

Dane County Area Genealogical Society News



Why go to Salt Lake City to do research? What do they have in Salt Lake City that you cannot find in the city where you live? Well, they have a five floor building that holds a collection of 310,000 books, 2.4 million rolls of microfilm (with no rental cost to use them there), 742,000 microfiche, serials, and other formats, 4,500 periodicals and 700 electronic resources, plus people who can help you when you get stuck. Join us at our March 7th meeting and hear Shirley Anderson talk about what it is like to visit the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.



Shirley York Anderson has been doing genealogy for 61 years. She started back in high school when her American History teacher assigned the class to create a three generation pedigree chart, which she still has. Her ancestors trace back to the Mayflower for both of her parents. She says that when her work on her ancestors stalls she works on her in-laws. Shirley has four children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She worked for the State of Wisconsin for 24 years, retiring in 1992 to do genealogy full time.

She has written a book on *The Descendants of Thomas York and Mary Dickens* and has published it on a CD. She says that publishing it on paper would be too costly. She has a web site on RootsWeb <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~syafam/surnameNOR.htm>. Recently she started a blog regarding her brick walls <http://myfamilybrickwalls.blogspot.com/>.

Canceled DNA Speaker Rescheduled



George Spracklin's talk on DNA for Genealogy was unfortunately canceled due to bad Wisconsin winter weather. The good news is that it has been rescheduled for our August 1st meeting. We hope that by then winter should be over.



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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.

*DCAGS Update:
The DCAGS Governing Board meets the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Public Library Sequoya Branch 4340 Tokay Boulevard, Madison Wisconsin
We invite all members to attend.
Please join us!*

Our speaker on April 4th will be **Antje Petty**
Her topic is **Finding German Ancestors**

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Preparing for a Research Trip



It is important to plan in advance for your visit. Some questions you should ask before visiting are:

- What are the hours that the repository is open?
- Are there any entrance fees?
- Are there restrictions for accessing materials?
- Are you limited to what you can bring into a research room?
- Is storage provided for materials you cannot bring in with you?
- Are there restaurants nearby for lunch/dinner breaks?
- Do you need to bring change for photocopy machines?
- Can you use your laptop in the research room?
- Is power available for your computer, or will you be running off your battery?
- Are iPods/mobile phones allowed?
- Can you bring in your own scanner?
- Is photography allowed? If so, are there restrictions on the use of flash?

The best place to find the rules is on the organization's website, but it is wise to either email or call to see if there have been any changes. Read Michael J. Leclerc's entire article at <http://blog.mocavo.com/2012/06/preparing-for-a-research-trip>.

In another Michael J. Leclerc article "5 Tips for a Genealogy Research Trip" <http://blog.mocavo.com/2013/02/5-tips-for-a-genealogy-research-trip> he offers more suggestions for having a great trip. The two that I liked best were this one that suggested packing the following items:

- File folders (to organize photocopies and other papers)
- Multiple sets of rechargeable batteries (for camera, scanner, etc.; multiple sets allow you to use one while another is recharging)
- Pencils (because pens are barred from many repositories.)
- Erasers
- Paper clips
- A magnifying glass
- Post-it Notes (of varying sizes)
- Binder Clips
- Small stapler and staples



The second one was to dress comfortably, but neatly, and to dress in layers. One never knows what the temperature will be in a repository. The more layers you have on, the more you can take off to keep yourself appropriately

comfortable, no matter how cool or warm the physical environment at the repository. Learn what to bring to the Family History Library https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Family_History_Library Submitted by Pat Skubis

Dick Eastman's Blog of February 05, 2013 alerted us to changes on how to order photocopies from the Family History Library.



"The [FamilySearch Blog](#) has a new article that states:

"Please note the following change in the policy for patrons who are requesting copies from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

"All requests for information copied from films, book pages, CDs, marriage, death or birth certificates, wills and/or deeds, etc. will be copied in digital format and emailed to patrons in a zipped PDF or JPG file format. There is no charge for this service if we are able to email the information to patrons.

"If a patron does not have an email address, we can mail the information to the patron using the US Postal Service. However, as much as possible, we will rely on emailing all requests for information through the internet. If patrons do not own a computer or do not have an email address, they can request to have the information emailed to their local Family History Center, where they can print the information at the center."

Further details, including information on how to place an order for this free service, may be found at <http://goo.gl/EVMUQ>."

Genealogy Computing Week at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois, March 2013.

- Registration is ala carte; sign up only for those days which interest you.
- Topics are:
 - Swedish Research-11 and 12 March 2013
 - Archive.org-14 March 2013
 - Google for Genealogists-13 March 2013
 - Social Media for Genealogists-15 March 2013
- More details are on our webpage at: <http://rootdig.blogspot.com/p/genealogy-computing-week-march-2013.html>

Need Naturalization Records? Then Check This Out.

While preparing for the upcoming class that I will be teaching in March, I stumbled upon new records posted on the FamilySearch site. On the bottom of the Home page where it says "Browse by Location", I chose the United States. It was there that I found a link to the [Wisconsin, Dane County Naturalization Records, 1887-1945](#). The digital records were posted in January of 2012. You can browse the images, but note there is no online index. There is a list of where you might find your ancestor

within the record, but you need to do a page to page search. So I looked and found an old friend's record, that of Martin Martinson and his brother John. John had arrived in the USA in 1904 and Martin came in 1905. They were from Stange, Norway, and both applied for citizenship in December of 1909. At that time they were living in Windsor, Wisconsin. I then got curious and started looking on the Web to see what other information I



could find out about Martin. I found the "Illinois, Northern District Naturalization Index, 1840-1950," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XKGN-YQ7>), Martin Martinson, 1913.

M 635		Last name or name	
Family name 635		Martin	
Windsor, Wis.		MADISON	
Certificate no. for this and page 357165		Title and location of court	
604 Vol 6-F 54		Cir. Ct., Dane Co., Wis.	
Country of birth or allegiance		(When born in apt)	
Stange, Norway		Oct. 17, 1888	
Date and port of arrival in U. S.		(1905) Date of naturalization	
Boston, Mass., May 27,		May 19, 1913	
Name and address of witnesses			
Edward Johnson,		De Forest, Wis. (H.F.D.)	
Albert M. Opland,		Windsor, Wis.	

In the 1905 Farm Census I found Martin and John listed as servants on Edward Johnson's farm, Town of Vienna, Dane County, Wisconsin. John was 18 and Martin 17 at the time.

Edward Johnson	18	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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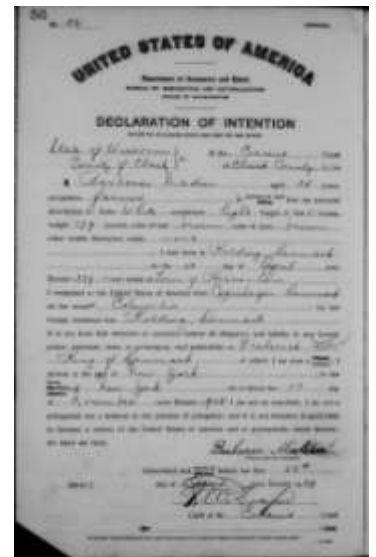


The next record that I found was Martin's WWI draft card. By using Google and entering Martin's name, WWI, and DeForest Wisconsin, I found that Martin served in Company D, 332ND Machine Gun Battalion. This information was located on page 117 of the PDF version of the Official History of the Eighty-Sixth Division http://archive.org/strem/officialhistory00littrich/officialhistory00littrich_djvu.txt (click on see other formats for PDF view)

On [People Search](#) Find relatives and locate ancestors <http://www.faqs.org/people-search/martin-martinson/> I found Martin's date of death, October 1, 1986, place Stoughton, Wisconsin at the age of 97.

Now If I could only find naturalization records for my ancestors. If my eyes had been open I would have noticed that in September of 2012 the Wisconsin, County Naturalization Records, 1807-1992 images had been added. Use this link to read more about the collection and to access the records. <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2046887>

This time I clicked on Clark County and after checking the index, I located where the papers for my great uncle Bob could be found. Again I had to go page by page but it paid off for now I had the first naturalization papers for a family member. Uncle Bob (Barbaras) was 10 years younger than my grandfather and he came to the United States in 1902.



He and his wife, Tante Anna, farmed outside of Owen, Wisconsin. When we visited his farm as children, we were served ice cream which we ate with what we thought were Tante Anna's gold ice cream spoons. Now of course I know that they were made of brass, but as a child they were a very special treat.

Submitted by Pat Skubis



Upcoming Classes

University of Wisconsin Union Mini Course: Genealogy

When: Three Tuesday evenings: April 2, April 9 and April 16. The class runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: The room at the University 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.

Anyone can become a Union Member for \$30 introductory rate for a six month membership or \$250 lifetime membership. The annual fee goes toward the lifetime membership. UW Alumni and UW Retirees may be eligible for lower rates on Union membership. Also a member of the Union may bring a guest at the same rate. Please see Mini Course web site for membership options/registration <http://www.union.wisc.edu/minicourses.htm>

Genealogy / Family History

Explore your roots and watch the family tree grow! Taught by Pat Skubis, past president of the Dane County Area Genealogical Society.

Each four-week session will be organized into separate classes. \$44 per session or drop in for \$12 per class. Join any time.

Series 1: Search for ancestors using vital records; Use the census to trace ancestors and learn about their lives; Examine ship records and National Archives; Visit the Family History Center, learn about FamilySearch and attend the Dane County Area Genealogical Society meeting.

Thursdays, Mar. 14 - Apr. 4
6:00-8:00PM at Netherwood Elementary School, 276 Soden Dr., Oregon, WI 53575.

Series 2: Records you can find at the library or at home using a library card; Use Google and other search engines to do research; Records that can be found on free sites; Records at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

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Wednesdays, Apr. 10 - May 1
6:00-8:00PM at Netherwood Elementary School, 276 Soden Dr., Oregon, WI 53575.

To register go to

<http://www.oregonsd.org/community.cfm?subpage=101>



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 the upcoming webinars and to register.

March 2013

Back to Your Roots: Planning a Successful Heritage Research Trip

- Presenter: Lisa Alzo
- Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 8:00 pm Central
- Description: Learn how to plan that dream trip to your ancestral homeland, including how and what to pack, book affordable travel and accommodations, how to create a workable itinerary, key tips for visiting archives and villages, and other secrets to make it your most memorable trip ever!
- Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8438226523594802432>



Three-Hour Workshop

Sat., Mar. 16 Norwegian American Genealogy

Jerry Paulson, Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library (NAGC&NL)

Workshop held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Memorial Library, Room 126.

Fee: \$35 for WHS, WSGS, or NAGC & NL members, \$40 for non-members.

Webinar: Organizing Family History Projects and Events

If you have done a lot of research, you will need to figure out how to share that information with family and friends. This class will identify a wide variety of projects as well as help you to organize family history events.

Instructor: Lori Bessler, reference librarian

Date: 3/23/2013

Time: 10 AM to Noon.

To Register: Contact Lori Bessler at 608-264-6519, via email at

AskLibrary@wisconsinhistory.org or

download a [printable registration form](#)

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



Wisconsin State Genealogical Society 2013 Gene-A-Rama

Hotel & Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2013 at the Plaza Suites,

201 N 17th Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin

Putting it all together: Methodology and Resources!

Featuring: Paula Stuart-Warren, CG

Hosted by: Marshfield Area Genealogical Group.

Complete Gene-A-Rama 2013 information is available at

wsgs.org/cpage.php?pt=108.

Thoughts from Yesteryear

Someone asked the other day.

'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'I informed him we didn't have fast food when I was growing up.'

'Where did you eat?'

'At home,' I explained.

Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.



President's Message: YOUR Inspiration

As I was preparing to write this message I was musing about a topic for this month. I was looking for inspiration. As so often is the case that led me to more questions. I would love to hear from some of you as to what your inspirations are, and if you're willing, I'd like to share them with others in the March newsletter.

I find that my inspiration comes from many places, but it started with a grand aunt who asked for help in digitizing and publishing her research. She spent decades networking, asking questions, and researching. For her, family was everything. We didn't meet her goal in publishing before she passed away but I've learned from some of her mistakes and that inspires me to be more focused. And I look forward to someday publishing her story, my story, OUR story.

Please take a moment and share a story about something or someone that has inspired you by emailing me at walker@viridis.ws or Pat Skubis at skubie27@live.com

Genealogy Fair 2014

We would like to hold our next DCAGS Genealogy Fair in spring 2014.

If you would be interested in serving as chair, co-chair or as a member of the committee please let Walker Crawford know.

The former co-chairs will be happy to share materials from previous fairs and there are members who are willing to help.

Please join us so that we can again hold this popular event.

New Member

We have one new member to announce this month, Melodee Patterson.

Melodee is a Mac user and organizes her genealogy work with Ancestry.com and Family Tree Maker.

Names of interest are Patterson, Rasmussen and Roudebush. Geographic areas of concentration are Vermont, Wisconsin and Denmark.

If you would like to connect with Melodee please let Walker Crawford know. Welcome Melodee!



Genealogy Quote

"If you would not be forgotten, as soon as you are dead and rotten; either write things worthy of reading, or do things worthy of writing." --

Benjamin Franklin, May 1738

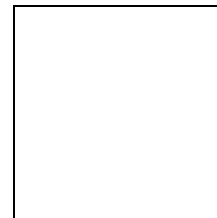


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**See you on
March 7th**

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One Position Open
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One Committee Chair position remains open. It is the public relations position.

Being a Committee Chair requires you to attend the board meetings that are held once a month.

Each of the committees could use more members. All of the committee chairs would welcome help.

Attend a board meeting and learn more about how you can participate.