the October meeting, please help in this project.

Read "Rollie's Recap" about this request.

Thanks, the DCAGS Board



First Battle of Bull Run, chromolithograph by Kurz & Allison source

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Battle_of_Bull_Run

Upcoming Classes

Oregon Community Education

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

Instructor: Patricia Skubis

Note Date Changes

Dates: Four Wednesdays starting October 3, ending on October 24.

Time: 6 to 8 PM

Cost: \$44

Class 1: Getting the most out of a census, 1940 and before. (Students need to bring their public library card.) Class 2: Using an obituary to find both living and dead relatives (Students should bring a copy of an ancestor's obituary if possible.) Class 3: Military records a source of many details. Class 4: BadgerLink, what is it and how to use it to find genealogy & old newspaper records.

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.



Genealogy: Organizing and Preserving Photo Collections

If you have photograph collections, this is the class for you. Learn how to organize and identify photos as well as how to preserve them for future generations.

Date: 10/11/2012

Event Times: 4–7 pm

Instructor: Sally Jacobs, Audio and Accessioning Archivist

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

Venue: Memorial Library Room 126

Address: 728 State St City: Madison

Genealogy: Newspapers

Newspapers hold many stories about our families: obituaries, marriage announcements, anniversaries along with local news columns with surprising stories. This class will show you how to find newspapers online and in libraries. The newspaper collection at the Wisconsin Historical Society is second in size only to the Library of Congress.

Date: 10/13/2012

Event Times: 9 am–noon

Instructor: Jim Hansen, Genealogy 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

Venue: Memorial Library Room 126

Address: 728 State St City: Madison

Genealogy: Tracing Your German-American Roots, Resources Here and There

This four-hour, hands-on computer workshop (offered on two different dates) will provide an overview of resources and research techniques that address the unique challenges faced by genealogists looking for their ancestors from German-speaking Europe. The first half of the workshop will provide a general overview of resources — online and off — on this side of the Atlantic; the second half will focus on records available in historic German-American communities and in Europe.

Start Date: 10/20/2012

Start Date: 10/27/2012

Event Times: 9 am–1 pm

Instructor: Lori Bessler has worked at the Wisconsin Historical Society library and archives since 1988 as a reference librarian and outreach coordinator and for more than 20 years has lectured throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest on genealogical topics. She has been researching family history for more than 35 years.

Co-instructor: Antje Petty is assistant director at the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In that capacity, she has researched the family histories of Americans who emigrated from German-speaking Europe.

Class Size: Limit of 20

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

Ticket Info: \$35 for Wisconsin Historical Society, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society or Friends of Max Kade Institute members, \$40 for non-members

Venue: Memorial Library Room 231

Address: 728 State St City: Madison



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:** click [here](#) or go to <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234> to learn more about our upcoming webinars and to register.

October 2012

Jumping Over Hurdles in German Research

- **Presenter:** Leslie Albrecht Huber
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 8:00 pm Central
- **Description:** Has your German research run into a hurdle? Find out how to jump over some of the most common hurdles such as immigration, access to records, language, and handwriting.
- **Register:** <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/309951654>

November 2012

Sidestep Genealogy

- **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>

**Illinois State Genealogical Society 2012
Fall Conference**

October 19th & 20th, 2012

Rockford, Illinois



Co-host: [Winnebago & Boone Counties Genealogical Society](#)

Two days filled with genealogy education, nationally-known speakers, the opportunity to network with other genealogists and family historians, meals and even a [youth workshop](#)! Featured speakers include:

John Philip Colletta, PhD: Knowledgeable, entertaining and experienced, John Philip Colletta is a popular Washington, D.C.-based lecturer. For 20 years, he worked half-time at the Library of Congress and taught workshops at the National Archives. Today Dr. Colletta lectures nationally, teaches at local schools, and conducts programs for the Smithsonian Institution's Resident Associate Program. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University, Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy, and Boston University's Certificate in Family History program.

Thomas MacEntee: When he's not busy writing blog posts, organizing the 2000+ members of GeneaBloggers, teaching online genealogy webinars and more, Thomas MacEntee is busy in his role as "genealogy ninja." Thomas manages to get the inside track on emerging technologies and vendors as they relate to the genealogy industry. Thomas loves to see other genealogists succeed, whether it is with their own research or building their own careers in the field.

Dr. Daniel Hubbard: Dr. Hubbard, a former particle physicist and now a full-time professional genealogist and writer, is the owner of Personal Past with research concentrating on American, Canadian and Swedish records. He is First Vice President of the Lake County Genealogical Society and a member of the Nordic Family Genealogy Advisory Board at the Swedish-American Museum in Chicago.

Jeanne Larzalere Bloom: Jeanne Larzalere Bloom, CG(SM) is a full-time professional researcher specializing in Chicago and Cook County research, problem solving, and multi-

generational family histories. She is a trustee and Treasurer of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

Dr. Gary K. Hargis: Dr. Hargis has served as President of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, President of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society in Naperville, and Director of the Genealogical Institute of Mid America. He is a retired Technical Director of Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Chicago Westside Medical Center.

Oriene Springstroh: Oriene Springstroh was the founder and first president of Fox Valley Genealogical Society in 1981. She is the past Editor of the Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly.

Larry Pepper: Owner of PepperPhotography.com, Larry Pepper has over twenty-five years experience in a variety of areas of photography. He combines his extensive knowledge of Photoshop and his love of genealogy to create exquisite family trees.

Dave McDonald: David McDonald, D.Min., CG, is a director of the National Genealogical Society and president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. He is a past editor of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's Newsletter. His articles have appeared in the National Genealogical Society's Quarterly and the ISGS Quarterly, along with several British publications. Dave's research focuses on the Midwest and Plains states, New England, the UK and Germanic Europe.

Kathy Carey: Kathy Carey currently serves as a Daughters of the American Revolution District Director, Volunteer Genealogist, and on the Membership Task Force. She is a past Illinois State Registrar and Organizing Secretary, and has taken National DAR Genealogy classes.

Click [here](#) for full program details.

Dates: Friday, October 19th and 20th, 2012

Location: Best Western Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center

\$89 Conference Rate (if reserved by October 1st)
Note: Water park pass not included.

Tel: +1 (800) 358-7666

<http://www.clocktowerresort.com>

Registration:

- Click [here](#) to register and pay online.
- Click [here](#) to download printable registration form and mail in with your check (opens in PDF).

Check the website for cost for the conference.

<http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=251>



Researching Jefferson, Rock or Walworth Counties?

Can't get to Whitewater during the week? We are having a Sunday Research Day!

UW-Whitewater Special Collections, Area Research Center, and Archives cordially invites you to a **Genealogical Research Day**.

Sunday, October 28, 2012

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Room 1230, Andersen Library

141 Wyman Mall,

Whitewater, Wisconsin

Questions? Email us at

archives@uww.edu or call 262-472-5520 during business hours.

Parking is Free on weekends.

If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us as early as possible. Requests are confidential. Please contact Karen Weston at archives@uww.edu



P.O.E. stands for Port of Entry. To learn more abbreviations that you might come across in your research, see [Abbreviations Found in Genealogy](#).

Question and answer supplied by <http://www.genealogyspot.com/known/abbr.htm>



An artist's rendering of the battle at [Fort Mchenry](#), where [Francis Scott Key](#) was inspired to write "[The Star-Spangled Banner](#)".

At our September 6th meeting, Pam Anderson showed us various records that are available on the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. She pointed us to places to search for more information.

Some of the sources included are HeritageQuest, Ancestry, Fold3, as well as DAR, SAR, the British National Archives, and various state records.

General advice- Use sites like www.cyndislist.com , www.familysearch.org , www.google.com , <http://books.google.com/> .

Make use of the Family History Centers; there you can use www.fold3.com, ancestry, www.worldvitalrecords.com for free.

Also use www.wikipedia.org on topics like battles you ancestor was in or Revolutionary War and a state.

Also try www.Bing.com to see if others have information on your ancestors.

Often you need to know the name of the commanding officer rather than the unit number to find records for both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Heritage Quest – Go to BadgerLink <http://www.badgerlink.net/> Go to the far right, click on the library card access, enter your library and then your library card number, click on Heritage Quest. Heritage Quest has Revolutionary Pension and Land Bounty Warrants for soldiers and sailors who served at the Federal level. If your ancestors were serving in state militia they will not be here. The pension files are not all of the information but are limited to at most ten pages. If you find an ancestor in Heritage Quest you need to check both Ancestry.com and Fold3.com for additional records. Also use PERSI (periodical source index) and the serial series.

DAR- <http://www.dar.org/> Use Ancestral Search, the Genealogical Records Search, the Descendants Search

SAR records on Ancestry. Sons of the American Revolution patriots records.

National Archives – US <http://www.archives.gov/>

George Washington's Papers (Library of Congress) <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/gwhome.html>

The National Archives – British <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> Do an advanced search on the right top. You can also go to records, then military history, other wars & find American Revolution at the bottom of the page on the left. The sight also has a guide to those records. You need to limit the time period as well as give the name you are searching.

1840 Census of pensioners <http://www.newhorizongenealogicalservices.com/1840-census-of-pensioners.htm>

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War (17 volumes) On Ancestry.com

Map of 14th – Google Books

14th Albany Militia on Ancestry.com

14th Albany Militia http://dunhamwilcox.net/ny/ny_rev_bounty_lands_albany.htm

New York Archives <http://iarchives.nysed.gov/dmsBlue/listCollections.jsp?id=68678> This has a military section and accounts of payments for Revolutionary War.

New Jersey Damage claims RW <https://wwwnet1.state.nj.us/DOS/Admin/ArchivesDBPortal/RevWarDamages.aspx>

Loyalist Petitions - <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/loy/petitions/loytry1771.shtml>

Loyalist Muster Rolls - Olive Tree <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/mil/index.shtml>

Pennsylvania Archives - Revolutionary War Abstract cards- <http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp?view=ArchiveIndexes&ArchiveID=13>

American Revolutionary Links <http://www.americanrevolution.org/genlinks.html>

George Washington Papers from the American Memory Collection at National Archives <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mgwquery.html> Click on **Browse the Collection by Series** there you will find a link to Military Papers 1755-98.

Rejected Revolutionary War Pensions <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=4329>

September Meeting Notes Continued.

Maryland archives

<http://aomol.net/000001/000018/html/index.html> There is an index that allows you to find military people online for the Revolutionary War.

Revolutionary pensions and who qualified & when.

<http://www.americanrevolution.org/pension.html>

Ohio War of 1812 Rosters

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/database/rosters.html>

Germans in the American Revolution

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germans_in_the_American_Revolution

Hessians -Johannes Schwalm Historical Association

<http://jsha.org/jshacomb.htm>

Ansbach-Bayreuth Soldiers who deserted in America

<http://freepages.military.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bonsteina ndgilpin/ans/ansbach-bayreuth.htm>

Connecticut Archives <http://www.cslib.org/ctarch.htm>

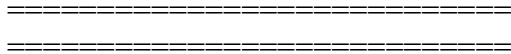
Massachusetts Archives <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/>

Virginia Memory Collection

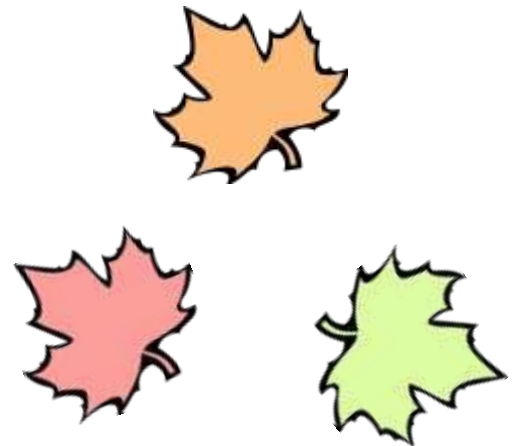
<http://www.virginiamemory.com/> The collection has Revolutionary War records- bounty warrants, rejected claims and pensions. Go to digital collections, then collections by topic and the pull down military records.



President's message



Recapping a Need



Dane County Area Genealogical Society needs you! DCAGS has many needs which only members can help with; the need I am focusing on today is to have one or several people to write recaps of the talks at our monthly meetings. DCAGS was very fortunate to have had Ruth Simpson not only handle putting the monthly newsletter together but take on the additional responsibility of compiling very detailed and accurate recaps of the monthly meeting presentations. After handling these jobs for ten years (first for Computer Assisted Genealogists of Southern Wisconsin [CAGSW], then for DCAGS), Ruth has taken a very well deserved retirement. (Remember that volunteering for DCAGS tasks is NOT a lifetime sentence to hard labor!)

Of all the benefits of belonging to DCAGS, one enjoyed the most by our members has been reading the recaps. This job does not need to be done by the same person each month, but we do need someone to do this job for each and every meeting. If need be, we can set up a rotating assignment among two or more members. Pat Skubis is the best guide as to what is involved, but I'd be glad to talk to you about the job as well.

Please consider helping our membership by taking on part or the entire job. Thanks!

Rollie Littlewood

(608)273-0211

Show and Tell

LET'S DO IT!!! WHAT'S YOUR STORY? COME TO OUR MEETING

ON **December 6th**

SIGN UP TO BRING YOUR GENEALOGY STORIES, RESEARCH OR
OLD PHOTOS OF YOUR ANCESTORS TO SHOW AND TELL.
MEET AND GREET OTHER MEMBERS AND ENJOY FEASTING ON
COOKIES, BARS AND A DRINK. WE DO MORE THAN RESEARCH.
WE MAKE FRIENDS.

Please sign up below since we need a number for table usage. Turn in or Email by
November 1st

Name: _____

Email: _____

Or to reserve a space:

Email: donna53705@aol.com or

Jomay99@aol.com

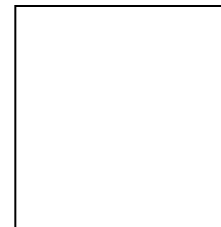
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Or www.facebook.com/dcags



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See you on November 4th

Become a Committee

Member only two left



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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

