



# SOUTHPORT ECHO

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## **General Meetings**

are on the second  
Monday of the month,  
Sept. through June.

6:30 Meeting

7:00 Program

## **Next Meeting is**

May 13, 2013

at Gateway Technical  
College

Madrigano Auditorium

3520 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Kenosha WI

## **Our speaker will be:**

Sam Colon

He will be talking about  
"Wisconsin Resources  
for Genealogy"

## **Bio:**

Sam Colon is a member of the Milwaukee PAF User Group and serves on the steering committee. He is also a member of the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society, and the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Sam and his wife have been avid genealogy researchers for over 15 years and Sam is a frequent speaker at the MPAFUG meetings as well as the Waukesha County Genealogy Society and the Milwaukee County Genealogy Society. Sam's background includes education in computers and photography and uses these skills to aid him in his research.

## **Other places to find marriage records**

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Below are a few more places besides the Court House where you could find a record of your ancestors being married.

**An Annulment** – Will list the date of the original marriage and both parties involved

**Banns** – This is done at the church level and the names of both parties were read in the church prior to being married. Often times they are also written in the church's newsletter too.

**Bond** – This was given to the court by the intended groom prior to his marriage. It affirmed that there was no moral or legal reason why the couple could not be married and it also affirmed that the groom would not change his mind. If he did, and did not marry the intended bride, he would forfeit the bond. The bondsman, or surety, was often a brother or uncle to the bride, not necessarily a parent. The bondsman could also be related to the groom, or even be a neighbor or friend, but those situations occurred less often.

**Consent Affidavit** - Consent given by a parent or guardian (usually the father) in cases where the bride or groom was under the minimum legal age for marriage

**Declaration of Intention** – Will list the spouse's name

**Divorce Petition or Degree** – Will list the date of the original marriage and both parties involved. Not to mention the date of the divorce.

**Family Bible** – Births, Deaths, and Marriages were often recorded here.

**Newspaper Announcement** – Will list the date of the original marriage and both parties involved. If you are lucky it even lists other people attending; such as sisters and brothers.

**Original Marriage License** – A marriage record contains information about a marriage between two individuals. Besides the full names of the individuals being married and the date and location of the marriage, a marriage license may also contain additional information such as the ages of the bride and groom, their occupation and residence, the names and birthplaces of the bride's and groom's parents, information about previous marriages, the clergyman's name, and possibly the names of sponsors or witnesses

**Last Will & Testament** - If you're lucky they will list their spouse(s) full name(s) and children from all marriages.

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# SUNSHINE'S CORNER by Claudia Schiller

## Spreading sunshine to members:

☺ **Joyce March who is still recovering.**

Cards can be sent to:

Joyce March c/o St Francis Terrace  
Room 112-1  
3200 S. 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee WI 53215-4442

## Welcome to all our new members:

👋 For anyone who does not have access to the internet get on our phone tree list to be contacted about important information or if a card needs to be sent: Please call Claudia Schiller at 262-654-4552

## DUES

A change in our by-laws was approved at the June meeting, aligning the dues year with our fiscal year which starts September 1st. Annual dues remain at \$10.00 but come due in September. If not paid by October 31st then a late charge of \$2.00 will be assessed. Dues for new members joining later in the year will be pro-rated.

## Swedish Sites

[www.genline.com](http://www.genline.com) = bought out by Ancestry .com but may still be available

[www.arkivdital.net](http://www.arkivdital.net) = Swedish Church Records

[www.svar.ra.se](http://www.svar.ra.se) = National Archives of Sweden

[www.FamilySearch.org](http://www.FamilySearch.org) = Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints

[www.genealogi.se/roots/](http://www.genealogi.se/roots/) = Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies

CORRECTIONS: Oops it was suppose to read:

*Review for speaker*

Anyone entered without a death date or that is **under** (not: over) 100 years old will be marked as "Living" and no information will be available to anyone but you.

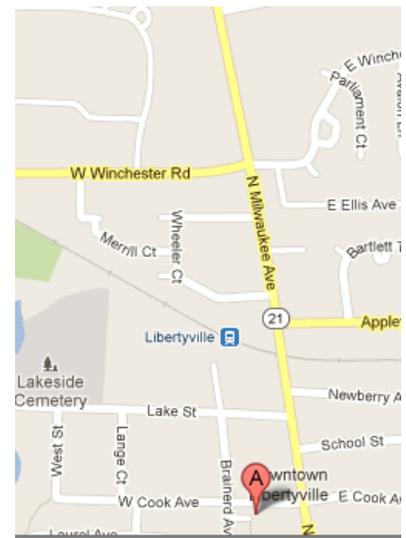
*Paula's Page*

**I sent** (not: Is ent) for a copy of my ancestor's CMSR for \$20

Don't forget Cook Memorial Public Library is now a Library Affiliate of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. This means that when you order microfilm through <http://www.familysearch.org/>, you can choose to use Cook Memorial Public Library as the Family History Center where you can view films.

Cook Memorial Public Library District  
413 N Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048  
[847-362-2330](tel:847-362-2330)

**Hours:** M-Th 9:00 am–9:00 pm/Fri 9:00 am–6:00 pm/Sat 9:00 am–5:00 pm/Sun 1-5 pm





# REVIEW OF LAST PRESENTER

By Trisha McMaster

## *Will the Real Sven Larsson Please Stand Up?*

*Getting started in Swedish Genealogy*

Presented by Dr. Daniel Hubbard



What a powerful, information packed presentation Dr. Hubbard gave. Though I do not have any Swedish relatives (that I know of) I was very entranced by his information and how he presented it. He explained the language barrier very well.

**NAMES:** There were many different spellings for a name but often by the time it got anglicized it became just Larson. In Swedish there are not, so to speak, any Family, Surname, nor Last names. They use patronymics Sven son became Lars Svensson and Lars son became Neil Larsson. They take the father's first name and add "sson" the first's' is showing he father's possession of his son. For daughters it is the same way except they use "ssdotter" – Brigitta Larssdotter.

When looking at records if the Father's first name is used as a child's last name but it is not the head of household the child is probably illegitimate or from a different marriage for the wife. When men became soldiers there were too many with the same first and last names so the military gave them new last names to distinguish all the Sven Larsson's from one another. Also when the farmers moved to the big city with every other household having a Sven they often took a new last name and mostly from two words of nature.

Once the Swedish started to move to the US and other countries many of their neighbors didn't understand that Sven Larsson was the brother of Peter Neilsson and Johan Svensson, so they would all change their last name to be the same. The Clergy usually took a last name from either Latin or Greek. Another point he made was that men would often change their last names when they married if they moved to the farm their wife owned. They would in turn take the name of the farm as their last name to show that the land owned them. He reminded us to keep a very open mind when searching and to use the *birth date* plus the *person's name* plus the *Parish* when searching for your lost relatives.

The Parish is very significant to know when looking. These records often contain birth date, marriage date, death date, if they immigrated, how often they attended church, etc. Dr Hubbard also said that the records are only available in what is currently known as Sweden.

### **Other places to look:**

**Household Examinations** which was taken from Parish Registers and was updated yearly and contained the place of the parish, Relationships, Religion, military service, minister's notes, if they moved to another place, etc.

**Moving-In/Out Registers** that contain where they left from and where they were headed. The dates of both, prior parish they belonged to, or parish they were moving to, parent names etc.

**Death Records** not only contained the birth date and the death date but also parent's names, cause of death, time of death, Parish, and burial information.

### **A biography by our Presenter**

As a child I sat on my parents' living room floor and listened to the family recollections of my father and his brothers and sisters. I was always fascinated. Most of those stories only seemed old from a child's perspective but others were much, much older. Thanks to those stories and two of my father's sisters who were family historians, I started in genealogy at the age of 11. I never looked back and now I've been researching family history for over 30 years. Though I was born and raised in the United States, looking back upon my 8 great-grandparents, 3 were born and raised in Canada, 1 was part French-Canadian.

Like it has for most people, life has led me in many directions. A lifelong obsession for science and research resulted in eight years of living in France while working at CERN just over the border in Switzerland during which I earned a Ph.D. in high energy physics from the University of Michigan and had a postdoctoral position with Harvard. There I met my wife and we eventually moved to her native land of Sweden. I worked first as a software designer, documentation editor, software systems architect, and later as a strategic product manager in the telecommunications industry.

Research and contemplation will always be my passions. It has been many decades since an individual could perform their own cutting edge experiments in particle physics but genealogy and local history and their related fields, are different. There are the little subtle things hinted at by newspaper clippings, old family stories, odd sequences of records, and the simple details of daily lives that can only be assembled from the remaining bits of the lives of many, many people.

If you need help exploring your Personal Past I can help, whether you know very little, are stuck on a tricky detail or would like what you know transformed from documents and data into the story of your personal past.

Dr. Hubbard is currently serving as First Vice President of the Lake County Illinois Genealogical Society, and as a member of the Advisory Board of the Nordic Family Genealogy Center at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago. Who also helps out occasionally as a graphic designer and editor for his wife's business, [glimling.com](http://glimling.com).



I have my three grandfathers' pension files from the Civil War. One had a pension file of 40 pages. Next one has a pension file of 60 pages. The last one had a pension file of 360 pages. So what you get and can get can vary. The files contain many different things. Some have medical records as yearly physicals were needed to maintain the pension. There could be letters from family or/and friends that state that the veteran needed the pension or his death information, etc. The national Archives also has some compiled military services Records of Confederate Officers, noncommissioned officers, and enlisted men. These are similar to the records of volunteer Union soldiers The Bounty Land Warrant Applications are for per-civil war and mainly related to the Revolutionary War, also the War of 1812 for volunteer soldiers, patriots and for those in volunteer military service to 1855. The parcels of land were granted between 1789 and 1858.

REFERENCES:

- 1) National Archives -- <http://www.archives.gov/forms/>
- 2) Wisconsin History Society -- <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/roster/search.asp>
- 3) Civil War Service Records Research Guide -- <http://www.genealogybranches.com/civilwar/servicerecords.html>
- 4) **EXPLORING CIVIL WAR WISCONSIN--a survival guide for researchers** by Brett Barker. Pub: Wisconsin Historical Society Press 2003
- 5) Ancestry.com - <http://www.ancestry.com/civilwar>
- 6) National Archives Veterans Service Records -- <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/pre-ww-1-records.html>
- 7) Bits of Blue and Gray -- <http://www.bitsofblueandgray.com/> 870

**SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED**

Please go on to our website and send a message to the club of the surname and researcher # and they will contact you.

NAME	NUMBER
Duffy	90
Hull	89
Kloet	88
Merrill	88
Mummey	89
Murphy	90
Nero	89
Roberts	89
Scholler	88
Villella	89

**TIP OF THE DAY**

By Michael John Neill



**GENEALOGY TIP OF THE DAY**

by: Michael John Neill

**Track When You Searched That Online Source**

Online databases change--sometimes they add data or make corrections. Part of you tracking your search should include the date an online database was accessed. Then you can compare the date of an update with the date of your search and know whether you need to search the database again or not.

**CEMETERY PROJECT UPDATE**

If you have loved ones in a Kenosha County cemetery and have taken a photograph of the tombstone, please share them with us. We would love to include them in our project. We would need to know the cemetery name, and what section they are in if possible. Any members of our group that has photos for our Cemetery Project, please bring them on a CD or Flash drive to the next meeting. Please don't crop or tag your photos as we will be following a set format for all the pictures. I will bring my laptop computer and download them.

*Judy Uelmen*

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