2019 Annual Scholarship Conference
Rock County Genealogical Society
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019
$25 Members, $30 non-Members
[includes lunch]

For more information or questions:
Phone: 608-774-2357
Email: RCGS.WI@gmail.com
To Register: www.rcgswi.org/store/c10/REGISTER

Accomodations in Janesville:
Baymont Inn and Suite
Holiday Inn Express
Americinn Janesville
Super 8

Hampton Inn
Microtel
Quality Inn
Motel 6

*all registration fees from this conference fund RCGS's 2nd annual scholarship for a 2020 Rock County High School Senior
Name: ___________________________________ 
Lunch choice: ham  or  turkey  [Please circle one.]

Address: ________________________________ City: __________________ State _____ Zip ____________

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Mail registration to: RCGS Scholarship Conference, PO Box 936, Janesville, WI 53547-0936
or, Register online at  RCGSWI.org

Make check payable to: RCGS  Workshop registration: RCGS member fee: $25 ___ non-members fee: $30 ___

If you wish to network with other attendees, please list four of the surnames that you have researched:
1.________________ 2. _________________ 3. ________________ 4. _______________

Finding Gold at the Charles Tallman Archives: Anderson identifies many of the hidden treasures in the
Rock County Archives collection including photos, probates, marriage license applications, family histories,
town histories…and more. Attendees, if not researching Rock Co, WI, will be encouraged to consider the possible records stored at other locations more pertinent to their own research.

Give Your Past a Future, or 30 Years of Collecting: Organizing your Genealogical Files for Yourself
and your Successor. Will your research materials be useful to others or end up in a dumpster? Anderson looks at the steps a researcher can take to prepare their materials for donation to a facility, or a successor researcher, and in the process gain a better understanding of just what they have. Tools demonstrated include “Organize and Plan: F.A.S.T.” and “Fast is followed by O.R.D.E.R.”

Ruth E. Anderson is a UW Whitewater grad with a degree in music. She has served in many of the offices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including State Regent and Janesville Chapter, and is a member of other heritage societies including Colonial Dames XVII Century, Wisconsin Mayflower Descendants, and Rock County Historical Society. She has been recognized as Rock County Historical Society Volunteer of the Year.

David Bradford is a UW Madison grad with degrees in medicine and business who speaks regionally to history and genealogy groups about technology and medical topics. He has been a member of the Rock County Genealogical Society for more than 25 years and has served as board chairperson and secretary of the RCGS Center. He is currently the board chairperson and webmaster for the Society. He was recognized by the Wisconsin Genealogy Society in 2012 with the Virginia V. Irvin genealogy award.

Google Alerts - a Tool for Family Researchers: Bradford describes Google's free Alert search tool to continuously track newly added online content (web sites, images, videos, news, blogs or books) and automatically notify you of results. While Google Alerts can be used to follow sports teams, celebrities and competitors, it is also a powerful tool to notify genealogists of newly added online content for ancestral names. It goes on to describe best practices for building an "Alert search" to get only the targeted results you want.

Genetic Genealogy II – Had my DNA Tested? Now What? Bradford provides a brief introduction to DNA testing, but then focuses on using results from the most popular autosomal DNA test offered by the "Big Five" DNA labs. It explains the limits of (and frustration with) ethnicity estimates and then describes steps to download your DNA test results to your PC in order to upload to other labs and third party sites to expand your reach to millions of potential cousins, using "chromosome browsers" and other online tools to solve relationship mysteries and to gain insights into family medical risks.