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Last Call for the 2000 National Austin Convention

MADISON, WISCONSIN

JULY 28-30, 2000

Where:

Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel, 525 West Johnson Street, Madison, Wisconsin. Complimentary parking and indoor pool. Shuttle service to airport and UW campus (SHSW Library).

Convention registration fee:

\$50 per person – includes Sunday night banquet. (There will be a \$30 banquet fee for family members of attendees who wish to attend the banquet but will not be attending the day sessions.)

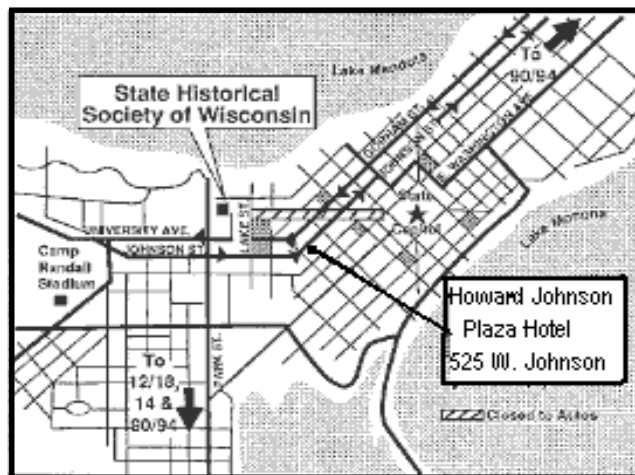
Instructions for getting there:

From Hwy 12/14 (S. Beltline Hwy.) exit on Park St. (Hwy 151). Stay on Park St. at split. Turn right on W. Johnson St.

Room rate:

\$82 + tax for regular room, one Queen Bed or two Double Beds (1 – 4 persons); \$87 + tax for Home Office

Room (includes sofa or recliner, refrigerator & microwave). All rooms have coffee makers, hair dryers, iron/ironing boards, desk w/phone dataport. Convention rates apply for the dates of Wed., July 26 through Tues., August 1. A block of forty rooms will be held until June 27. Reservations received after June 27 will be honored on a space available basis only. Call (608) 251-5511 to make your reservations.



Agenda:

Friday, July 28
1:00 – 5:00 PM Registration, library tours.
5:00 – 6:00 PM “Let’s Get Acquainted” Reception.
7:00 – 9:00 PM Research room open.
Saturday, July 29
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Speakers, Workshops and library time.

Sunday, July 30

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Speakers and Workshops.
6:00 PM Reception.
7:00 PM Annual Banquet.
Guest speaker (on Saturday AM, and for the Banquet): Nancy J. Emmert, Certified Genealogist, Madison, WI. She will explain the use of the Special Collections of the SHSW Library.

Check out these Internet Web Sites:

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| Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel: | www.hjplazamadison.com/ |
| Library, State Historical Society of Wisconsin: | www.shsw.wisc.edu/library/ |
| Madison Visitors Bureau: | www.visitmadison.com/ |
| Austin Families Association of America: | www.afaao.org/ |
| Austins of America Genealogical Society | www.aoags.org/ |



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To those who will not be attending the convention: We understand that many join AFAOA only to receive the newsletter and to support a worthy endeavor but are not willing or able to travel long distances to the annual convention. However those who do attend have the responsibility of choosing the site for next year's meeting and would welcome suggestions. Let your voice be heard. Would you attend if we met at a location near you? or in an area of special interest to you? If so, where? Send your comments and suggestions to me and they will be considered. Most of you have e-mail and my address is below – couldn't be easier; or call, or send a postcard. Please take the time to comment.

To those who are undecided: It's not too late! For planning purposes, we would like to know now. But maybe your summer plans are still not firm. After June 26, the hotel can't guarantee availability of rooms and you may have to stay elsewhere. After July 21, we can't guarantee you a place at the banquet – a firm number must be given to the hotel by that date. Please don't just show up without advance registration. Notify Lois or me if there is a chance you can be there. We'll be happy to see you, even if we hear from you late.

To those who will be there: Wonderful! We're going to have a great time. Stay long enough to visit some of the area's many attractions, such as the Elvehjem Museum of Art, the Geology Museum, Monona Terrace and the State Capitol – all within walking distance. Take a cruise on Lake Mendota. And be sure to let us know if you are interested in a tour of the SHSW Library on Friday afternoon. Now go to the SHSW Web site and use the library's on-line card catalog to begin planning your research.

Whatever you do, have a good summer!

Alice

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Did you get your Spring 2000 Newsletter? It was mailed on April 10, but some were not delivered until May. If you did not receive your copy (it included a convention flyer in color and pictures of Titchfield, England) contact Lois Cody immediately and another copy will be sent to you.

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin

The Society was chartered in 1853 and is the oldest American historical society to receive continuous public funding. It serves as the archives of the State of Wisconsin and maintains a library, museum, and research facility in Madison as well as a statewide system of historic sites, area research centers and affiliated local societies.

The State Historical Society Library possesses one of the largest genealogical collections in the country. Nearly one-fifth of the entire library collection, now over 3.5 million items, deals with family or local history.

The Library is open from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Library is closed on Sunday.

Library Collections

American History

For a century and a half the Library has collected the history of the U.S. and Canada, including political and military affairs, multicultural history, women's history, religion, folklore, anthropology, architecture, labor history, genealogy and more.

Genealogy

The Library collects genealogical and local history publications for the U.S. and Canada. Strengths of the collection include about 20,000 book length family histories, a complete file of all the available schedules of the 1790-1920 U.S. censuses as well as the censuses of Canada 1666-1881, nearly all vital records for Wisconsin before 1907, and microforms of major genealogical collections from other institutions.

Microforms

Nearly 2 million of the Library's items exist on some sort of microform, including 35mm and 16mm film, microfiche, and microcard, and these represent virtually all the subject areas in which the Library collects. Newspapers, manuscript collections, vital records, PhD dissertations, pre-1820 American books, archival series, and pre-1850 American magazines can all be found in large numbers.

Newspapers and Periodicals

The Society has the second-largest newspaper collection in the United States. It is truly a national collection spanning the period from the seventeenth century to the present. The Society's newspaper collection consists of 11,740 bound volumes, over 100,000 reels of microfilm, and 17,168 sheets of microprint.

The serials collection has a number of areas of particular strength, including: Wisconsin newspapers, the largest collection of colonial and early American newspapers west of the Appalachians, and the largest collection of labor papers in the nation. The Society Library's holdings of "underground" or alternative newspapers are also extensive.

Other areas of the collection are Native American and African-American newspapers and periodicals, abolitionist, ethnic, military, nineteenth-century religious, radical/reform, and women. Among rarities in the newspaper collection are the first African-American and Native American newspapers and the first Bohemian, Dutch, Norwegian, and Spanish language newspapers published in the United States.

The library's website is: <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/library/>

2000 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please tear off this last Newsletter page, fill in and mail)

Please write names as you wish them to appear on name tags.
Send completed form and your check to:

Lois W. Cody
336 Pleasant Hill Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45215-2040

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations. Call (608) 251-5511

2000 NATIONAL AUSTIN CONVENTION
Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel
Madison, Wisconsin – July 28, 29, 30

NAME: _____

ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT(S) WITH SAME ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: (Street) _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EARLIEST KNOWN AUSTIN ANCESTORS (WITH PLACE AND DATE):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I will arrive in Madison on (date) _____ at (time) _____.

I am interested in a tour of the State Historical Society Library on Friday afternoon:
____ Yes ____ No.

I understand that the Convention Registration Fee is \$50 per person. This fee includes all convention programs, meetings and materials, use of research computers and the Sunday banquet. Family members who will attend ONLY the banquet pay a Banquet Fee of \$30.

Enclosed is my check, payable to "Austin Convention", for \$ _____.

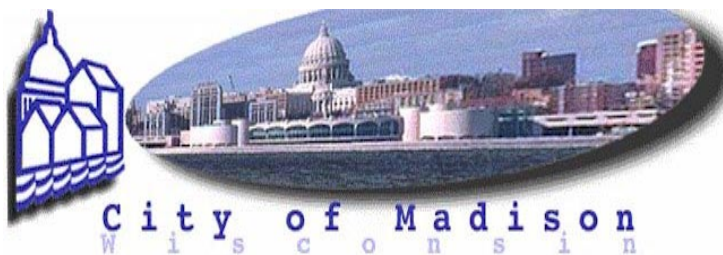
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