

Highlights of MPAFUG Presentations
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1 Sources of Material

- 1.1 Monthly meeting presentations (generally 2 per month)
- 1.2 FHC Workshops 2007 - 2012 (day long)
 - 1.2.1 Jointly sponsored by LDS (Family History Center) and MPAFUG
 - 1.2.2 Attended by up to 200 people
- 1.3 Library presentations (hosted by local genealogy groups)
- 1.4 (Bus) Trips to Madison (WI Historical Society)
 - 1.4.1 Library, Archives
- 1.5 Rootstech Previews and Reviews
- 1.6 Country (Geographical) research
 - 1.6.1 German, Italian, Canadian, Irish, Polish, Scandinavian, more
- 1.7 UWM Resources, including AGSL Maps at Golda Meir Library
- 1.8 Milwaukee County Historical Society
- 1.9 Milwaukee Library

2 Types of Offerings/Presentations

- 2.1 Informational (“What is it”)
- 2.2 Instructional (“How To”)
- 2.3 Technical (“Nuts & Bolts”)
- 2.4 Newsletters
- 2.5 Guides
- 2.6 Discoveries (“Look what I found”)
- 2.7 Brick Walls (“Look at what’s got me stumped”)
- 2.8 Tips and Tricks
- 2.9 Volunteer staffing at FHC
 - 2.9.1 “Thursday nights”
 - 2.9.2 Genealogical research assistance
 - 2.9.3 Computer assistance
 - 2.9.4 Internet assistance

3 Past, Current Presenters

- 3.1 Bob Heck, Jane Orne, Sam Colon, Bruce Butterfield, Randy Ray, Bob Tatalovich, Debbie Bluett, Pat Mundstock, Gary Haas

4 Venues

- 4.1 Hales Corners Library, Root River Center, Serb Hall, Polish Center, Klemmers, New Berlin Ale House

5 Popular Topics

- 5.1 PAF5, GEDCOM, Ancestry, Family Search, Family Tree Maker, Internet security and hygiene, GOOGLE, Yahoo, Backing up files, File management techniques (physical and digital), Steven Morse (“One step guides”), Immigration (Ports of Entry), Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File, Family History Center...
- 5.2 ...Census Research, Requesting Information (“Letter Writing” in Native Languages), FEEFHS, Date Formats in Genealogy, Pedigree Charts, Family Group Sheets, Interviewing Family Members, Newspaper Research, Wisconsin Area Research Centers (ARCs), Wills, Probates, Deeds, etc., Plat books...
- 5.3 ...Court Research, Directories, Military, Wars, Cameras, Scanners, Meyers Orts, Documenting, Filtering Searches, Ahnentafel, Scrapbooks, PDFs, Land records, Draft records, Salt Lake City, Social Media, DNA, Show and Tell

6 Growth, Evolution of Genealogy (and MPAFUG)

- 6.1 Paper records
- 6.2 Newsletters
- 6.3 Microfilm & microfiche readers
 - 6.3.1 Finding, using, copying
 - 6.3.2 Ordering; placing on “indefinite” loan
- 6.4 DOS computers & programs
- 6.5 Windows computers & programs
- 6.6 Internet, Email
- 6.7 >> *Objective: Overall Skills & Knowledge Enhancement*

7 Administrative

- 7.1 Steering Committee (All volunteer)
- 7.2 Opportunity Table
- 7.3 Audio and later Video recorded sessions