

Dane County Area Genealogical Society

YAHOO Rides to the Rescue Will be Presented at October 5 Meeting

Remember when everyone had just one phone number, and it never changed? Now we've got cell phones, e-mail, multiple addresses, which seem to come and go like dandelions in May. How are you supposed to keep track of all that, especially for a large, far-flung group of people whom you can only CONTACT by e-mail?

The Internet rides to the rescue with automated software known generically as mailing-list managers, or listservs for short. One of the most fully featured listservs is Yahoo Groups, which will be demonstrated at our meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5 by Richard S. Russell of the Madison Macintosh Users Group. (But don't worry -- Yahoo works just fine on Windows machines as well.)

The meeting will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 4505 Regent, Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m. See you then.

Contest Contest Contest

Dane County Area Genealogical Society is looking for a name for the newsletter and a logo for the newsletter and group publications.

We are requesting suggestions from you. The interim board suggested having a contest to find the best name and a logo. Please submit your entry at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the 5 October 2006 meeting send your entry to a board member to submit for you. We will also accept entries at the

November meeting. We will have a vote on the newsletter name and the logo at the December meeting.

There will be prizes! The winner of the newsletter name and the logo will each receive a one-year membership!

Multiple entries are allowed. You may submit suggestions for the newsletter only or a logo only or both. This is a great opportunity to show your creative side. If you have already paid your

2006 - 2007 membership you will receive a refund. If we have multiple entries for the same name or logo we will put the names of those that entered the same name or logo in a container and have a drawing to break the tie.

Enter now!

From Sherry Lloyd

DCAGS Update:

Under the Merger Plan the board of directors of the two former groups, the Dane County Genealogical Society (DCGS) and the Computer Assisted Genealogists of Southern Wisconsin (CAGSW) will be governing the Dane County Area Genealogical Society, until the Annual Meeting in November, when new officers for DCAGS will be elected. The boards will meet on Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park St. We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

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It Was Show and Tell!

The first meeting of the Dane County Area Genealogical Society (DCAGS) was a great success, with over 50 people attending.

Sherry Lloyd began the meeting by announcing the recent vote for the merger. For DCGS, 73 responses were returned out of 102 mailed. The vote was 93 for adoption out of 131 mailed. There were no objections. For CAGSW, 75 ballots were mailed out and 52 had been returned as yes with zero no votes.

Sherry announced DCAGS will meet the first Thursday of the month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located at 4505 Regent. She also said that dues would be a flat rate of \$15 for the year. The DCAGS year will generally run from January through December, but this year there will be a 16-month period. Election of officers will be held at the November 2 meeting.

Below is a sample of a few of the stories. (Because of space limits, I will insert other stories in later newsletters.)

Joyce Nigbor spoke about the book she recently completed on her

great, great uncle, John William Asbach who fought for the north with the 3rd Iowa Vol. Cavalry, & died October 25, 1864 at the Battle of Mine Creek in Kansas.

Jack Murphy discussed the discoveries, which originally encouraged him to undertake the development of a genealogy and social history of his Murphy family and described some of the experiences he had leading up to the final publication of a book.

Sherry Lloyd mentioned the magazine *Internet Genealogy*, which is offering a free issue on line. The free issue includes a great article on German genealogy. The address for the magazine is www.internet-genealogy.com. The magazine is published by the same publishers as *Family Chronicle*, one of the best genealogy publications she has seen.

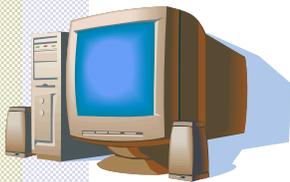
Nancy Emmert spoke about researching her husband's family. He joined her in Salt Lake and after one day of research told her, "I think I found my ancestor." She was skeptical, but it turns out he was right!

Pat Skubis described her research efforts in discovering the ship her grandfather came over on. It turns out that the first name was different on the passage list then he later went by, but she was able to discover it by determining his brother and family traveled with him.

Judy Bates told about a genealogy written by her grandmother, when she was about 80 years old. Her grandmother's family lived in Gay Mills, Wisconsin, but decided to move to North Dakota in 1903. Not many family members seemed to know of this journey. Her grandmother told of the desolate conditions on the windblown plains. All the women hated it there and after a short time they moved back to Wisconsin.

Ruth Simpson showed an invitation and pictures from her parent's 50th wedding anniversary party in June. Her sister made a family quilt and they ordered stamps from www.zazzle.com with her parents' wedding picture.

Members enjoyed a great lunch of cake and ice cream. It was a great way for DCAGS to begin!



DCAGS will meet the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Latter Day Saints at 4505 Regent.

Correction

This correction refers to one of the last issues of *Pafways*, Vol. 14, issue 11. In the "Wisconsin Historical Society Website" article, the name

of the reference archivist is Dee *Grimsrud* and the hours of operation for the Archive are *Mon-Fri, 8-5, and Sat, 9-4.*

Upcoming Events

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society 2006 Fall Seminar

“Crossroads at the Foot
of the Lake”

Sat., October 14, 2006

University of Wisconsin –
Fond du Lac Campus,
400 University Drive,
Fond du Lac, WI

Paula Stuart-Warren will be leading seminars on “Railroads Records and Railroad History: Methods for Tracking,” “Twentieth & Twenty-First Century Research,” “Organizing Your Genealogical Materials,” “A Baker’s Dozen of Simple Ways to Write Your Family History.”

For registration information go to www.wsgs.org. The pre-registration deadline is October 4.

There will be a beginner’s workshop on Friday, October 13 from 1-4 p.m. presented by WSGS Past President Jack Brissee.

New Software: Personal Ancestry Writer II version for Macintosh

Personal Ancestry Writer (PAWriter II) is a free genealogy program for the Macintosh. We can now get version 50 in either of two versions, one for MacOS 8.6/9.x and one for MacOS X. It is modeled after Personal Ancestral File (PAF) for the Macintosh which has not been updated for many years.

Personal Ancestry Writer II has many of the same features as are

found in the PC version of PAF, which has been actively supported and updated, but is actively being developed and supported. Personal Ancestry Writer II works well on OS X, unlike the Macintosh version of PAF.

Personal Ancestry Writer II creates all text files in RTF format, which is compatible with AppleWorks, Microsoft Office for Macintosh, OpenOffice.org, or any

other word processor for editing. It also generates HTML files for the Web and desktop publishing files in MML format for Frame-Maker. These files include genealogical dictionaries, registers, ahnentafels and lineages, and other text files and pedigree charts.

For more information, go to: www.lanopalera.net/Genealogy.AboutPAWriter

Another Software Program: Family 1.2 for Macintosh

Family 1.2 is a new Macintosh genealogy program with a very intuitive user interface and requires no configuration. All information, including multimedia exhibits, is contained in a single file.

Family 1.2 is written as a Universal Binary file that runs on Intel as well

as pre-Intel Macs that use Mac OSX (10.4). The program has photo, video, and document management, and compatibility with iPhoto.

Family 1.2 sells for \$40. A demo version can be downloaded from the Web site.

For more information, screen shots of the

program or to download the program, go to: <http://family.halfduplex.net>



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President's Message

The first meeting of Dane County Area Genealogical Society was held on September 7th at the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Segoe Rd. Bob and Pat Stone greeted the members upon their arrival. It was great to see such a large turn out of members for the newly merged group.

After the results of the recent vote were announced and the interim board members were introduced, a number of members willingly shared their genealogy finds.

Do you know this person?

We received the following information:

My name is Henk Rath and I am living in the town of Rotterdam the Netherlands.

Together with my best friend John Braad, we served the army for 5 years as a volunteer. We have adopted the graves of several American soldiers.

They will rest at the Cemetery of Margraten a little town in the Netherlands.

I adopted the grave of PFC Harris Rodney

Cake and Ice Cream were served and members had the chance to visit with each other.

The board members would like to thank all who took part in the Show and Tell. Sherry and I would like to thank those who helped set up, take down and those who baked the cakes. We hope all of you will join us at our next meeting on Oct 5th.

Pat Skubis and Sherry Lloyd, Interim Presidents.

W., # 36293082, date of his death 18 May 1945, from the state of Wisconsin.

To learn more about this great hero and his Unit the 372 ENGINEERS GENERAL SERVICE REGIMENT, I'm searching information about him, his life and what he did before he enlisted. I want to give Harris Rodney W. a "face." I want to write down his story so we will never forget what these soldiers did for us. They gave their lives for us so we can live in peace.

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Mr. Rath believes PFC Harris Rodney W. was from Dane County, Wisconsin. If you have information on this person, please contact Pat Skubis or myself and we will share with you the full email from Mr. Rath.

Thanks!

By Ruth Simpson

See you October 5!