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July 10 DCAGS Picnic at Fitchburg Senior Center

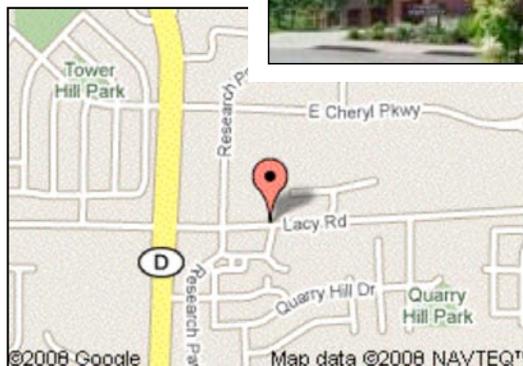
Anne has been an instructor at UW Extension, Dept of History and Liberal Studies for 29 years. She is a longtime member of the board of directors of the Dane County Historical Society. □

The program will feature members of the Reminiscence Writing classes, many of whom have done extensive genealogy research, who will read some of their stories.

To get to the Fitchburg Senior Center, from the Beltline go out Fish Hatchery Road (also known as HWY D) until you come to Lacy Rd. Turn left on Lacy. On your left just past Research Park Drive is the Fitchburg City Building. Go to the second driveway. The Senior Center is in the back of the building on the lower floor. There is plenty of parking in the

Get ready for our indoor picnic at the Fitchburg Senior Center, to be held on Thursday, July 10th starting at 6 p.m. Baked beans, brats, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad, cold slaw and bars are a few of the food items planned for the evening. Vegetarian Pizzas will be available, but if you are a vegetarian and have a dish you would like to share, feel free to bring it along.

The picnic will be followed by our evening program, starting at 7 p.m., which will feature a program on reminiscence writing, by students of Anne Short. Anne has taught reminiscence writing for the past 20 years at the Westside Senior Coalition.



back of the building.

If you plan to attend please email Pat Skubis at p3l8skubis@hughes.net or PSkubis@matcmadison.edu by July 3. Or you can call her at 424-3919. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Regular DCAGS meetings are the first Thursday of each month at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 4505 Regent, Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 7 p.m.

DCAGS Update:

The DCAGS Governing Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month. We are not meeting in July. The next meeting is on Monday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. South Park Library, 2222 Park St. We invite all members to attend. Please join us!

Identifying the Mysterious Photos

In January of 2008, DCAGS received three photos of unidentified women from Patricia Rock of Albany, Georgia. Rollie Littlewood, Tom Glassel, Shirley Levine and Pat Skubis set out to look for information about the photos. Their search did not result in identifying the women in the photos, but the

focus soon turned to the photographers of the pictures – N.P. Jones and E.R. Curtiss. The men were photographers in Madison during the mid to late 1800's. The resources that group used and a pictorial view of some of the information that they located were the focus of the June 5 presentation.

Anyone can view the photographs, including the imprints on the back side, by going to www.dcags.org and looking for an appropriate link in the newsletters area of the website.

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Identifying Mysterious Photos continued

Pat Skubis was our guide on tour of some early history of Madison. She showed us several of the resources their searches revealed.

The January DCAGS newsletter contains a history of Nathaniel P. Jones that was uncovered by Tom Glassel, Shirley Levine and others.

Mr. Jones was born in Wales, but later resided in Massachusetts, where he married and started a family. He moved to the Madison area in about 1860. There is a biographical sketch published in 1880 located at the WI Historical Society, *History of Dane County, Wisconsin*. It is available at the Library on both microfilm and in hard copy.

By using Google: Web, Books, Images, and Maps and typing in the photographer's name or his name plus "genealogy" many online resources were found.
<http://www.google.com>

Google revealed that the Wisconsin Historical Society had a very large collection of N.P Jones' photographs including Hon. John Catlin, first Madison Postmaster; Lyman Draper; First Unitarian Church 1886; Park Hotel 1880; Capital Building 1870; Roseline Peck, first white woman in Madison and wife of Eben Peck the first tavern keeper in Madison.

Heritage Quest can be reached from home. Go to a South Central Library site. Locate the Heritage Quest link and then by using your library card you will be able to search census records and other Heritage Quest offerings. The Library also has links to the digital library where you can locate city directories. If you visit the library close to you, you will be able to access Ancestry Library edition, where you can find the WWI draft cards, plus the 1930 census and much more.

The Wisconsin Historical Society provided information both online and at the library. Many of the photos in the presentation were from their digital collections.

The FamilySearch site provided information about the families from

the 1880 census, from information submitted by a patron, and from information found in the Social Security Death Index.
<http://www.familysearch.org>

RootsWeb was another resource used. RootsWeb is the free part of Ancestry and can be accessed by the following link.
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

Links to other resources used during the presentation are listed below.

A History of Madison the Capitol of Wisconsin, including the four lake country by Daniel Steele Durrie, from the Wisconsin Historical digital collection.
<http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/dm4/document.php?CISOROOT=/tp&CISOPTR=17926&REC=6>

Plat of the Town of Madison on the Four Lakes, July 1, 1836
http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/dm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/tp&CISOPTR=2585

Settler Stories (Roseline Peck) online at the Wisconsin Historical Museum site at
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum/exhibits/madison.asp>

Madison, Wisconsin city directory 1888/89 & 1909 from the State of Wisconsin Collection (UWDC)
<http://digital.library.wisc.edu/1711.dl/WI.MCD1909>

Map of Greenbush
<http://csumc.wisc.edu/cmct/greenbush/locations/index.html>

Records from the First Church in New Britain, Google Digital Books
<http://books.google.com/books?id=abTYtVoZ8O8C&pg=PR4&dq=inpublisher:%22A.+H.+Andrews%22#PPA234.M1>

Dane county WIGenWeb Project; 1880 Biography of E.R. Curtiss
http://www.rootsweb.com/~widane/bios/curtiss_er.html

Burial index for Forest Hill Cemetery,
<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/cemetery/>

A Century of Capricious Collecting, 1877-1970: From the

Gallery in Science Hall. By James Watrous (pages 3 & 5) regarding painting by Mrs. Curtiss.
<http://books.google.com/books?id=v74b3OEuJ08C&pg=PA3&lpg=PA3&dq=painting+of+lake+monona+by+thomas+moran&source=web&ots=peBB6TZsux&sig=7qnELrTbOxtGoEOTPhva-weaZZA0>

Madison Area History "Lost Madison" Photo Collection, Atwood-Buck Residence -*Photo courtesy of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (Part of set "D")*
<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/history/lostmad.html>

Civil War Photo: David Samuels,
<http://www.oshkoshmuseum.org/virtua/exhibit3/e30027a.htm>

A symbol for a city: Unidentified portrait, 1880s, Curtiss photo of girl by the Capitol
<http://danenet.wictp.org/hmi/capitalidea/photos/113.html>

Photography Topics: Carte de Visite,
<http://www.photography.com/topics/carte-de-visite/>

Civil War Mysteries /Civil War photos
<http://www.civilwarphotos.net/>

As one can see, any new things can be discovered when you go searching for something new. While the women in the three photos may never be identified, the images will at least be included with the other photos in the WI Historical Collection.

Grandma's Rhubarb Cake Correction

I deleted the ingredient of 1 tsp. of baking soda in last month's recipe. Below is the full list of ingredients the rhubarb cake:

1 1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup sour milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup cut rhubarb
Mix together in 9 x 13 inch cake pan
Topping:
1/2 c. white sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
Melted butter
Spread topping on cake batter.
Bake at 350° for 30 to 35 mins.

Upcoming events

Pommerntag

A celebration of Pomeranian culture will take place Sunday, June 29, 2008 at Mequon City Park, 11333 North Cedarburg Rd., Mequon, WI.

This free annual festival will feature Pomeranian folk dance, ethnic food, a German bass band, exhibits, maps, books and genealogy displays. It begins at noon and ends at 6:00 p.m.

Profiles of German Emigrants

What: The German Interest Group-WI is sponsoring a German Workshop titled "Profiles of German Emigrants" Featured speaker will be Baerbel Johnson, who is a professional genealogist and works at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.

When: July 12, 2008

Where: The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater campus.

Registration:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wigig>

Footprints of Family History

What: The Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference for Genealogists

When: September 3-6, 2008

Where: Philadelphia, PA

Registration Information:
www.fgsconference.org Early registration due by July 1.

Cornish Genealogy Seminar

What: The Southwest Wisconsin Cornish Society and the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee are hosting a genealogy conference on Cornish Genealogy.

When: September 26-27, 2008

Where: Comfort Inn, Mineral Point, WI

Registration Information:

www.cornishfest.org

WSGS Fall Seminar

What: Wisconsin State Genealogical Society will host Craig R. Scott, owner of Heritage Books. He will speak on researching military history.

When: October 11, 2008

Where: Janesville, WI, Holiday Inn Express and Convention Center

Registration Information:

www.wsgs.org

ISGS: 40 Years of Discovery – Portals into the Future

What: Illinois State Genealogical Society Fall Conference. The emphasis will be on computer programming featuring D. Joshua Taylor, Beau Sharbrough, Eric Basir, Lou Szucs, Susan Anderson, Debra Mieszala, Lori Bessler and Kathy Carey.

When: October 18, 2008

Where: Elgin, IL, Elgin Community College

Registration Information:

www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs

MATC Genealogy Class for Summer.

It is not too late to sign up for the beginning Internet Genealogy class offered by MATC. In this class you can learn about a number of the free Genealogy sites that are on the Internet. Class# 12735 will meet on Thursdays for 6 weeks, at the South Madison Community Campus on Park Street, starting July 17 and ending August 21. Time is from 9AM to 12 Noon. For a list of other class offerings check out MATC website. Course fee is \$47.67 if under 62. For those 62 or over the cost is only \$4. Call (608) 246-6220 to enroll.

Genealogy Classes for the Fall at the Wisconsin Historical Society

Advance Notice: The Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives will offer the following classes this fall: "Ancestry.com," "From Daguerreotype to Digital File: Organizing and Caring for Family and Personal Photos," "Digitizing Photographs," "Oh Darned! Where Did I Put Uncle George? Keeping Track of Your Family," and "Immigration and Naturalization Research." Registration information will be placed on the WHS website when dates are confirmed:
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes/>

President's Message

The board was busy putting together the final plans for our upcoming picnic to be held on the 10th of July. Remember the meal is free and our Vice President Chef, Tom Glassel, is getting ready to cook us a feast.

The program committee has also been busy arranging for our speakers for the evening program. Don't worry a microphone will be available so everyone should be

able to hear.

After our meeting in June, Jim Benes gave me another photo taken by Curtiss that Pat Rock found in North Carolina where she now lives. I will have Rollie add it to our growing photos on the Web.

Hope you all can join us for our July picnic.

Pat Skubis

Missouri Digital Heritage

Missouri Digital Heritage lists Missouri birth and death records prior to 1910.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath>

Using the following link you can search for death records for ancestors who have died between 1910 and 1957 and you can print or save a copy.

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>

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**See you
July 10
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Fitchburg**

We have a new web address:
www.dcags.org.
If you enter the address it
will take you to the group's
website on Rootsweb.

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Memoirs and Life Stories

For those who are interested, there are a number of excellent resources within the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) network for working with memoirs and life stories. Here are two interesting resources:

1. The Life Story Center at the University of Southern Maine (USM) has a nifty new interactive web presence, which can be accessed directly at <http://www.usm.maine.edu/olli/national/lifestorycenter/>. The Life Story Center is the project of Dr. Robert Atkinson.

2. Nineteen LLI's have participated in *The Elderquest in Today's Movies and Novels*, a program designed and developed by Dr. Chuck Nicholas at the OLLI at U Mass Boston. Chuck now has a website up and running and is hard at work on new projects that will be of interest to you. "Check it out" at: <http://www.seconhalfstories.com/>