

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

Newsletter
MARCH 1996⁷

Meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the:
Waupaca Library, 107 S. Main, Waupaca, WI. 6:30 P. M.

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The purpose of the society shall be to 1) generate an interest in genealogy, 2) provide a meeting place for the exchange of genealogical ideas, 3) to inform people of the value of the need for preserving family and local history for posterity, 4) assist members and others with genealogical problems and instruct them in the art of genealogical research, 5) to receive, hold, and invest monies, dues, gifts, sales, interest, etc., and to hold and administer property for the benefit of the society and for its educational purpose as provided in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Meetings coming up Meeting Room Lower Level of the Waupaca Library, second Thursday of the Month: 6:30 p.m.

March 13, 1997

April 10, 1997

May 8, 1997

June 12, 1997

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Mark your calendar

April 5, 1997 German Workshop at the Holiday Inn in Tomah. Speaker is Michael R. Haase. Registration begins at 9 A.M. Cost for workshop and lunch is \$15.00 For more information contact Marie Drescher, 723 Packard St., Tomah, WI 54660.

April 12, 1997 Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Spring Workshop, Serb Memorial Hall, 5101 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI. Speaker Mildon J. Wolfgang III on tracing ethnic families in American cities, Germans in the U.S., using maps in genealogical research. Cost is \$25.00 includes buffet lunch. After March 15th-\$30.00. Contact: Doris V. Cummins, 5229 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53217 Phone 414/332-5886.

April 26, 1997 Stevens Point High School, 1201 Northpoint Drive, Stevens Point, WI 54481 Ethnic Feast 10 Am to 4 PM.

May 2, 1997 Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Spring meeting at the State Historical Society Library in Madison, WI. Speaker: Lorreto Dennis

May 7-10, 1997 National Genealogical Society Conference at Valley Forge, PA. Send for registration forms: 1997 NGS Conference, 4527 17th Street N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399.

Calendar continued

June 13-14, 1997 Gene-A-Rama Ramada Inn, Wausau, WI Speaker David Rencher. Topics: Sources and Methods for doing Irish Research, Civil War Soldier's System, Irish Estate Records, Overview of the Family History Department. Other sessions on CD ROMS, Finding your Polish Ancestry Village, Resources of UW-SP Library and ARC, Genealogy and the Internet for non-techies, the Guyant Collection of Cemetery Records and Beginning's Session. Also a mini-workshop on society newsletters. This lecture will be held on Friday, June 13 from 3:30-4:30 P.M. Submit one copy of your society's newsletter for possible critique and exhibition during the session. For more information contact Beth A. Stahr, Program Chairman of Gene-A-Rama '97, 9 North Hill Road, Wausau, WI 54403

July 7-10, 1997 Genealogical Institute of Mid-America. Co-sponsored by University of Illinois at Springfield and Illinois State Genealogical Society. Four intensive courses: Genealogical Family History Research Methods, Part I with Michael J. Neill, Genealogical Family Research Methods, Part II with Sandra H. Luebking, Military Record Research Sources with Lloyd D. Bockstruck; and British Isles Research Sources with V. Ben Bloxham. A post-institute workshop, Internet for Genealogists, will be held July 11. Separate registration is required. Contact: Julie Slack, Registration Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, IL 62794-9243, Phone: 217/786-7464.

August 16-17, 1997 Merrill will celebrate **JENNY FEST**. Jenny (the original name of Merrill) will be 150 years old. Arts, crafts, and demonstrations are being contacted to set up a booth in Stange's Park. All must be appropriate for mid 1800's period. Booth size 10'x12' for \$20.00. Contact Mia Harris, PO Box 914, Merrill, WI 54452 or Beth Cherwenka, N1679 Spile Dam Road, Merrill, WI 54452.

October 1-4, 1997 Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International's 6th Genealogical Cultural Conference at Radisson South in Bloomington, MN. Sessions: Czech genealogy, culture, music. Contact: CGSI, Inc., PO Box 26225, St. Paul, MN 55116-1225.

Free Public Programs from the State Historical Museum, 30 N. Carroll Street on the Capital Square, Madison, WI 608/264-6555

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| Tuesday, March 18, 1997 | 12:15-1:00 PM "Documenting the Turbulent '60s, by Barbara Kaiser, former Assistant State Archivist. |
| Tuesday, May 20, 1997 | 12:14-1:00 PM "SHSW Historic Sites-Past & Present", by David Pamperin, Director of Historic Sites. |
| Saturday, March 15, 1997 | 10:30 AM Guided exhibit tour of <i>Many People, Many Pasts</i> and video, "Presence of Our Past" |
| Saturday, March 22, 1997 | 10:30 AM "Forget Me Not: Ritual and Remembrance in the Lives of Women", by Karen Lamoree, former SHSW Archivist. |
| Saturday, June 7, 1997 | 10:30 AM "Preserving Personal and Community History", workshop. Make your own Time Capsule. |
| Saturday, August 30, 1997 | 10:30 AM Guided exhibit tour of <i>Many People, Many Pasts</i> and Video, "Presence of Our Past". |
| Thursday, March 13, 1997 | 7:00 PM "Celluloid Spectacles: Documenting Mass Culture through Popular Film", by Maxine Fleckner Ducey, Film Archivist. |
| Thursday, March 27, 1997 | 7:00 PM "History Writ Small" Building History through Genealogy", by Jim Hansen, SHSW Reference Librarian. |
| Thursday, April 10, 1997 | 7:00 PM "Folk Art Collecting in Wisconsin" by Jim Leary, UW-Madison Folklorist. |
| Thursday, April 24, 1997 | 7:00 PM "Hands Linked in History: State Historical Societies and the Development of Local Historical Organizations", by Tom McKay, SHSW Local History. |

Notes from our President Nancy.....

Winter-brrrrr, cold weather, snow and ice and.....a time to utilize the information gathered over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. A time to rewrite legibly those memories and stories you hurriedly wrote down as the Grandparents and the Aunts and Uncles were talking about "when we were young", or remember when you did that and never got caught!

As you finally interest a cousin enough to go and get the boxes out of the attic (he really isn't interested) and you find they actually have letters from WW2 from cousins in Germany that were exchanged-you now have a city, a street and ...NAMES of people that are probably still living in the area. Now he is willing to share them, but what do you do in return? Frame some pictures, make a collage of older generations with names, or maybe a gift certificate to his favorite fishing pro shop.

Reunions are just around the corner. Hopefully you made reservations for the Park or Hotel for your favorite site on January 2, the earliest many will take reservations for the year. It can be the area of the original hometown, so anyone can go to the cemetery, or visit other friends and family or a mutually agreed upon town betwixt and between where you and they live. Remember to share responsibilities. Coordinating a reunion is much more enjoyable when there is shared responsibility and laughter. What makes a good reunion? Reunion magazine has many wonderful ideas. Your family may like the White Elephant sale, T-shirts with the family name on them, a rock & roll or polka band, or the shoring of old photos and mementos. Are you reaching the 18-30 year olds? Did you actually invite them or leave it up to Grandma and the Aunt's?? Can you remember to tell everyone? There may be a new genealogist somewhere out there that can help with another branch of the family. Find out when they sign in at the reunion if they are on the internet or E-mail-a great way to stay in contact and keep in touch, other than once a year or every two years. Maybe you can get someone else hooked on the habit of our that keeps growing and growing and growing!

***** REMINDER***** We need YOUR INPUT if you have a suggestion for a program at our monthly meeting contact one of the Officers at the phone numbers above. Drop a note, email or call Susie Freistedt, 160 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487, 715/445-2592 or freistedt@ggibbs.com if you have an interesting article or workshop information you would like to share with the other members. For all you INTERNET users we will be adding your internet address to our membership list with your permission. *****

Minutes of W A G S Meeting on December 12, 1996

The December meeting of W.A.G.S. was held at the home of Pauline and Dean Janssen. A potluck supper was enjoyed by all. Members brought a can of food for the Waupaca Food Pantry. Ten member and guests were present.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes of W A G S meeting on January 9, 1997

The January meeting for W.A.G.S. was held at the Library at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Sixteen members were present and a guest-Candice Smith.

Darlene Ryan, Elmer Keil, Nancy Helbach, Pauline Janssen, Sally Wollangk, Cindy Stang and Howard Inderdahl did research on their ancestors who were veterans, in the special room at the WWH Library.

Merlin Horn brought a copy of Voyageur, a magazine, which had published an article about his KOCH ancestors in Shawano County. His great-grandfather, JOHANN KOCH, homesteaded the farm in 1858. Merlin had printed pictures along with the description of farming in the early 1900's.

Our guest, Candice Smith, is a descendant of the DAKES of Waupaca County. Dake Lake on the Chain O' Lakes is named for one of these Dakes - JOSHUA DAKE who came from New York in the 1850's.

Our sympathy to Barb Schuler who recently lost her husband, Elroy, on Sunday, January 5, 1997.

We enjoyed talking with each other and exchanging ideas

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes of the S A G S meeting on February 13, 1997

Nancy Helbach, President, opened the meeting of SAGS at the Waupaca Public Library at 6:30 P.M. She welcomed the 21 members and six guests. Members then put on their new membership pins.

Naancy asked if anyone was planning a reunion of their family, would they please put an announcement in our newsletter. Another addition to our meeting was a donations basket for miscellaneous giving. Then Nancy asked if we would be interested in buying a church-records book from Portage County from the Stevens Point Genealogical Society.

Workshops coming up :

Wisconsin State Historical Society on February 21, 22 will feature John Phillip Colletta who wrote the book, "They Came in Ships- A Guide to Finding you Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record". He is from the Washington, DC area and has a degree in genealogy

Milwaukee County Genealogical Society will hold its first workshop in 3 years on April 12. It will feature a variety of subjects. (See calendar).

Gene-O-Rama entitled "Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors" will be held in Wausau on June 13 and 14. Nancy will be speaking about the Guyant Collection. (See calendar)

Darlene Ryan gave the Treasure's report. Many have paid in advance for the coming years.

Other announcements:

Beginning March 1, 1997, the Area Resource Centers will not allow researchers to photocopy vital records on the copiers from microfilms of vital records. A researcher, however, may still make extracts, abstracts or hand-written copies from microfilm.

Public Broadcasting is looking for funds to create a new program involving memories of Wisconsin.

Around the table:

Barb Schuler visited the Weyauwega Library to find what was available there. She found the Weyauwega newspapers which featured important events beginning in 1877.

Darlene Ryan took a bus trip to the State Historical Society in Madison. Jim Hanson gave a tour of the building. She is trying to connect with a Revolutionary War ancestor.

Maps shared by members: Jean Spiegelberg brought plat maps and one of the Chain O' Lakes. Darlene Ryan had maps of early Germany, early Milwaukee and early WI. Gerry Trinrud brought maps of Norway.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

- One of our own! From *The Family Tree*, *Odom Library newsletter*. And finally, James T. Lenzke, Senior Editor of *Old Cars Weekly* and *Old Cars Price Guide* in Iola Wisconsin writes...."The vehicle in the background of the photo...is a 1947 Chevrolet. Judging from the appearance of the paint and chrome trim, the car appears rather new. The photo was probably taken some time from late 1946 until early 1948." (Write *Old Cars Weekly*, Iola, Wisconsin 54990)

Correction: From last newsletter Gerry Trinrud found an aunt of Lois Afsen not Elizabeth Clarke who went to CA and died there at 99 years.

Renewal of membership: JoAnn K. Flater, N270 Cty E, Holcombe, WI 54981 Phone: 715/595-6244

NEW MEMBERS - Welcome

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 PULS, DANKE, KATON**

DAKE

**MacADAMS, NICHOLS, DAKE, FELDA, FELTZ, BELFEUIL, SCHAFFER, SMITH,
 GOLLA**

SHAW, BARKER Carol seeks info on: John, Mary, John William, Mary Jane & Sarah SHAW & John H., Martha (SHAW), John Henry, Joseph, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, William, George W., Clara & Clarence BARKER who settled in WI in 1840's & 1850's. Infor from letters written to family.

NEW MEMBERS**REUNION'S**

BEISNER Family Reunion July 26, 1997 E2325 Parfreyville Road, Waupaca, WI 54981, 12 Noon on

VONder BURG-FUNDERBURK FUNDERBURK-FUNDERBURKGGH Family Reunion July 11-12, 1997 Pageland, S.C.
 Contact Mary Slone Funderburk, Rt 2, Box 280-A, Pageland, S.C. 803/672-6582

MIKKELSON Family Reunion Antigo City Park, July Saturday 26, 1997 Contact Don Fritsch 715/627-7127

ZAUDKE Reunion Mosinee, WI August 16, 1997, hosted by Gordon and Mary Fischer.

ROBBERT Family Reunion West Bloomfield, Waushara Co, WI, July 12, 1997

ZABEL Family Reunion Weyauwega Park, Weyauwega, Waupaca Co, WI, July 20, 1997

JOHANN TRINRUD Family Reunion Brainards Bridge, Waupaca, WI Saturday, July 19, 1997

C. N. CHRISTENSEN Family Reunion Sunday, July 27, 1997

JOSIE Family Reunion Saturday, July 26, 1997

RAIT Family Reunion Saturday, July 12, 1997

HORN Family Reunion Sunday, June 15, 1997

HUMPHRY Family Reunion Sunday, June 15, 1997

SAMPLE/SEMPLE Family Reunion May 1997

ROMAN Family Reunion Marathon Co 1997

HERMAN AND MARTHA BEHM Family Reunion South Park, Waupaca, WI August 3, 1997

ALBERT AND MINNIE OLSON Family Reunion Sunday, June 29, 1997

SPIEGELBERG Family Reunion Sunday, July 13, 1997

POLISH HERITAGE AWARENESS SOCIETY, PO Pox 726, Stevens Point, WI 54481-0726, is recognizing the 140th anniversary of the 1857 arrival of the first Polish family in Portage County with an exhibit titled, *The Journey to a new Beginning...from Poland to Portage County*. Their coming led to the development of the oldest Polish rural settlement in Wisconsin. The exhibit through photographs, maps, and documents will portray life in Poland during the 1850's and 60's, the experience of crossing the Atlantic to America, and the challenge of Portage County in the 1850's and 60's. The exhibit is scheduled for the Water Street Museum located at 1475 Water Street in Stevens Point. Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 PM: May 31-August 31, 1997. This thanks to Agnes Golla, she also writes that there is a display of Wycinanki, Polish Paper Cuttings, at the Lincoln Center, Stevens Point. They are beautiful. For more information contact Gayle Zivney 715/344-5752

Bites and Pieces

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Interesting news article from the *Ogdensburg Leader*, December 6, 1872, contributed by Mary Craig.

CURIOUS HISTORY OF A STATE The Territory now known as Wisconsin was claimed by France on the ground of discovery by its missionaries and travelers in 1670, who governed it until they ceded it to Great Britain in 1763. It was held by the British nation until 1783, when it was ceded to the United States. It was then claimed by Virginia, for one year when she ceded all her possessions, northeast of the Ohio, to the United States. Wisconsin was then thrown under the Territorial Government of Ohio, by the ordinance of 1787. On the fourth of July, 1800, Indian Territory was organized and Wisconsin placed under its Jurisdiction, where it remained until 1809, when Illinois Territory was organized, and it was attached to that Territory until April 18, 1818, when Illinois became a State. It was then attached to the Territory of Michigan, until organized as the Territory of Wisconsin, July 4, 1836. So that Wisconsin was governed by the King of France 93 years; by the King of Great Britain 20 years; by the State of Virginia one year; by the Territory of Ohio sixteen years; by Indian Territory nine years; and by Michigan Territory eighteen years. She continued a Territory of the United States nearly twelve years, when on the 13th of March 1848, she became the thirtieth State of the Union. (Note I copied the article as it was written, there are places where the words are misspelled.)

From Nancy Lenzke, Iola, WI "The Lutheran Roots Genealogy Exchange", a new on-line message board sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), is now available to help Lutherans and others research their family histories. The worldwide message board recently was introduced an AAL's Web site (<http://www.aal.org>). The message board is available for people who are researching their family trees to ask questions, offer tips to others to provide genealogical information

Off the Web: CHICAGO NEWSPAPER DEATH NOTICE/OBITUARY SEARCH For a \$7.00 fee Newberry Library staff will search for a death notice or obituary in a Chicago newspaper before 1965. A date of death (not just a year or a month) must be provided. We will search a single newspaper over a span of five days. If we locate such a notice, the Library will supply a copy of the notice together with full documentation. If no such item is found, the Library will inform you as to what newspaper was searched and for which dates. Please send a check or money order of \$7.00 made out to the Newberry Library, together with the completed bottom half of this form, and mail to: Obituary Search, Local and Family History, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610

How to Locate anyone who is or has been in the Military, Armed Forces locator guide, by Lt. Col. Richard S. JOHNSON. Order from MIE Publishing, 17118 Spartanburg, SC 29301 (800) 937-2133. Soft-cover, 6x9", 276 pages, \$19.95. Newly revised seventh edition. New chapters include "Locating Women Veterans" and "Verifying if a Person is a Veteran". For more information see Everton's Genealogical Helper Jan-Feb 1997 page 166.

The following from the *Genealogy bulletin* # 36:

Was your ancestor a Texas Ranger? The July-August Evertons Helper tells where to find records on this illustrious cadre of men. Frances T Ingmire authored *Texas Rangers*, covering the period 1847 through 1900, and *Texas Ranger Service Records*. The archives of the University of Texas in Austin contains several files on the Texas Rangers, including manuscripts records for the organization from 1835 to 1940, a typescript collection of reports of the Texas Rangers to the state Adjutant General's Office for 1839 to 1940. If your Texas family had a strong, healthy son, he just might have been a Ranger.

Bites and Pieces continued

Oz-Tech is a Seattle, Washington, business that offers a real service to those researching ancestors in Great Britain. For the small fee of \$5.00, they will look up your surname in the British Isles Genealogical Register. The BIGS is a compilation of family group sheet data detailing English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh families. The various family history societies in the British Isles did the original compiling, and Oz-Tech will put you in touch with those "cousin" researchers. This is a brand new contact service! They offer a mail reply service, and also a fax and e-mail service. Contact Oz-Tech at 6010 NE Bothell Way, Suite 169, Seattle, WA 98155.

Did you realize that all men between the ages of 17 and 45 in 1917 had to register for the World War I draft? That means ALL men, regardless of physical condition or citizenship status. They all had to register, but just as surely they all were not called up to serve. Each man was to go to his county courthouse to fill out a form asking name, age, birthplace, occupation, citizenship status and other questions. What a gold mine of information! These WWI draft registrations are especially helpful for the folks tracing immigrant ancestors who came in that flood tide of immigrants in the 1900-1915 period. These forms were all collected in the Georgia branch of the National Archives, and have now been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah. You can view these films at your local Family History Center. The only "kicker" is that you must know the county where your ancestors registered. Good luck!

A *Genealogy Bulletin* reader from Kentucky wrote telling me of her new book, *The Civil War Diaries of Capt. Alfred Tyler Fielder, 12th Tennessee Regiment Infantry, Co. B, 1861-1865*. This book has an index of over 3000 entries with 735 different surnames; Capt. Fielder must have been some diarist! Besides his personal activities, Capt. Fielder's diary includes such extras as the Army parole list of May 1, 1865, roster of the 12th Tennessee Regiment Infantry and Confederate money exchanges. For more information on this \$20.00 (postpaid) book, contact Ann York Franklin, 1820 Knollwood Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

If the first members of your family came to America through the Ellis Island immigrant station in New York harbor, it's not too late to honor them by having their name inscribed on the stainless steel Wall of Honor at the restored Ellis Island receiving station. The cost is \$100.00 per name, and besides having the name engraved on the wall, you will receive a certificate honoring your immigrant ancestor. Check your check and ancestors' name to The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., PO Box 1955, New York City, NY 10117-1955.

While we're on the subject of Ellis Island, did you know that in the first five years after the immigrant station opened in January of 1892, 1.5 million people, mostly Europeans, went through. But a fire in June of 1897 destroyed the wooden building of the immigrant center, along with most of the records stored there. Researchers have long believed that the fire destroyed the island's immigration records, but in 1994 Phillip Lax, the president of the Ellis Island Restoration Commission, announced "We have found all the records". Apparently, the records were in different areas, warehouses in the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) Building and the Balch Institute (in Philadelphia). So although some immigrant records may have burned, most records from those first five years survived in the form of ships' passenger manifests retained by the shipping company, and in ships' lists held by the INS in locations other than Ellis Island. Good news, indeed. (Thanks to *Genealogical Computing*, Vol. 13, No. 4, for the information.)

The following from *The Family Tree*-February/March 1997 Odom Library:

Want to take a genealogical trip to France? If your ancestors were from France and you would like to join a trip planned for May 17-June 18 1997, contact 818/441-3669. The trip is being planned by the French-Canadian Workshop at SCGS.

A must for German researchers: If you are working on German heritage and can only subscribe or belong to one publication/organization, make that one the Sacramento German Genealogy Society, PO Box 660661, Sacramento, CA 95886. The publication, *Der Blumenbaum*, is filled with interesting to anyone who loves genealogy and history and essential to those working on German roots. Write for information.

Need help with your Greek ancestry? If you are working on your Greek lineage, you might wish to get *Tracing Your Greek Ancestry* from the Greek Family Heritage Committee, c/o Antonia Mattheou, 75-21 177th St., Flushing, NY 11366. The publication includes information on primary sources, finding and biographical aids and more for those tracing Greek lines in both the US and in Greece. Cost is \$6.50 postpaid.

Free genealogy newsletter via email: If you would like to receive via email a weekly genealogical newsletter informing you about ongoing genealogical events, current genealogy programs and CD-ROM discs plus what is happening online of interest to genealogists: <http://www.rootscomputing.com>

Out-of-Print? If you are looking for an out-of-print genealogy book, the American Association of University Women Book Finders, a non-organization, will search an inventory of about 8,000 antiquarian book dealers for a specific title. The search usually takes 100-120 days at no charge. Contact AAUW Book Finders, PO Box 8151, Corpus Christi, TX 78468.

Bites and Pieces continued

Spring Workshop in Milwaukee: The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society Spring Workshop will be presented on April 12 at Serb Hall in Milwaukee. Speakers include Mildon Wolfgang, III, Arlene Brachman, Bruce Butterfield, Darlene Norman, and Bob Heck. The nominal fee includes lunch. More information is available from Doris Cummins, 5229 Santa Monica Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53217.

The following from *The Family Tree* December/January 1997 Odom Library:

Upstairs...Downstairs Something for Everyone: The Rock County (WI) Genealogical Society presents Upstairs, Downstairs, Something for Everyone next April 5 at the Senior Center (69 S. Water St.) Janesville, WI. The early registration deadline is March 22, 1997. The program will feature Jack Brisse and Nancy Emmert. Fee for the day is \$15.00 for RCGS members, including lunch and \$17.50 for non-members. For late registrants, the fee is \$20.00 (after March 22). Write for more information: Mary Jane Benage, 1307 E. Racine St., Janesville, WI 53545.

Important changes for archives: John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States and Former Kansas Governor, is working on a plan to close all of our regional archives and to build two mega archives—perhaps in Washington, DC or somewhere in California or Kansas? The plan calls for taking all of the film to university libraries and public libraries which do not have—in most cases—either the staff nor the space for these collections. A volunteer from the Georgia Archives made a trip from Atlanta to Moultrie to assure himself that we would write about this subject here so that genealogists everywhere would be able to write Mr. Carlin at Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001 with their opinions on this matter. The volunteer, who does not wish for us to use his name, said, "The system isn't broken. Please do not 'fix it'".

Clean those old photos—safely: PEC-12, available from Photographic Solutions, will clean "goo" like ballpoint ink, finger oils, grease pencil, smoke, soot and adhesive residue from old photos. All you have to do is spray a little PED-12 on a soft cloth and gently rub the surface of the prints. It is archival and will not degrade print of film. It is available from most camera stores. With thanks to the Cobb Co. (GA) Gene. Soc., Inc. Quarterly

Genealogical column in Texas helps: If you have roots in north central Texas and would like to place a query in a Texas newspaper column without charge, there is a column for you. *Tracing our Roots* appears each Wednesday in the *Plano Star Courier* newspaper in Plano, Collin County, Texas. Reunions, newly published books, workshops and seminars are also mentioned—as well as outstanding people in the field. Send items to Brenda Burns Kellow, Certified Genealogist, President, Collin County Genealogical Society, *Tracing Our Roots*, Plano Star Courier, PO Box 860248, Plano, TX 75086.

Waiting on NY City records? Genealogists and others who think their requests for New York City birth or death records must have been lost in the mail are mistaken. The City's Vital Records has them...in closets, desks, boxes, file cabinets and other handy hiding places. Authorities have uncovered 12,545 request letters containing \$272,000-plus in checks, some of them dating back months, even a year or more. The Vital Records Office says its staff positions were cut back by more than a third, and the cut plus current vacancies in the office meant it just couldn't keep up with the requests. The plan is to hire extra help to clear the backlog, but there is a problem with that in that checks are not normally honored by financial institutions six months after they are written.

Massachusetts Courthouse Clerk Finds Books: A Suffolk County (MA) courthouse worker has made an astonishing historical find—two 300 year old leather bound volumes of Massachusetts trial proceedings detailing the Puritan prosecutions of witches, adulterers and slaves. An employee of the Supreme Judicial Court stumbled upon the rare books while cleaning out a file cabinet the first week in July. The frayed and decaying volumes date back to the earliest days of the colonies (spanning 1673-1695) and provide a stunning peek into the legal and social mores of the day.

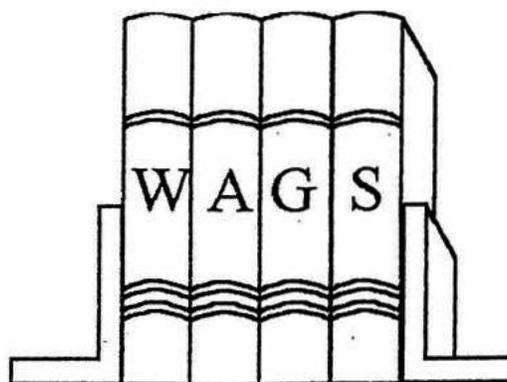
Today, we think it is shocking that people would be executed for sorcery, witchcraft, adultery and blasphemy. The books document the role of the Superior Court of Judicature, the direct antecedent of today's SJC, whose judges circulated around Massachusetts to hear a variety of civil and criminal cases.

State archivists have said one of the volumes was actually uncovered in 1901 and transcribed into a bound volume used by historians and scholars researching the period. The second volume, detailing dozens of cases brought against accused witches, has never before been inventoried by state archivists, leading them to believe it has been discovered for the first time.

We'll pass along details of the book restorations as they are available.

Write National Society, Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, 3917 Heritage Hills Dr., #104, Minneapolis, MN 55437-2633.

"P & I Lists!" If an ancestor is listed in the *Indexes to Passenger and Immigration Lists* by P. William Filby (a LARGE set available at most good libraries including the Odom Library) and you are unable to locate your source material, the Burton Historical Collection in the Detroit Public Library has all the sources indexed in this vast set of books. The library will copy materials for you at 20 cents per page plus \$2.00 postage and handling. You must cite the source number in your request. Contact the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202.



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July 10, 1997

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You may come during the day to do research any time after 9 AM and bring a bag lunch for noon.
Or anytime after 5:00 PM for Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to pass. Map included in newsletter.

August 14, 1997

Meeting at the home of Nancy Helbach, N2924 Smith Lane, Waupaca, 258-2247 Anytime after 5:30PM. Bring a dish to pass. Map included in newsletter.

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June 11-13, 1997 National Conference of Palatines to America at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For information, write: Palatines to America, Capital University, Box 101P, Columbus, Ohio 43209-2394 or call 614/236-8281.

June 13, 1997 7:30 PM "Life in a 19th Century Polish Village" a presentation by Dennis L. Kolinski at Lincoln Senior Citizens Center, 1519 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI sponsored by Polish Heritage Awareness Society.

Calendar continued

June 15, 1997 1:00PM Grand opening of an exhibit recognizing the 1857 arrival of the first Polish family to Portage County, WI Synagogue Museum, 1475 Water Street, Stevens Point, WI

July 7-10, 1997 Genealogical Institute of Mid-America. Co-sponsored by University of Illinois at Springfield and Illinois State Genealogical Society. Four intensive courses: Genealogical Family History Research Methods, Part I with Michael J. Neil, Genealogical Family Research Methods, Part II with Sandra H. Luebking, Military Record Research Sources with Lloyd D. Bockstruck; and British Isles Research Sources with V. Ben Bloxham. A post-institute workshop, Internet for Genealogists, will be held July 11. Separate registration is required. Contact: Julie Slack, Registration Office of Continuing Education, University of Illinois at Springfield, Springfield, IL 62794-9243, Phone: 217/786-7464.

June 21-22, 1997 Czechoslovakian Community Festival, Phillips Middle School/Phillips High School Cty W, Phillips, WI

July 25-27, 1997 Nordic Fest, Decorah, Iowa For information call Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce 1-800-463-4692 or 1-800-382-3378

July 25-27, 1997 German Fest, Henry W. Maier Park, Milwaukee, WI Internet address: <http://www.germanfest.com>

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Hello from your Pres-----

Spring is a time for Nature's new cycle of seasons. This is the time for all researchers and genealogists and family historians to start anew— That is **RENEW, REVISE, REVISIT, RELOOK and GO.....**to a reunion, cemetery or to any place that may have an answer to your question!!!! Well, what are you waiting for—**GO!!!!!!**
Nancy .

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Minutes of W A G S Meeting on April 10, 1997

Nancy Helbach, President, opened the April meeting of WAGS held at the Waupaca Public Library at 6:30 PM. She greeted the 19 members that were there. She also announced the Stevens Point Cultural Festival which will be coming up soon.

Darlene Ryan gave the Treasure's report.

Barb Schuler, our Greeter, reported 19 member attending.

Our program for the meeting was Joan Paulson presenting an enlightening program about "Prisoners of War in Wisconsin". She began by telling us that Great Britain asked us to house and feed war prisoners after December 7, 1941. United States agreed and placed most of them in the south, where it was warmer. Because of the storage of farm workers, the Army sent prisoners to Hortonville, Clintonville, Bear Creek, Antigo, Appleton, Columbus and Sturgeon Bay to help harvest crops and work in canneries. Then she showed us a tape she had made including pictures of the camps in the area. By February 1946, they were sent home.

Minutes from April 1997 meeting continued:

Harold DeWolfe remembers men coming to his high school to recruit teenagers to help on the farms. Sally Kawalski has a portrait of her grandmother which was made by a German prisoner of war. Merlin Horn recalls his parents speaking German to some of the prisoners who were working in fields near Pickett, by Oshkosh.

Around the Table:

Jane Lang received a letter from Canada about her research, but so far they cannot find records of her ancestors.

Harold DeWolfe is searching on many branches of his family tree.

Family Tree Maker has made a disc which is a data base of family names.

Joan Poulson is printing 75 copies of a family history. She also attended the Wisconsin Historical Society Workshop held in February.

Judy Wollangk went to her family's courthouse and found that her great, great grandmother was a midwife. She found a list of the babies she had delivered. She also compiled a list of surnames being researched in the Winnebago Courthouse in Oshkosh combined with the names of those looking for information on those names.

Sally Wollangk is doing research on the Internet to help Judy.

Merlin Horn has been researching at the LDS Center at Hales Corners. He got down to the marriages license, but, alas, there was a gap in the church records. He also showed an interesting book entitled, "Settling in North America", which he bought for \$11 from Edward R. Hamilton, Bookseller, in Falls Village, CT 06031-5000.

Mary Kowalski is having some of her family pictures done at Ron and Lloyds.

Allyn Nelson and his wife, Gladys, went on a trip to the Czech Republic. Allyn had made contact with a priest about genealogy, and it turned out that a postal employee was a 2nd cousin to Allyn's wife. They also got together with a professor who had a picture of unknown people, from about 1902. It turned out to be Gladys Nelson's parents.

Geri Trinrud has been researching the Huffcutts. There was a possibility of 2 different grandfathers. She found the right one in the Dutchess County, New York, records that she has.

Susie Freistedt got information from a funeral home about Bruce's half-aunt. Bruce's cousin is coming next month to compare notes.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes from May 8, 1997 meeting

The May 1997 meeting of the Waupaca Area Genealogy Society was held in the lower meeting room of the Waupaca Public Library starting at 6:30 PM with 19 members present.

The 4th of July Waupaca Hometown Days were discussed if maybe we wanted to have a float in it, no further discussion at this time.

Barb Schuler brought to our attention that she had sent "money" to Canada through a place in New York, Reusch International. They will help you with International Bank Drafts, with a service charge of \$3.00. The number is 1-800-424-2923. Barb has tried it and had no problems.

We went "Around the Table" and told what we have been working on the past month.

The July meeting will be at Geri Trinruds home for a pot luck supper and research. The August meeting will be at Nancy Helbachs home for a pot luck supper and research. Times to be there will be in newsletter. September we will meet back at the Waupaca Library at 6:30 PM.

Minutes inserted by Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor

New Members:

Mary Kowaleski
N4877 Baldwin Road
Manawa, WI 54949
414/596-3826

Abrahamson, Luther, Niemuth, Marquardt, Joch, Sack, Kempf,
Nielsen, Selig, Bobbe, Seidschlag, Frihart, Steinke, Kowalewski,
Solkey, Kuffel, Zielinski

Patricia Trambauer Williams
157 Hillcrest Road
East Aurora, NY 14052

Trambauer, Robe, Otto, Bruss, Heintz(Hinz), Leudtke, Bohleman
Helgeson, Landsverk, Lawrence, Rassmussen, Skogen
Email: Tranwill@aol.com

Queries:

Seeking information regarding descendants of **OLAV KNUTSON/KNUTSON SANNES** who came to America March 1849 from Telemark married 22 September 1857 to **MARIE OLAVSDATTER NORDENAA** at Farmington Township, Waupaca Village, WI. Children born Scandinavia, WI: Knute, Ole, Theodore, Andrew, Tommy, Thea/Tilda, Carrie, Ann Tumine, Gina/Mattie. Write Eunice B. Larson, 57 Aalapapa Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3118

Bites and Pieces continued:

The Wi State Historical Society now has the complete microfilm for the 1920 Census Soundex as well as the 1900 Census Soundex.
From The Pipost, River Falls, WI vol 12 #1 June 1996

From Genealogy Bulletin #38 March/ April 1997

Ever heard of the National Yellow Book of Funeral Directors? You need to know about this research aid! A total library of funeral home facts is contained in this annual publication, furnished to funeral directors for their special needs. But if you need to know if there is a working funeral home in the little town of LeRoy, McLean County, Illinois (for instance), then check the Yellow Book. Funeral homes often have kept good records of their burials, and are generally happy to work with you for often no charge. To access this helpful research aid, drop by your local hometown funeral home and ask the office secretary if you might use their Yellow Book for a few minutes. She'll probably offer to let you use the copy machine, too. (Yes! The Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home is at 101 W. Center, LeRoy, IL 61752.)

Taken from Family Tree June/July 1997

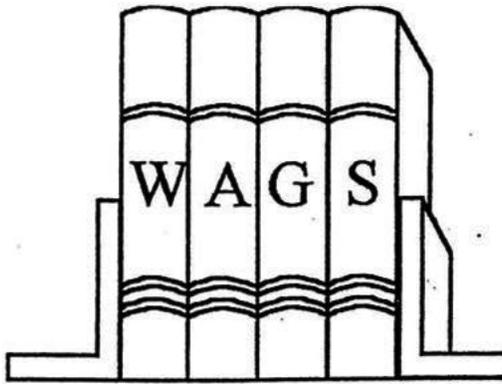
How to contact Genealogical Assn. of English Speaking Researchers in Europe: If anyone in America would like to contact the Genealogical Association of English Speaking Researchers in Europe, Call 011-49-6227-51942; FAX 011-49-6227-54008; Email whit@jas.net.de; Write: CMR 420, Box 142, APO AE 09063

Help from Social Security: If you would like to write for a copy of original Social Security application (through the Freedom of Information Act) write Social Security Administration, F. O. I. A. Officer, 4-H-8 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235. Send a check or money order for \$7.00 for each request. (More than one request per letter is OK.)

Write: I am requesting a Microprint of the original S-5 (application for SSN) for my grandfather, John Doe, SS# 000-00-0000. He was born, January 12, 1901 and died September 1976 in Duval, Jacksonville, Florida. The fee of \$7.00 is enclosed. Thank you. Your name. Your address. With thanks to the Family Snoop from the Merced County Genealogical Society, POB3061, Merced, CA 95344

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| Starbjorn FINDERSEN | Anne BJANSDATTER | January 18, 1855 |
| Halvar RALLIFSEN | Maren Bertha OLSEN | January 23, 1855 |
| George HUTCHINSON | Susan LEVERANCE | March 25, 1855 |
| John HARRIS | Elizabeth TAFT | April 1, 1855 |
| Andrew J. HORTON | Eleanor J. WRIGHT | April 1, 1855 |
| Lars Eriksen TVETAN | Marie CHRISTENSDATTER | April 9, 1855 |
| Ole Nott OLDFSEN | Marsha IRSTSDATTER | April 26, 1855 |
| Samuel R. CARTWRIGHT | Deborah HARRIS | May 6, 1855 |
| Ole TERGERSEN | Birgithe HITTLESDATTER | May 22, 1855 |
| Wm. Henry ROGERS | Sarah L. HAYNES | May 27, 1855 |
| Hans Andrew TUCTEN | Ragnhild Marie JACOBSDATTER | July 1, 1855 |
| Jacob William BURGIS | Mary Jane ROBBINS | July 3, 1855 |
| William WALL | Levina WALL | July 29, 1855 |
| Jergen Olesen BERGENE | Ingeborg HELGESDATTER | July 29, 1855 |
| John Gunderson HEISHALDS | Anne OLSDATTER | June 14, 1855 |
| Charles M. JONES | Eliza DURKE | August 5, 1855 |
| Thomas PEHRSON | Earin OLOFSDATTER | August 8, 1855 |
| Estill WILSON | Mary Ann HALL | August 12, 1855 |
| Andrew J. MORE | Jane PETTER | August 18, 1855 |
| John C. STRINGHAM | Laura Ann ROBINSON | September 2, 1855 |
| Lawrence EMINGER | Mrs. Anna WOODARD | September 9, 1855 |
| Henry HEWIT | Myra MONRO | September 10, 1855 |
| Ira H. JONES | Sarah J. FOX | September 16, 1855 |
| Bjorgert Olson BO | Jarind AMUDSDATTER | September 16, 1855 |
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| Charles L. LOVELAND | Laura Ann SANDERS | October 7, 1855 |
| Hirman LUCE | Sarah L. BEACH | October 14, 1855 |
| Ole REIN | Mary JACOBSON | October 19, 1855 |
| John Petter PETTERSON | Helenes Marie PEDERSDATTER | October 24, 1855 |
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| Niels E. LOBERG | Karne ERIKSDATTER | November 3, 1855 |



Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

Newsletter
SEPTEMBER 1997

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September 26-27, 1997 UW-Green Bay Area Research Center sponsoring a workshop at UW-Green Bay campus. Workshop called Ancestral Pursuit II. The Friday afternoon sessions will be on beginning genealogy, internet resources and identifying photographs. On Saturday there will be 16 sessions including citizenship records, land records, Belgium American research, vital records, census records, manuscript collection and public record hidden treasures.

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Hello from your Pres-----

Just a few short things to think about. Election of new officers will be in October. We will be getting a nominating committee together to make up a slate of nominees. Hope all of you had a good summer. Went to that family reunion and found that one bit of information you needed.

Nancy

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Darlene Ryan gave the Treasures report.

The Gene-A-Rama will be held on June 13 and 14 in Wausau and Nancy will be speaking about the Guyant collection of cemetery records, etc.

Soon some of the area code 414 telephone numbers will be changing to 920.

Around the Table:

The Lenskes went searching in Madison at the State Historical Society.

Barb Schuler found some pre-1860 marriages in Indiana on the Internet.

Judy Wollangk compiled a list of researchers at the Winnebago County Courthouse and brought it for us to see.

Howard Inderdahl received a family history from Norway and found relatives and ancestors in the book.

Merlin Horn found the Horn family in Germany originated in Bierbaum, village of Steelberg. He is finishing up a new book with 500 photos.

Lawrence Webb found a cousin in France to help with his research.

Joyce Woldt is putting together genealogical information for a cousin in Canada. She is still searching in New York State for information.

Dave Baker talked about finding the Weaver Family genealogy which took them back to a Plymouth connection. He has the Master Genealogist program now and says it supports 60 family programs.

June 12, 1997 minutes continued:

Darlene Ryan is still looking for a connection to the Bonnell line (Revolutionary ancestor). She has the Timm line connected together complete with courthouse records.

Jane Taylor is trying to connect 2 Dannenfels people to her ancestors-one in Milwaukee and one in Charleston, WV-who came from Bechtheim, Hesse-Darmstadt. This job has come to her from the Internet, even though she is not connected to it yet. As of this writing of the minutes, she is!

Then the meeting was adjourned. The next "potluck" and research will be held on July 10 at Gerry Trinrud's. The August meeting will be "potluck" and research at Nancy Helbach's on August 14.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes from July 14, 1997 meeting

We met at Gerry Trinrud's lovely country home for a pot-luck picnic and research on her records. Seventeen members and three guests were present.

Before our meeting, Judy Wollangk, Pauline Janssen, Sally Wollangk, Barb Schuler, Darlene Ryan, and Nancy Helbach had met a few times to plan for a project for our group to accomplish. This project is a research guide book that would list the genealogical resources available in Waupaca County. Hopefully we could publish it by May 1998. The Stevens Point Genealogy Group have published such a book twice.

Judy Wollangk gave us each assignments sheets for the churches and libraries in the Waupaca County. This includes what records each church or library has available and how accessible they are. The church and library queries are due at the next meeting at Nancy's home on August 14.

The food was enjoyed by all.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes from August 14, 1997 meeting.

We met at Nancy Helbach's gracious county home for a pot-luck picnic and to do research on her Waupaca County records. There were 16 members present.

Our genealogical research guide book project is making progress since many members handed in their assignment sheets from the various churches and libraries. We hope to publish in May.

Several members researched Waupaca records in Nancy's lower level room. Others exchanged information on what they were doing for their family history.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Welcome New Member:

Marjorie GRAETZ
6382 Cty Rd A
Amherst, WI 54406
1-715-824-3798

Bakken Strolberg Kauppe Seefeldt
Mason Judson Dailey

Bits and pieces

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The following taken from the Odom "Family Tree" August/September 1997:

Are you doing genealogical research on an American Physician? The National Genealogical Society now offers a research service for entries in the *AMA Deceased Physician File*. Surnames A through L now available! The file is incomplete from 1878 to 1905, but comprehensive from 1906 to 1969. Information in the database usually includes date and place of birth and death, medical school attended, place of practice, hospital affiliation, and obituary. Write: National Genealogical Society, ATT: Physician Research, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399. Include: First and Last Name of Physician, time period, location (if known). Research fee: \$15.00 per name (prepayment required).

Yes, you can get forms from National Archives via email: The National Archives requires that you use the correct forms to get information from their records. Now, you can email your requests for forms to: inquire@arch.2.nara.gov Put one word in the subject block "form". In the body include the form number and name as well as the number of copies you would like. Common forms needed are: Form 80 (Military Service & Pension Records prior to WWI); Form 81 (Passenger arrivals); Form 82 (Copies of Census records); Form 83 (Eastern Cherokee Application); and Form 180 (Military Service Records after WWI).

Need help in Norway? The University of North Dakota has copies of the parish records of Norway which contain 700,750 volumes of names and information on Norway. For more information contact Ms. Sandra Beidler, Director, Chester Fritz Library Special Collections, UND, Grand Forks, ND 58202

From Heart o' Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter September 1997:

Cavalry Association BIOCAV Project The Cavalry Association is a national non-profit educational association which has been preserving the photographs, history and information that are the heritage of the U.S. Army Cavalry. They have a museum and research library and serve as an information source to the public (including genealogists and re-enactment groups). The Cavalry Association is currently compiling a database of cavalymen called BIOCAV. Their objective is to record a shore biographical sketch of all cavalymen from the Revolutionary War to the end of the horse cavalry after WWII (including both Union and Confederate Cavalymen). You can request a historian to check this database for your direct or collateral ancestor by writing to the United State Cavalry Association, P O Box 2325, Fort Riley KS 66442-0325. (A SASE and /or donation would be appreciated). If your ancestor is found, copies will be sent. If your ancestor is not found, you may wish to submit a shore biography on their BIOCAV form to help future researchers. (Note the new address for the Cavalry Association: the Fort Bliss TX address is outdated and mail to the address is returned to sender).

From Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society Newsletter Summer 1997:

Norwegian Research on Internet One of the most useful web sites for Norwegian research is the Norwegian census of 1801. Placed on the web by the Department of History at the University of Bergen, the 1801 Page provides the original census lists with data organized by county, parish, district and farms. The census provides information on everyone living in Norway on February 1, 1801, with the exception of two parishes, Holt and Dypvaag. You will find the 1801 page at <http://www.uib.no/hi/1801page.html> When you visit the website you will also find the Emigration List for Bergen 1874-1924. Bergen was the second largest harbor of Norway, after Christiania (Oslo). All emigrant records were entered by the police into a protocol. Only the protocols from 1874 and onward have survived.

Internet Addressed:

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| Nancy Helbach | nhelbach@gglbbs.com |
| Pauline Janssen | Djanssen@pitnet.net |
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Please add to your address book. We currently have 12 members with internet address!

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| Reuben EDMINSTER | Martha AMY | December 9, 1855 |
| Geo W ROBINSON | Amy NOYES | December 13, 1855 |
| Danniel GILL | Alma CROMWELL | December 15, 1855 |
| Henry Joseph MINTON | Mary Elizabeth VELIE | December 18, 1855 |
| Herbisen MC LEAN | Mary Ann BUTTON | December 25, 1855 |
| Calvin PARKER | Martha BAKER | December 28, 1855 |
| Samuel BAKER | Lydia E STEDSON | December 28, 1855 |
| Jonathan NOYES | Eliza H CARTER | January 1856 |
| Samuel mONACE | Leitecia M WILSON | January 1856 |
| | (courthouse isn't sure of this year but would say that is it) | |
| Peter J NORDEEN | Amelia M PRICE | February 7, 1856 |
| Wm MC ARTHUR | Loisa CARROLL | February 17, 1856 |
| Peter PACE | Dianther SAHILL | February 17, 1856 |
| Henry MC FALL | Fanny E ANTHONY | March 2, 1856 |
| C H MACK | Lucy T WELLINGTON | April 2, 1856 |
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| Erick NEILSON | Marthe NIELSDATTER | April 7, 1856 |
| Simon L GRATTAN | Lydia A MORRIS | April 10, 1856 |
| Hazeltine HARRIS | Miss MINER | April 13, 1856 |
| Trueman CHITENDEN | Lucretia LEWIS | April 20, 1856 |
| Ephraim STOUT | Tabitha Sophia PHENIS | April 28, 1856 |
| - Collins M PRINK | (Wife's name not there): | April 28, 1856 |
| Andres PEDERSEN | Luce GRANBERG | May 4, 1856 |
| John SEIDLAND | Betsey LARVSON | May 5, 1856 |
| Anton VOYT | Mary GLOCK | May 5, 1856 |
| Charles H HALL | Sarah M EDDY | May 6, 1856 |
| Henry H RICE | Sarah Jane WATSON | May 15, 1856 |
| John F STREIK | Fredricka GLOCK | May 16, 1856 |
| Knud Neilsen GRURUD | Lemine KNUDSDATTER | May 21, 1856 |
| Jacob Olsen TRLAND | Maren ERICKSDATTER | June 8, 1856 |
| Ole Christensen GURHOLDT | Grinheld R REDSTUL | June 9, 1856 |
| J G SUNDERLAND | Sophia STODDARD | June 11, 1856 |
| Michael RENIE | Esther OLESON | June 13, 1856 |
| Thomas BROOME | Sarah CLINTON | June 20, 1856 |
| Niels JORGENSEN | Gunheld SAMBRETSDATTER | June 21, 1856 |

WAUPACA AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

(W.A.G.S.)

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King, WI 54946-0042

WELCOME!

We are a group of energetic family researchers interested in expanding our horizons, preserving history for future generations and meeting new genealogical friends.

The meetings are currently being held at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Waupaca Library, located at 107 S. Main Street, Waupaca, WI. Our meetings (and if there are any changes in time or place) will be announced in the local newspaper, the Waupaca County Post and also on WDUX radio station.

Enclosed is an Ancestor (Pedigree) Chart and a Member Resource Inventory, which we would like to have you complete and return to us. WAGS have started and continue to maintain an Ancestor Book. You may find the research checklist and Surname list useful in your research.

A yearly membership fee of \$5.00 has been established for the calendar year (Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st) for each member. A Membership card will be sent if you enclose a SASE. A quarterly newsletter will be sent to each member or family. If you join during the membership year and would like back issues of the WAGS newsletter, please enclose an additional \$1.25.

We have members that have been doing research for many years and some that have just started. If you are looking for information in Waupaca County and do not know where to find answers we will steer you in the direction you should be taking. Some members also do research for a fee.

Please submit any questions, in writing, and enclose a SASE to any of the members below.

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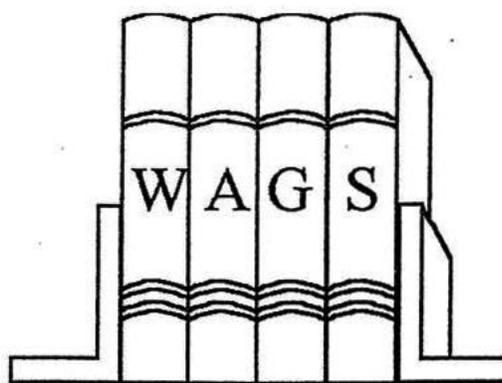
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Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

Newsletter
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Meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the:
Waupaca Library, 107 S. Main, Waupaca, WI. 6:30 P. M.

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| Officers: | President | Nancy Helbach | 715/258-2247 |
| | Vice-Pres | Judy Wollangk | 920/234-8701 |
| | Secretary | Jane Taylor | 715/258-7370 |
| | Treasurer | Darlene Ryan | 715/258-5627 |
| | Historian | Geri Trinrud | 715/467-2452 |
| | Newsletter | Susie Freistedt | 715/445-2592 |

Our mailing address: WAGS P O Box 42, King, WI 54946

The purpose of the society shall be to 1) generate an interest in genealogy, 2) provide a meeting place for the exchange of genealogical ideas, 3) to inform people of the value of the need for preserving family and local history for posterity, 4) assist members and others with genealogical problems and instruct them in the art of genealogical research, 5) to receive, hold, and invest monies, dues, gifts, sales, interest, etc., and to hold and administer property for the benefit of the society and for its educational purpose as provided in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

WAGS Meetings coming up Meeting Room Lower Level of the Waupaca Library,
Second Thursday of the Month: 6:30 p.m.

January 8, 1998

February 12, 1998

March 12, 1998

(Programs are not set at time of Newsletter going to printing.)

Hello from your Pres————

Christmas greetings to you and yours, from all of us here in the Waupaca area, but especially all of the WAGS officers and support groups that keep all of us on track all year long. Please remember to think of your extended family and the family gatherings that you have planned, that may some day go into your child or grandchild's family history. As I look back over the year our collection and the steps we've taken, I especially hope to make the Sesquicentennial a banner year.

Happy Holidays, your President, Nancy

Mark your calendar

June 26-27, 1998 GENE-A-RAMA will be held at the Paper Valley Inn in Appleton. The speaker will be Hank Jones, Jr.

October 23-24, 1998 Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial year. To help celebrate, the WI State Genealogical Society will be holding a Family History Conference at the new Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison. There will be nationally known speakers and top-flite vendors. To make sure you get a registration brochure when it is published, send your name and address to WSGS (WSFHC) POBox 5106, Madison, WI 53705

***** REMINDER***** We need *YOUR* INPUT if you have a suggestion for a program at our monthly meeting contact one of the Officers at the phone numbers above. Drop a note, email or call Susie Freistedt, 160 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487, 715/445-2592 or freistedt@gglbbs.com if you have an interesting article or workshop information you would like to share with the other members. For all you INTERNET users we will be adding your internet address to our membership list with your permission. *****

Minutes of W A G S Meeting on September 11, 1997

We met at the Waupaca Library, Lower level, at 6:30 PM. Twenty-four members and one guest were present.

July Wollangk is continuing to compile statistics about the resources in Waupaca County. Now she is considering listing the cemeteries, perhaps maps of where they are located.

Bruce Freistedt gave a talk and demonstration on making proofs of old negatives. Mostly he was talking about old color negatives from the 1950's. He said they needed to be converted to black and white, using special paper. He also talked about going to visit relatives and taking pictures of their ancestral pictures. He also demonstrated doing this with a 35mm camera.

Dave Baker found a relative on the Internet. He said the GEDcom files list many names.

Marilyn Marquard brought copies of her grandfather's patents-he was an inventor.

Geri Trinrud mentioned that the Scandinavia Lutheran Church was to be featured on television on AgDay early on Saturday morning.

Jonnie Bender found the grave of her great great great grandfather, named Harrington.

And Merlin Horn published a 380-page book called "HERITAGE OF PIONEER FARMERS-HISTORY OF HORN AND KOCK FAMILIES FROM NORTHERN GERMANY TO SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN" Along with it he has printed a separate genealogy of the families which he can later add to. It is beautiful and he is asking \$50.00 for it.

The meeting adjourned after the library was closed.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes from October 9, 1997 meeting

We met at the Waupaca Library, Lower level, at 6:30 PM. with 21 members in attendance. First on the agenda was the election of officers. The following officers were elected:

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| Newsletter | Susie Freistedt |

Nancy Helbach announced that our November 13th meeting will feature Ruth Steffan as our speaker.

At the December 11th meeting, the Wisconsin State Historical Society will present a slide show about their history.

A discussion was held about cemetery records. Should we try to make a book of the cemetery records that we already have? Should we compile a book AND put them on a web page? We should ask the State Cemetery Society if our group can sell information that is already made public.

A new member is Jon Boehm of Findlay, Ohio.

Barb Schuler made a motion that we reimburse Geri and Nancy for making copies of the Guyant Index. The motion passed.

Queries were read from people looking for information from our group.

AROUND THE TABLE:

Merlin Horn said there is ONLINE genealogy that puts out a journal with hints for beginning genealogists.

Shirley Soto is looking for birth records in Michigan but so far has found none.

Ginny Baker brought her collection of Waupaca postcards for us to see.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

Minutes from the November 13, 1997 meeting

Nancy Helbach opened the meeting with an announcement about our December program. Kevin Graffagnino will show slides about the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and its growth through the years since 1846.

Another announcement was the ORIGINS, a company in Janesville, which sells genealogical materials, is making an index of all the cemeteries in Wisconsin.

Cindy Stang received an answer from her query on the Internet and found a relative in Minnesota.

Nancy introduced Ruth Steffan, as our guest speaker, talking about "Little Known Resources". Ruth began showing us a "Quarantine" sign designed especially for researchers with the genealogy "fever".

She handed out bibliography sheets for which is available at the UW-SP Learning Resource Center which covered the stacks, which may be checked out, and the Reference Department and Archives material which can be studied there. This includes microfiche, CD's and books. The Archives on the 5th floor has information for 12 counties including Waupaca County since they are the Area Research Center.

Listing "Little Known Resources":

1. Stevens Point Obituary Index which tells of obits in the local newspaper
2. The Periodical Source Index-a good source of newsletters and magazines
3. Passenger and immigration lists
4. City directories
5. Business directories
6. Mortuary records
7. School records-to to Board of Education, if you don't know which school it is
8. Military records
9. The Masons, of the Masonic Lodges, keep good records
10. Sandborn maps which were used by fire departments
11. And the resource of the Internet-for example, U.S.Genweb has the ambitious project getting a web page from every county in every state

Ruth told how genealogy searching has become mainly a reference desk function. All the libraries have computers to help you search for a book. She says it goes faster if you put the name of the book on KEY WORD instead of the regular way.

It was a very educational and helpful talk and we are grateful for her insights into our research of family trees.

Jane Taylor, Secretary

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BUCHHOLTZ, THIEL, YANKE, STOLES
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QUERIES:

BOEHM, JON, 219 Hurd Avenue, Findlay, OH 45840-3469 email: jboem@bright.net---Looking for any info on place of birth for Albert Friedrich BUCHHOLTZ born about 1843, died 16 June 1910.

LARSON, EUNICE B., 57 Aalapapa Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3118--Seeking information regarding descendants of Olav KNUTSON/KNUTSON SANNES who came to America March 1849 from Telemark, married 22 September 1857 to Marie Olavsdatter NORDENAA at Farmington Township, Waupaca village, WI. Children born Scandinavia, WI: Knute, Ole, Theodore, Andrew, Tommy, Thea/Tilda, Carrie, Ann Tumine, Gina/Mattie.

Please ADD these surnames for Jonnie Bender

HARRINGTON, VAUGHAN, STRATTON,
CARPENTER, SMITH, JOHNSON, ENDER,
BEADLESTON, THOMAS

Bits and pieces

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1850 Census Note: When researching information in the 1850 census, be sure to remember that IA indicated INDIANA not IOWA as in later records. It could make a big difference! From Heritage Quest.

There is a movement to have the US census bureau include the maiden name of all married women on future censuses. If you are in favor, write to Mr. Harry Scarr, Acting Director of the Census Bureau, Dept. of Commerce, Washington, D C. From the Irish Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol. 12 No 1 (Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Newsletter Dec 1997)

Land Records Tip--In the lower left corner of most old deeds, you will find signatures of 2 to 4 witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side of the family. The next one always from the wife's side-to protect her one-third dower right under the law. Nothing you will ever use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds.

In addition, in the 1880's and before, it was tradition when the daughter married, as part of her dowry, for the father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you know the husband's name but not the wife's maiden name, find out to whom they made their mortgage payment. About 70 o/o of the time it will be her father. Heritage Quest Sept/Oct 1996 (Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Newsletter Dec 1997)

From Barb Schuler: LDS Family History Center in Appleton has posted NEW hours

Starting November 1 Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Thursday 6 PM to 9 PM
Friday 9 AM to 3 PM

Closed December 19 thru January 5

Hamburg Passenger Lists The Hamburg Passenger Lists have been microfilmed, and are available via the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. But if you don't want to do the research yourself, you may contact the Hamburg Emigration Office in Hamburg and they will perform the search for you. You must be able to give them the exact year of emigration, and the full name of your ancestor and the names of any who emigrated with him/her (if known). If their search is successful, you will receive a stamped and sealed certificate on heavy paper of the original ship's list containing your ancestor's personal data, i.e., age, occupation, marital status and city of origin as well as the name of the ship, its destination and date of sailing for the New World. The cost is \$60.00 U.S. and may be sent to the Hamburg Tourist Board, Historic Emigration Office, POBox 102249, 20015 Hamburg, Germany From Northwoods Genealogical Society Newsletter, Dec 1996 (Pinery Pedigree Nov/Dec 1997)

Some Internet addresses to look at:

Arcadian Genealogy <http://tdg.uoguelph.ca/~ycyr/genealogy/>

Mayo Genealogy <http://www.mayo-ireland.ie/general/Mayo.htm>

Civil War and other genealogical sites

<http://www.janyce.com/gene/rootdig.html>

Genealogy Calendar <http://genealogy.org/PAF/www/events/>

Royal Genealogy <http://www.dcs.hull.ac.uk/public/genealogy/royal/catalog.html>

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December 3, 1997

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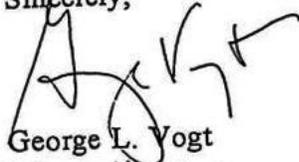
Dear Ms. Freistedt,

The State Historical Society is approaching a wonderful year to engage Wisconsin's citizens in what we do best: bringing the past alive. Your strong support will help the Society mark Wisconsin's 150th anniversary of statehood with an exceptional calendar of public programs. Each year the Society conducts our single campaign for unrestricted gifts, the Annual Contributors Fund. Our 1998 Fund goal is to break \$200,000, reaching an important milestone for the Society. Last year your gift of \$30 helped the Society raise \$176,000 from 864 donors. This year, won't you please consider increasing your gift to \$60. Come, join with us, and make history happen in Wisconsin.

Here is a sample of what we plan for the Sesquicentennial year. The first official celebration of statehood takes place at First Capitol in Belmont, one of our historic sites, where the Assembly will hold a special session on January 12. Then, on January 27, we open "Celebrating Wisconsin: Then and Now" at the State Historical Museum. This delightful exhibit pairs historical photographs with contemporary Wisconsin images also scheduled to be featured in the May issue of *Wisconsin Magazine of History*. On May 1, the Society opens a new regional history center as part of the Northern Great Lakes Center in Ashland. The history center will serve northern Wisconsin visitors, genealogists, local historians, teachers and others interested in the region. May 29 is statehood day, and First Capitol will be back in the news as we reveal recent findings about early territorial history at an archeological dig in Belmont. Beginning in May, watch for telecasts of the "Wisconsin Stories" series on public television. These five, one-hour documentaries on the history of our state are co-productions of the Society and Wisconsin Public Television. One of the Sesquicentennial year's most spectacular events will be the June 13 rededication of the Villa Louis mansion in Prairie du Chien, stunningly restored to its original, high-Victorian appearance. In the fall, make every effort to join us for two important events: dedication of Old World Wisconsin's Pleasant Ridge Chapel on September 26 honoring Wisconsin's African-American community; and Wade House's September 26 - 27 re-enactment of an event that defined Wisconsin in American history, the famed Iron Brigade's courageous stand along McPherson's Woods at Gettysburg.

For 152 years, the Society has cared for all aspects of Wisconsin's unique contributions to the American experience. Help us continue to explore our common heritage at its very best.

Sincerely,



George L. Vogt
Director



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