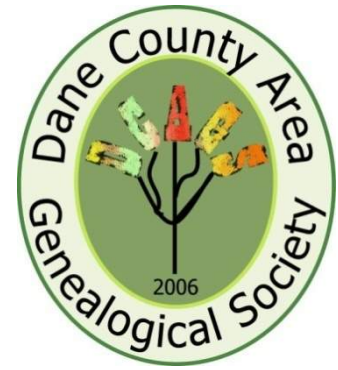


# Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



## "What is Genealogy, Anyway?"

A Definition, Explanation, and Resources for Doing it."

is the title for George Findlen's presentation on January 2<sup>nd</sup>



George defines genealogy as the activity involved in ascertaining, as reliably as possible, the identity of the birth parents of an individual.

When focused only on collecting names (usually with some dates and places), it is often referred to as "tree climbing." Contemporary leaders and practitioners increasingly urge genealogists to do

"family history" in which the focus is on uncovering and explaining what happened to the individuals in a family. The biographical narrative is as important as having accurate names, dates, and places.

He states that some of the reasons people become involved in doing genealogy are:

- People seek to connect with living ancestral cousins in the old country
- People seek to connect with living distant cousins separated by history in this country
- People seek to document a lineage for a lineage society membership
- People seek to explain what happened to a family line
- People seek to connect with pre-adoption birth parents and siblings
- People seek to construct a family's story, their narrative

George Findlen is an academic administrator who became a genealogist in retirement. He researches and publishes articles on Acadian and French-Canadian families in Eastern Canada, the Canadian Maritimes, and New England. He is currently writing a history of his Acadian lineage, a venture covering eight generations and 300 years of history. In addition, he gives talks and leads groups through skill-development exercises for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives.

**Happy New Year**

**December/2013**

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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, Wisconsin 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 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30PM.*

*at the*

*University of Wisconsin Foundation Office*

*1848 University Avenue*

*Madison, WI.*

*Please join us*

Our **February**, meeting will be held on February 6th.

Check [www.dcags.org](http://www.dcags.org) for updates regarding speaker & topic.

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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. Go to <http://ilgensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=234> to learn more about the upcoming webinars and to register.

January 2014

**7 Habits of Highly Frugal Genealogists**

- **Presenter:** Thomas MacEntee
- **Date:** January 14, 2014, 8:00 PM Central
- **Description:** Learn how savvy genealogists are finding success with 7 basic habits of frugality. You'll not only find a list of key resources but more importantly you'll learn how to embrace the "mind set" of finding the best ways to save money while researching your ancestors.
- **Registration:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5698954937817284354>
- This webinar is sponsored by FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org>)



FREE WEBINARS REGISTER at [www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com](http://www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com)

**What's New in Legacy Family Tree 8?**

Learn about the latest innovations in Legacy Family Tree - origins and migration reports, migration mapping, instant duplicate checking, potential problem alerts and gaps, enhanced sourcing, new wall charts, shared events, expanded color coding, and much more. Presented by Geoff Rasmussen, author of "Legacy Family Tree - Unlocked!" at 1 PM on Fri, January 3, 2014.

**Are You a GOON? What is a One-Name Study and Why Do One?**

A one-name study is a project researching all occurrences of a surname, as opposed to a particular pedigree (ancestors of one person) or descendancy (descendants of one person or couple). Some 'one-namers' all occurrences worldwide. Some restrict

their research geographically, perhaps to one country, but true one-namers collect all occurrences worldwide. A charitable organisation, the Guild of One-Name Studies (GOONS) is dedicated to promoting the public understanding of one-name studies and the preservation and accessibility of the resultant information. Kirsty Gray will guide you through the 'Seven Pillars of Wisdom' - the Art of a One-Name Study at 1 PM on Wednesday, January 8, 2014

**Too Many with the Same Name**

How can one know that the John Smith who is listed on a pedigree chart, is the same John Smith who was listed in the will of George Smith as his son John? What is to be done when there are too many people with the same surname and given names in the same locality? Learn approaches for bringing these two research problems to rest. Presented by Karen Clifford at 1 PM on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

**Irish Research 101: Learning the Research Process**

Follow along as Irish expert Judith Eccles Wight shows you what she does to resolve an Irish research problem or two. The solution involves records in both the country of settlement and the place of origin in Ireland. This class will also ask for audience participation--what do you suggest be done in the research process? Presented by Judith Eccles Wight at 1 PM on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

**Ten Reasons Your Ancestor Was in Canada**

When you hit a brick wall in your research it's time to consider Canada. Even if you think your American or immigrant ancestors were never in Canada, discover ten reasons why they actually may have been there. Learn how and where to find the Canadian or provincial records that will help you fill in the missing pieces of your ancestors' lives. Presented by Kathryn Lake Hogan at 1PM on January 29, 2014.



Help needed to prepare Newsletters for mailing. Contact Jim Benes for details.



Thomas MacEntee will be presenting "**Building a Research Toolbox**"



**Date:** January 21, 2014

**Time:** 7:00 PM CST

**Webinar Description:** *Are you overwhelmed with the number of online resources for genealogical research? Are you constantly working with unorganized bookmarks or favorites? Printing out lists of websites you use most? Learn how to build a research toolbox that is organized, easy-to-use, and can be accessed from almost anywhere.*

To register, just follow this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/n5ghjnd>

Webinar ID: 116-113-115

**After registering, you will receive an email with information and a link to join us the night of the webinar and handout information.**

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**Gene-A-Rama 2014 will be taking place in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, at the [Holiday Inn](#) on April 4th-5th, 2014. The Holiday Inn is**

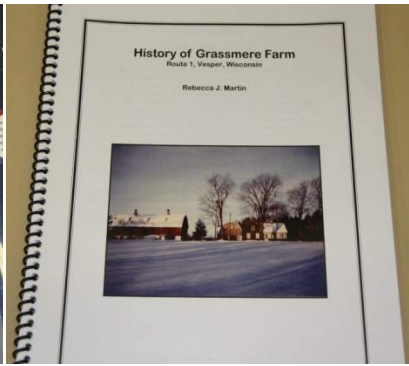


**located at 4601 Calumet Ave, Manitowoc.** Our main speaker will be Lisa Alzo.

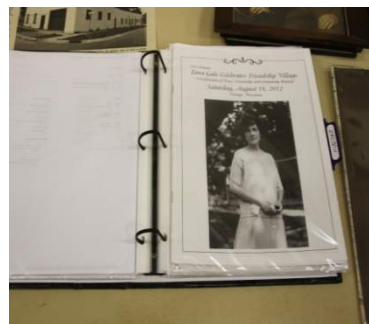
Gene-A-Rama 2014 is hosted by the [Manitowoc Genealogical Society](#).

Click on the link to receive the Gene-A-Rama 2014 [brochure](#) .



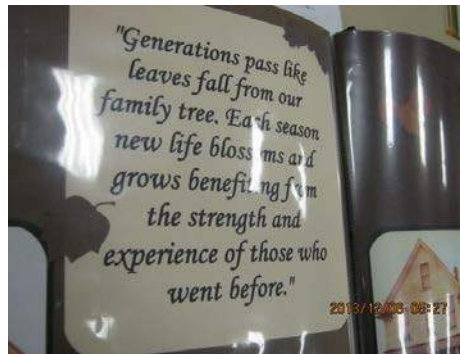
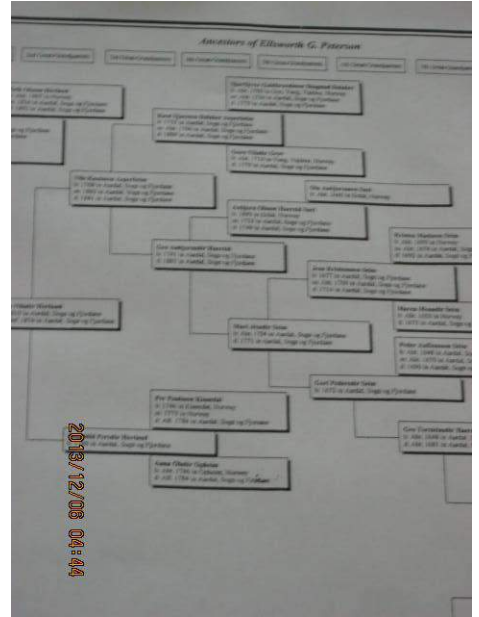
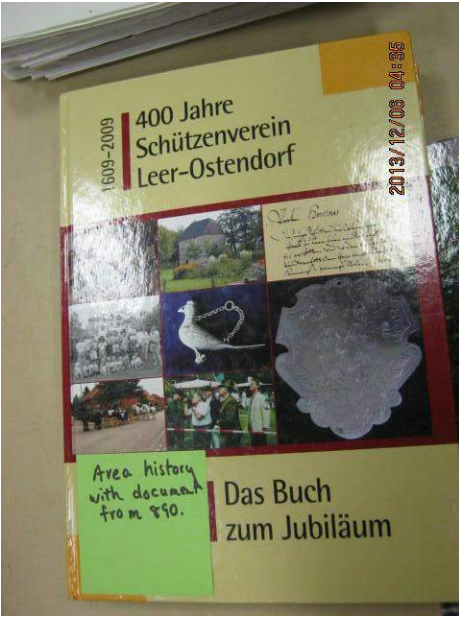
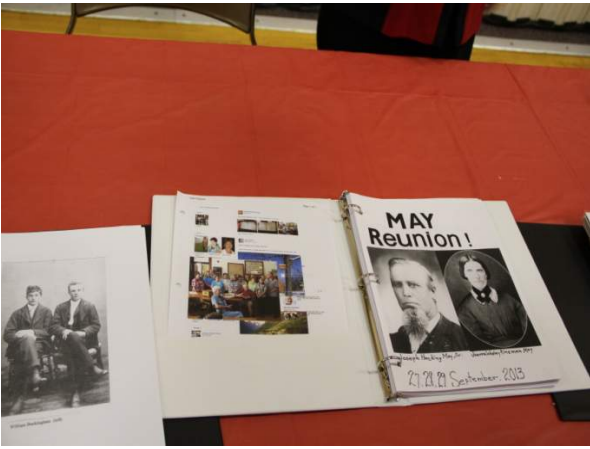


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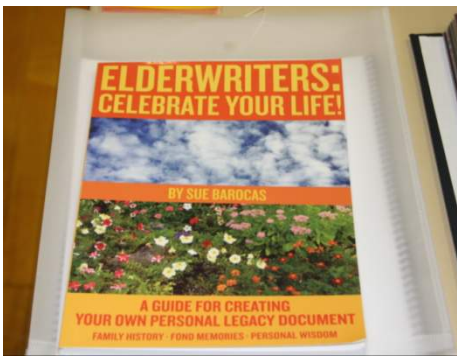
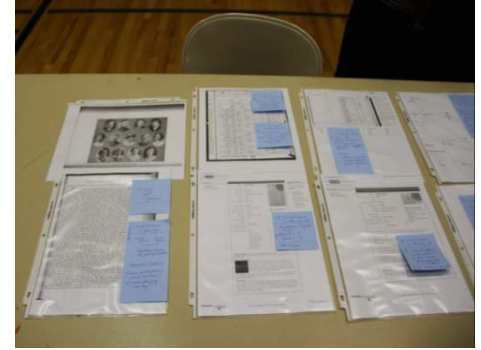
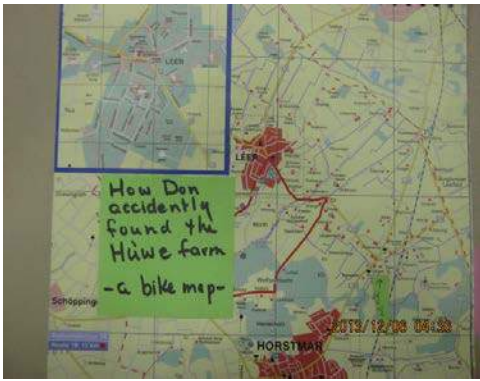


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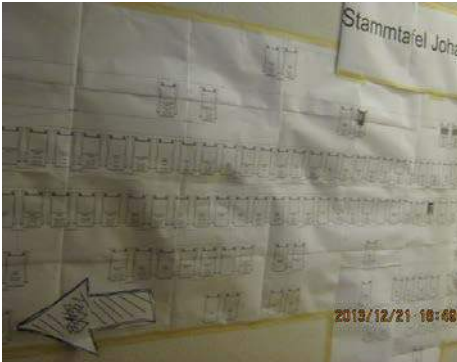






These great photographs were taken and submitted by Jill Hynum, and Barb and Tom Glassel. Thanks

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## President's Message:

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I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday. I spent this morning digging out from our most recent 6 inches. It's been wonderfully light though so it didn't take long.

A few members of your board were recently given the opportunity to attend a board meeting of the Dane County Historical Society. The main purpose for our visit was to discuss storage of our historical documents at their facility but during our conversation it became clear that there is opportunity for more collaboration. We discussed the possibility of offering joint programs, members of DCAGS supporting their cataloguing efforts and more. If you have ideas you'd like to share please let someone on the board know.

Are you a genealogist for hire? We regularly receive inquires for local research. DeAnn, our secretary, and other board members have often and graciously taken these on as best they can. However, there are times that the inquiries need more time than any of us have to give or as happened more recently, an inquirer would like to hire a researcher. I would like to assemble a list to share when these inquires come in. If you would like to be on this list please send me your name and whatever information you would like us to share with the inquirer. I would recommend an overview of your experience at the least. The list will be very clear that DCAGS in no way endorses the individuals listed. We have an outstanding request so as soon as I receive names I will be giving them out.

Lastly, thank you for a great year! We've accomplished a great deal and we have had a lot of fun doing it. I wish you all a wonderful New Year. Walker [walker@viridis.ws](mailto:walker@viridis.ws)

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It is with sadness that we note the death of two of our members.



Fay Louise (Yarbrough) Schoenemann passed away December 14, 2013 at Agrace-HospiceCare in Fitchburg, WI after a brief illness. She was 87. Fay was born September 27, 1926 in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of Margaret Louise (Fernandez) and William Elliot Yarbrough. She grew up in Starke, FL and came to Madison in 1944 to attend the University of Wisconsin. She graduated in 1948,

majoring in Spanish and French.

Fay loved the study of languages and cultures, and embarked on numerous trips to countries around the world, through the Madison chapters of the Friendship Force. Fay loved gardening and the study of plants, and enjoyed her years-long effort to re-establish prairie habitat on land west of Madison. She also devoted much time to quilting, cross-stitching, and to family genealogy.

She was a past board member and an active current member. For those wishing to honor Fay's memory, the family suggests donations to Agrace HospiceCare in Fitchburg.

Click here to see the full notice  
<http://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/120992/Fay-Shoenemann/>



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Patricia Delores Watkins, 84 years young and a resident of Madison,



WI passed away of lung cancer on Thursday, December 12th at Agrace Hospice Residence. She was born in Grand Rapids, MI, on December 28th, 1928 to George and Doris Gaines. Raised in Jersey City, NJ, she married high school sweetheart, Costell Watkins, who died in 1959.

She was the first member of her family to graduate from college, Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ.

After graduating she taught high school English in Jersey City. In 1961 as a 32 year-old widow she moved to Frankfurt, Germany with her daughter, Leslie, to work for the US Armed Forces Institute as registrar. Watkins transferred to the USAFI offices in Madison in 1969 where she developed, authored and published the organization's first African-American literature correspondence course. When USAFI closed she attended graduate school. Next, she became the Assistant Director of Admissions at UW-Madison. She retired in 1974, and became involved in 27 different organizations and activities. When she was not busy making the community better she enjoyed writing, traveling, building her family tree as well as attending the symphony, theater and the movies with her friends and daughter. Click here to see the full notice

<http://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/120949/Patricia-Watkins/>

Both Fay and Patricia are honored in our memories for their contributions and commitment. (Submitted by Patricia Skubis.)

# WSGS to Celebrate 75th Anniversary with Production of a Special Cookbook

Did you know that WSGS will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2014? What better way than with a cookbook of "family" recipes and perhaps a sentence or two about the ancestor who made that recipe.

It is our hope that the cookbooks will be available for you to purchase at Gene-A-Rama! "Join WSGS."



Registration is now open for RootsTech 2014, which will be held February 6–8, 2014 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This annual family history conference, hosted by FamilySearch, is a unique global event where people of all ages learn to **discover** and **share** their family stories and connections through technology. Over the past three years, RootsTech has grown in popularity with attendees to become the largest family history event in the U.S.!

Various [pass options](#) are available, with pricing set to make RootsTech an affordable experience. Early Bird pricing discounts for a Full Access Pass (\$159) and a Getting Started Pass (\$39) are available until January 6, 2014.

To get more information and register, visit [rootstech.org](http://rootstech.org).

exert from FamilySearch Blog by Amy E. Smith

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Dick Eastman in his November 04, 2013 November Blog, alerted us to the following service provided by FamilySearch. Quoted from his blog: " Have You



Used the FamilySearch Free Lookup Service? This must be the best-kept secret in genealogy! Well, it isn't really a secret as it is documented on several web pages on [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).

However, in my travels, I have never met anyone who has used this valuable service. In fact, most of the genealogists I have talked with have never heard of FamilySearch's free lookup service. This surprises me because first, it is a chance to easily obtain valuable genealogy information from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City and secondly, because it is available free of charge.

FamilySearch provides a free lookup service for genealogy books and microfilms that are available at the renowned Family History Library in Salt Lake City. The free service does ask you to supply specific information. The folks in Salt Lake City are not prepared to answer questions of, "Please send me all the information you have about my great-grandfather (insert name here)." However, if you can specify a book and page number, or a specific image on a reel of microfilm, the personnel at the Family History Library will gladly look at that page or image and (in most cases) scan the entire page and email it to you for free."

To read his entire article go to

[blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/11/have-you-used-the-familysearch-free-lookup-service.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/11/have-you-used-the-familysearch-free-lookup-service.html)

Dick urges you to first read Nathan W. Murphy's description on the FamilySearch Blog of how it all works at <https://familysearch.org/blog/en/google-books-free-copies-pages-family-history-library-books/>. Nathan even supplies screenshots showing the step-by-step process of using Google Books to find snippets of genealogy information. Thanks to Rollie for sharing this link.

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News from the

[City Directories](#)

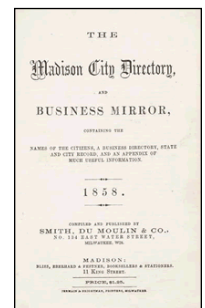
The early city directories of

Madison provide helpful historical information on the early years of the state capitol in addition to helping those looking for information on specific people and businesses in the area in the 1800s and early 1900s. The directories provide an

alphabetical list of citizens with their addresses and occupations, a classified business directory, lists of city and county officials, churches, schools, societies, streets and wards. Historical County Plat Maps from South Central Wisconsin and Early Madison City Directories is a collaborative project completed by the [University of Wisconsin Digital Collection Center](#) and Madison Public Library. [Browse the early Madison City Directories or search the full text.](#)



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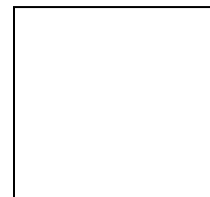


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**See you on  
January 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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