

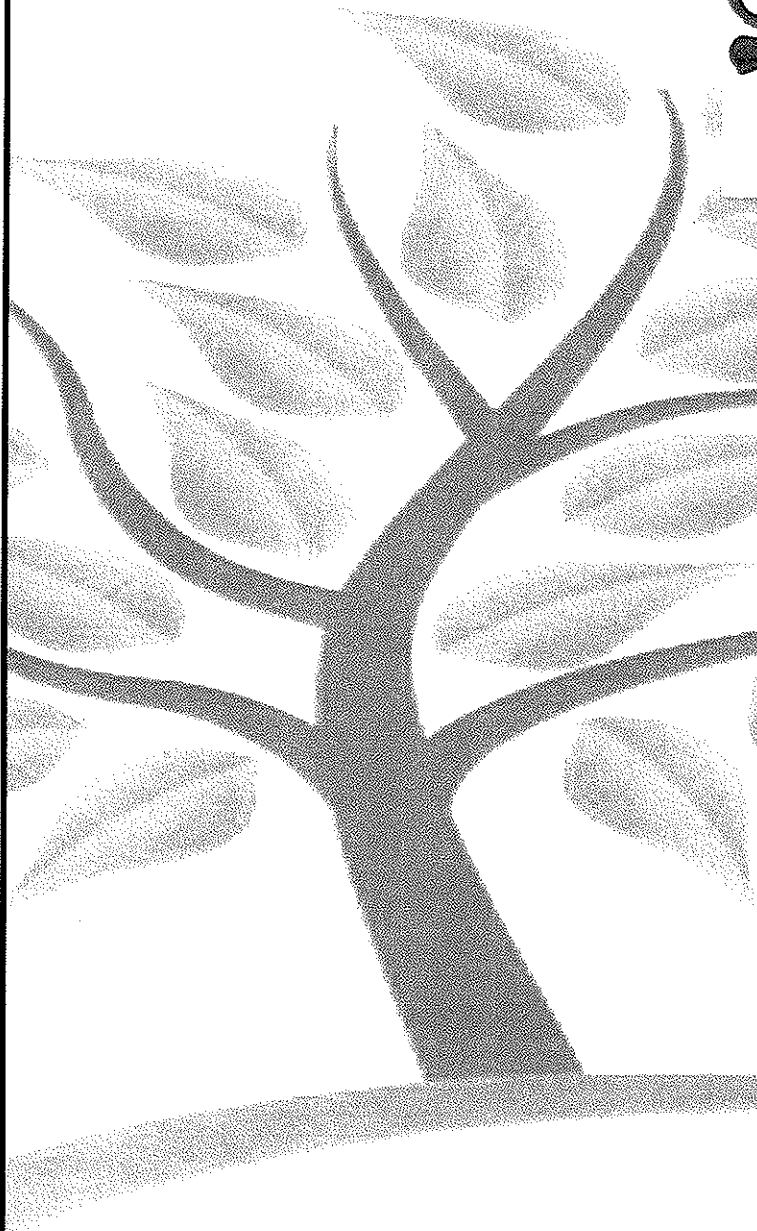
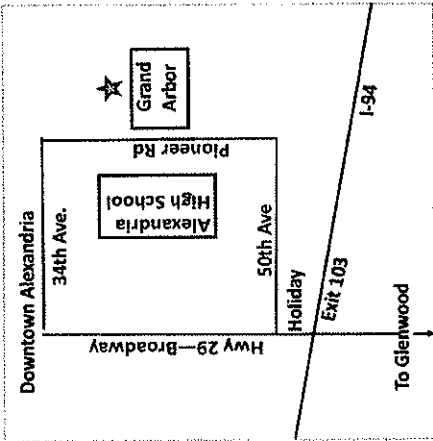
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Genealogy

**Central Minnesota
Family Ties Conference**
June 4, 2016
9:00—4:00

Keynote Speaker



Elaine Hasleton

**Family Search Deputy Chief
Genealogy Officer
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Grand Arbor
4403 Pioneer Rd SE
Alexandria, MN 56308**

Schedule

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration and coffee**

9:30-10:30 **Keynote Speaker**
Elaine Hasleton

How do I go about researching my family history today?"

10:45—11:45 **(1) Beginning Genealogy**
Linda Westrom

I Remember..... As beginning genealogists, we usually start with the most available and accessible information - ourselves and then move back through the generations. But, what or who, prompted our interest in accumulating the facts and the stories? Are those stories accurate? As we record these bits and pieces, our heritage becomes a fascinating story.

(2) DAR—Is DAR membership for you?
Presenters will be from the Fergus Falls chapter of the DAR .

Have you ever been curious about the Daughters of the American Revolution? This session will provide information about the DAR and the application process. After the presentation, you will have an opportunity to work with DAR members to begin the process of finding a Revolutionary Ancestor and the application process.

12:00—1:00 **Lunch and time to visit exhibits**

1:00—1:30 **Ask the genealogists**

A panel of genealogists will answer your questions

1:45—2:45 **(1) Why DNA—Kristi Strum**

This session will get you thinking about why you might want to consider DNA testing. We will look at how DNA fits into traditional genealogy research, what the various tests are, and how testing can help you solve problems or just find more relatives.

(2) Researching Your House History
Elaine Hasleton

This is a case study of researching my childhood home, which was located close to the former Washington School in Alexandria, MN. My Grandma had mentioned several times that this house may have been the hospital where her little brother died in 1895. So, I set out to trace the history of the house from its beginning in 1869 to the present day.

3:00—4:00 **(1) Internet Genealogy Research and Resources—Taryn Flolid**

This presentation will focus on free websites and research strategies for finding genealogy information online, both in the United States and other countries - to make that leap "across the pond". Using Ancestry message boards (free), Findagrave searches, Family search.org search strategies, Minnesota birth, death and marriage online indexes, Scandinavian research, People search websites, Facebook as a genealogy tool, Bookmarks for other genealogy websites, Translation websites.

(2) Beginning German Research
Stephen Barthel

Learn where to find the tools necessary in researching your German Genealogy, plus various research strategies. This topic focuses on using FamilySearch.org and other saintmichaelhistory.org websites. Degree of difficulty – Beginning to Intermediate researcher .

Speakers

Elaine Hasleton

Elaine Hasleton, BA, AG, is a Deputy, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. She has been involved in numerous genealogical/historical organizations and societies for many years. Her passion revolves around Scandinavian and Scandinavian-American societies. Elaine is originally from Alexandria.

Linda Westrom

Linda Westrom has been searching and researching her ancestors for 35 plus years. Planning a family reunion prompted her to write and publish a Bollman family history which was a real learning experience on what to do and what NOT to do. Belonging to many genealogical societies, Linda is currently president of the Minnesota Genealogical Society.

Kristi Strum

Kristie Strum is a part-time professional genealogist who only found the excitement of genealogy a few years ago, but was immersed in it her most of her life thanks to her mother's decades of family research. Kristie has a BA in Political Science from the University of Minnesota and earned Boston University's Certificate in Genealogical Studies in the fall of 2011.

Taryn Flolid

A retired teacher, I am a research volunteer at the Douglas County Historical Society in Alexandria, Minnesota. I began using the internet for genealogy research in 1997, for American and Scandinavian searches, and have helped others with many genealogy searches through online genealogy message boards.

My favorite thing is to connect someone to a place where their immigrant ancestors lived, and help them connect with long lost relatives. I specialize in Scandinavian and Minnesota genealogy, but try to follow the trail wherever it leads.

Stephen S. Barthel

Stephen S Barthel, an accredited genealogist specializing in German research (now retired), was employed for twenty-one years as a European Reference Consultant for the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. During the last five years at the Family History Library, he worked in the Public Affairs Unit with local and national media, hosting VIPs, researching and preparing genealogies for presidents, celebrities, and other VIPs. Privately, he has published about 27 family history books. He is a presenter at German and Polish genealogical conferences and historical societies throughout the United States and Canada. He currently resides in St. Cloud and is Vice-President of the St. Michael (Minnesota) Historical Society.