

# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

**Newsletter  
MARCH 2000**

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April/May 2000	Marathon CO Gene Soc. sponsoring trip to Salt Lake City	Contact Mary Lou McCarten 715-845-2745
May 13, 2000	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society	Details to follow
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### **From our Pres——**

March is the time of the year to set aside dates for the Hilliker Ceremony, Family Reunion, the field trip for more information on those gaps in the family data and stories and of course find a map and route to visit a cemetery or two.

Remember to document and cite your sources of what Aunt Alice said, who has new babies and got married at the reunion, and either do a stone rubbing or document that the tombstone said, as well as document Volume and Page from the Courthouse record. Remember to ask each person prior to submitting information (the Privacy Act) and when at the Courthouse or Church, remember to use pencil and NEVER alter in any way or mark on any page any information, even if YOU know it is NOT correct. Give to the Courthouse employee, or the Church Secretary a copy of your verified information, and if they chose to utilize it, good for you! Remember to never take a photo, photocopy or scan without proper permission-Courthouse or Church or any official record can only be done by the appropriate official in charge of the record. To photocopy, photo or scan without permission jeopardizes all of our access and gives all of us a poor reputation, deserved or not. If you are not prepared to pay, please just copy the information into your notebook until you can afford the copied record. When in a library or other place where there is copyrighted information, remember not to copy unless the copyright time limitation has run out, and when you do have permission, remember to give proper credit in a proper manner, before you publish your book.

After spending two days in Madison at the Genealogy 2000 meeting, it makes me very happy to have learned more on military records, computer use and some Courthouse searching tips and techniques. The vendors were wonderful, and money was spent by many.

Keep building that tree with all those branches and give it all meaning.

Your President, Nancy Helbach

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has asked for a sample of our newsletter, list of publication, flyers, etc. This was sent to them in December 1999.

## Resource Center Information

Hours may vary, if traveling a distance, telephone to verify hours.

**Wausau Family History Center Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 5405 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI 54401, 1-715-355-4856**

Hours: Thursday 1:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**State Historical Society Area Research Center, Learning Resource Center, UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 1-715-346-2586**

Hours: Fall and Spring Semesters  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 - 12:00, 1:15 - 4:30 PM

**Waupaca Public Library, 107 S Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, 1-715-258-4414**

Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, 1-608-264-6400**

Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
8:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Friday and Saturday  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Shawano Latter Day Saints Family History Center, Evergreen and Zingler, PO Box 321, Shawano, WI 54166, 1-715-526-2946**

Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Appleton Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 425 W Park Ridge Ave, Appleton, WI 54911, 1-920-733-5358**

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Oshkosh Latter Day Saints Family History Center, Hwy 21 and Oakhill Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904, 1-920-233-6545**

Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM to Noon  
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to Noon

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## Queries

I am looking for descendants of Peter Larson/Larsen (1840-1925) and his second wife Marie Karen Johnson (1848-1912). Peter had 2 children by a first marriage: Andrew L Larsen (1865-1935) and Anna E Larsen (1869-1895). Then Peter married Marie Karen Johnson, November 10, 1871, Waupaca, WI. I am looking for descendants of this marriage. My grandmother, Nellie Amanda Larson Colwell was the 6<sup>th</sup> child. Are there any descendants, perhaps grandchildren of: Dr Carl Alfred Larson (1875-1940) of Ashland, WI, Christian Larson (1877-1942) of Marshfield, WI, William L Larson (Sept 15, 1888-?) of Springfield, MA, Sophia Larson (August 23, 1872-September 23, 1920) of Weyauwega, WI, married W A Stearns of Weyauwega, WI, they had one son. Also information regarding Mary D Benlick (1845-1938) Contact Christine. S Rosbach, phone: 509-968-3253 or email: [srosbach@eburg.com](mailto:srosbach@eburg.com).

## Bits and Pieces

The Waupaca County Historical Society is gathering information about all 130 old rural schools in the county. Photographs, graduation lists, school board records and minutes, and personal recollections are being sought from former students and teachers. These materials will be considered for possible inclusion in a forthcoming book. If you have historical information or other related items, please contact Donald Hanson at (920)-244-7564 or Joan Paulson at (715)-823-4995. Don's mailing address is N7625 Swamp Road, Manawa, WI 54949

Special information from one of our members Bill Handrich:

New Business Announcement – WAGS member Bill Handrich has started BILL HANDRICH HISTORICALS, which specializes in affordable, high-quality reproductions of Wisconsin state, county, township, and village maps. Bill's inventory contains detailed maps of Waupaca County from the 1870's to the 1920's, many showing property ownership, one-room schools, and other local features. A full selection of Waupaca County townships and villages is available. For more information, contact Bill at BILL HANDRICH HISTORICALS, 9444 Rainbow's End, Amherst Jct., WI 54407, phone 715/824-2060, fax 715/824-2610, or email at [handrich@triver.com](mailto:handrich@triver.com)

New York to Wisconsin Migration – Are you researching German ancestors who migrated to Wisconsin after first settling in Niagara Co., New York? A number of publications are available from Eugene W Camann, 6697 Luther St, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 that describe the large-scale emigration and resettlement of hundreds of families from the area west of Stettin, in northern Prussia, to Niagara County in 1840's and 50's. Many of these families later migrated in "clusters" to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. A number of WAGS members have located information about their ancestors in Camann's research, including early passenger lists, family narratives, and property locations. Titles and pricing information are available by mail.

FREE DOORPRIZES AT WAGS MEETINGS – Bill Handrich is donating monthly doorprizes from BILL HANDRICH HISTORICALS at monthly WAGS meetings. The January "freebie" was a 1878 map of Waupaca County, and February's was a set of *two* – an 1878 map of the City of Waupaca in original color, and a 1923 map of the Chain 'O Lakes area of Waupaca. Sign up for the March doorprize at the meeting!

**FOR SALE OR TRADE** – Several original copies (not reprints) of Malcolm Rosholt's detailed 1959 history of Portage County – *OUR COUNTY, OUR STORY*, 600 pages with two sections of black and white illustrations. All copies are complete with only minor wear. Contact Bill at 15/824-2060 or [handrich@triver.com](mailto:handrich@triver.com)

The following from *The Family Tree* December 1999/January 2000:  
**POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY COLLECTING OBITUARIES** – The Polish Genealogical Society of Michigan has, as one of its projects, the collection of death notices and obituaries of Polish-Americans from newspapers across the US. The goal is to computerize the information on these individuals using Personal Ancestral File (PAF) for submission to the database maintained by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Stanley Brescoll, Jr., is coordinating this project. He asks that the entire obituary section of the paper be saved, not just the "apparently Polish" single obituary. For more information, or to contribute data, contact Brescoll at 8910 Graham, Dearborn, MI 48126-2334

**HELP IN COPYING OLD CLIPPINGS** – Regarding yellowed, brittle newspaper clippings: I copy them on a copy machine. No matter how yellow or brittle, they come out white again. I've been doing this for years, and so far I've not noticed any yellowing. This is much less expensive than laminating. With thanks to The Imperial Polk Genealogy Society, PO Box 10, Kathleen, FL 33849

**TEXAS VOTER REGISTRATION, 1867-1869** – If you've been looking for Texas information you might wish to write for the microfilm publication of the Texas State Library, State and Local Records Division, 4400 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, TX 78756, refilmed 1994. *The Texas Voter Registration* is 12 rolls, 35 mm. \$17.50 each (plus shipping). At the close of the Civil War, citizens of the seceded states had to sign a loyalty oath and have their names enrolled in a voter register before they could again exercise their right to cast a ballot. The purpose of the 1867 Voters' Registration was to prepare, by county, lists of those qualified at the discretion of the military-district commander to vote for or against calling a constitutional convention. Thus, these lists are unique. African American voters are identified in the remarks column as colored col., or F.M.C. This microfilm series is a major tool for finding those residents not in the state when the 1860 was taken and for identifying those who died or left Texas before the 1870 enumeration. Source: Brenda Burns Kellow. With thanks to *Somos Primos*.

**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA PLAN ANNIVERSARY** – The Germans from Russia Heritage Society (GRHS) celebrates their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year at the 2000 convention in Bismarck, North Dakota. The event is set for July 13-16, 2000. If you wish more details, please contact <http://www.grhs.com>

**SPIES IN THE REVOLUTION?** – Family history shows up in the strangest places. "Intelligence in the War of Independence" with lots of exciting Revolutionary War tales of espionage and spies, names and places are found in a web site sponsored by the CIA...go to <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/warindep/index.html>

**THE ULTIMATE IN HOLIDAY GIFTS!** – Preserved DNA is the perfect gift to your children for birthdays or holidays—a unique present nobody else can match! They will be grateful for the foresight and thoughtfulness. Join the Genome Generation. Contact GeneSaver, PO Box 544, Grantham NH (603)863-3665

# Waupaca County on the Internet by Paula Vaughan US GenWeb Coordinator

In the past several years the computer and Internet has become more and more a tool for the genealogist. Just like any other resource – it is just that a tool. Each month more information is being placed on the internet for our access, which aids the genealogist.

Many of you, who have access to the Internet already are familiar with the USGenWeb Project of which Wisconsin is a part. The USGenWeb Project evolved from a group of genealogist who in 1996 organized the Kentucky Comprehensive Genealogy Database. The idea was to provide a single entry point for genealogy data. This database project evolved into the KentuckyGenWeb Project. When the Kentucky project was nearing 100 0/0 of its county coverage-interested volunteers decided to create similar pages for all states, which established the present USGenWeb Project. Within the USGenWeb Project each state has it's own project, as does Wisconsin and there fore Waupaca County. The projects are dedicated to bringing genealogy information to all.

The USGenWeb Project has many on going projects such as the census, tombstone, pension, etc. Of which they are always looking for help. (More information on these projects can be found at <http://www.wsgenweb.org/projects/projects.html>). Who are the people who work on these projects-VOLUNTEERS! I recently have volunteered as the Waupaca County Coordinator for the WIGenWeb Project and wanted to start by letting as many people know about this project as possible and enlisting as much help as possible form other volunteers. I had a head start when taking over in November, as Jan Marasch (the previous county coordinator) had a great deal of information already on the site.

At the present time I am learning the how-tos of a website and trying to gather as much information as possible that can be placed on the web pages. (Keeping in mind copyright laws.) This is what bought me to writing this article for the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Newsletter. What better way of getting the word out and asking for ideas, information, queries, etc!

There is a great deal of information on the Waupaca County site and my hopes are to continue to add to the site. Possible projects for the website include census index and a military page. Some of the contents already available on the website covers information on: cemeteries, townships, microfilm, funeral homes, land, maps, libraries, books, etc.

There is also a number of GenConnect pages for posting your queries or records. Along with a page set up for your surname queries, there are pages set up for posting obituaries, wills, family biographies, birth/death/marriages records, bible record, etc. Up-coming events-you can list your family reunions, local civil war events, any event that is family, genealogy or history related. As you can see there is a wide range of information available and a large number of pages where you can share your information or seek other researchers concentrating on the same surnames you may be researching.

I hope to continue to provide valuable information about Waupaca County and it's people and would like your help. I am looking for ideas, information or queries to post on the website. If you have an idea for a certain type of page you would like to see on the site, information or queries to post on the website. If you have an idea for a certain type of page you would like to see on the site, information I can use or postings-please send them to me. Any suggestions will be seriously considered. Don't have a computer-please send your query(ies) and I will post them on the appropriate page, but please remember if you don't have a computer I will have to also post your name and address with the query so other researchers can contact you.

So please help out! Information, suggestions and queries can be sent to me at: Paul Vaughan, 880 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or email: [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com) Please enclose a SASE if a response is requested.

Helpful Web sites:

Waupaca County Homepage

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/index.html>

WIGenWeb

<http://rootsweb.com/~wigenweb/>

USGenWeb

<http://www.usgenweb.org>

WorldGenWeb

<http://www.worldgenweb.org/>

Family History Library

<http://www.familysearch.org/>

Wisconsin Census On-Line

<http://www.census-online.com/links/wi.htm>

Wisconsin State History Society  
(Civil War WI C Volunteers Roster)

<http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/roster/search.asp#index>

GenForum

<http://genforum.genealogy.com>

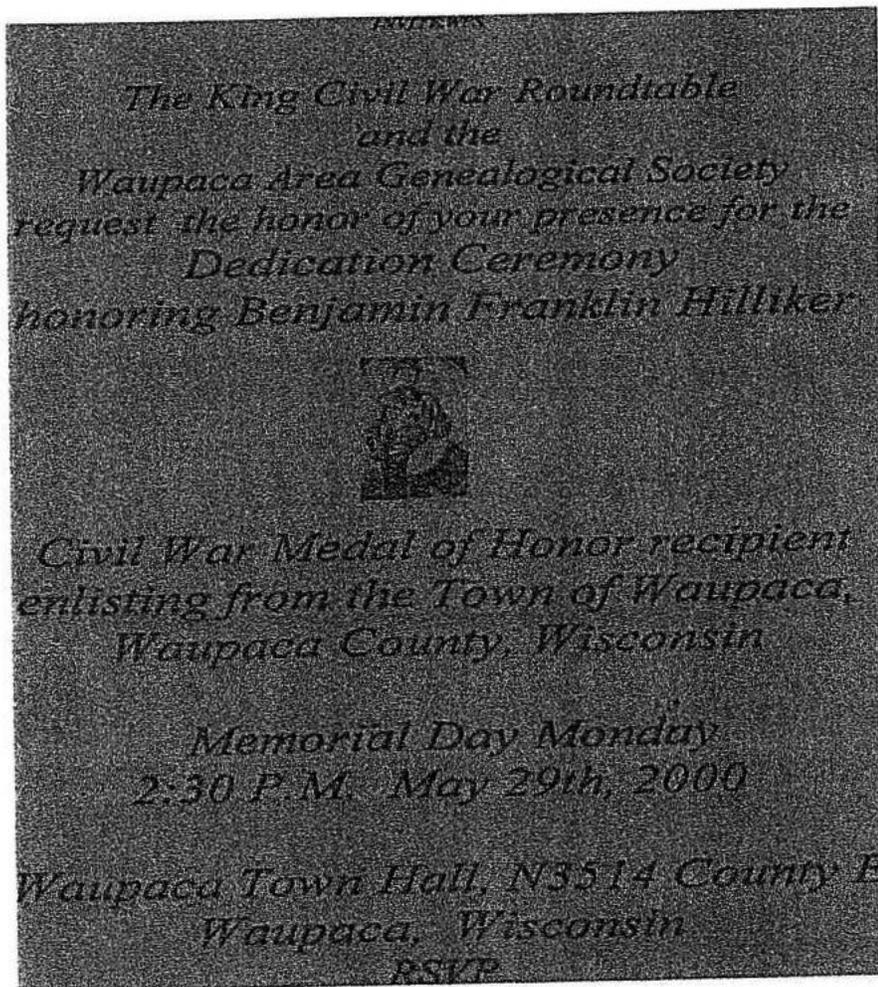
(This has a good genealogy chat room)

Bureau of Land Records

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Geographic NameServer

<http://www.mit.edu:8001/geo>



Sign up to help with "Hilliker Day". Contact either Nancy Helbach any one of the officers. There is Prep work to do prior (like mailing out invitations) and pick up, set up and clean up at event time. I truly appreciate all that has been contributed so far..Time, research plus more. Looking forward to hearing what YOU can contribute! Nancy

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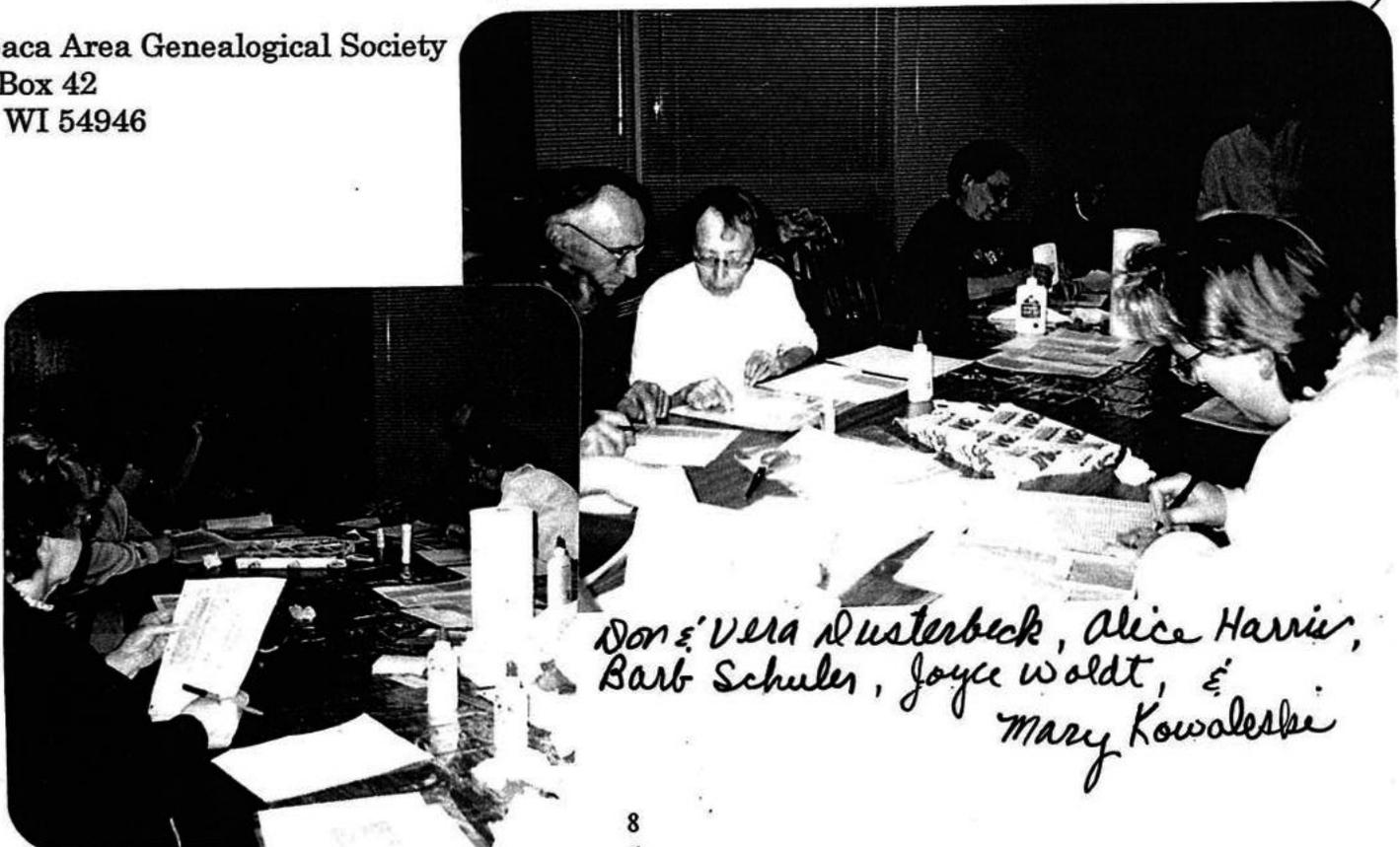
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Dues is \$5.00 per year per person Running from January to December.

The purpose of the Society shall to be generate an interest in genealogy, provide a meeting place for the exchange of genealogical ideas, to inform people of the value of and the need for preserving family and local history for posterity assist members and others with genealogical research, 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.

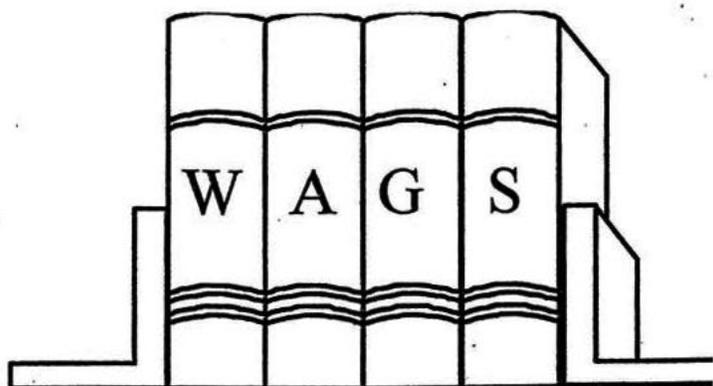
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*"Cut & Paste" at Waupaca Library*



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Barb Schuler, Joyce Woldt, &  
Mary Kowaleski*

*Gerry Trinrud, Mary K. Judy Wollangk*



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We concluded successfully on our Civil War Program for Benjamin Franklin Hilliker, with approximately 150 people present at the Waupaca Town Hall on May 29, 2000, with wonderful participation from our WAGS group. It was very much appreciated! Your cooperation is what makes occasions like that a success! Harold DeWolfe with his Town of Waupaca expertise, land searching and military assistance was a big help. Darlene Ryan with her Family Tree Maker and word processing skills were monumentally exceptional, especially the documentation and the printout of the book. Hyde Murray did a superb job of setting of the program, publishing and obtaining the King Civil War Round Table attendance for us. The Sons of the Union Veterans were also very welcome! All of the rest of you Thanks, from California to New York and back. Many members contributed a lot, and it sure made a difference in the end result—a wonderful conclusion to our project. (We do have a few loose ends yet to tie up!)

Please contribute to our Obit Pasting project by taking a packet home, to at least paste! It is very easy, and Barb Schuler and I are you contact for picking up or dropping off packets. Please help to keep us at least close to current!

Thanks to Jean Spiegelberg and her contribution for the Access program and the Kimberly Clark Community Partners program. She has successfully set up a program for us to implement, and has tested it by logging in many hours already.

Summer is rolling in, use it wisely to add to your family collection of stories, facts and pictures. Darlene and I learned throughout the Hilliker project that the more people (cousins?) working together makes a bigger success of any project. Success is very gratifying.

Take note of the meetings in July and August. **July** is at Nancy's home, map is in newsletter. (Directions: Hwy 54 West of Waupaca to Smith Lane (left) over the hill and turn left into the drive-N2924 Smith Lane about 3 miles from Kmart) Come anytime after 5:00 PM and do research till 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass for a Pot Luck supper: Bring lawn chairs. **August** meeting will be at Geri Trinruds home, map is in newsletter. (Directions: Hwy 49 north out of Waupaca to Elm Valley Road -Cty Q- turn right, just past Blueberry Road first drive way on right, Blue house on hill) Bring lawn chairs. You may want to do some research from 5 PM to 6:30 PM, then Pot Luck dish to pass supper and more time for research.

Have a wonderful summer....

Your sometimes fearless leader, Nancy

## A little Hilliker background information Thanks to Jane Taylor, WAGS

When Memorial Day was celebrated in Waupaca, the Congressional Medal of Honor winner named Benjamin Franklin Hilliker will be honored posthumously in ceremonies in the afternoon. The King Civil War Round Table and the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society are sponsoring this event.

It all began about a year ago when Hyde Murray and Bob Conroy of Manawa read about a Medal of Honor winner from the Civil War who came from Waupaca. Both men are Civil War buffs. Conroy remembered the name as Hilliker and the search turned to WAGS for help in racing the Hilliker family tree.

Nancy Helbach and Darlene Ryan, from the genealogy group, began researching and gathered more than 100 pages of information on Benjamin Franklin Hilliker. They discovered that Hilliker had enlisted in Company A in the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment on August 9, 1861, also with George Allen of Amherst, Robert Dake of Dayton, Charlie Jones of Rural, Orlando M Whitman of Springwater and Henry Pope of Waupaca. This regiment was known as the Eagle Regiment because of their live bald Eagle mascot, Old Abe. They mostly served in the Western Theater in the Mississippi River Valley. General Grant began his siege of Vicksburg in May and the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin joined forces. On the morning of June 4, 1863, the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin was sent on a reconnaissance to Chickasaw Bluffs near Mechanicsburg, MS. They found the enemy in force and every man was needed. Benjamin Hilliker, although in the army as a drummer, asked for a gun and volunteered to fight. He was known as a fine shot and so he was sent to the front along with a comrade named John Horton. Advancing to the top of the hill, they both fired. Then Horton hid behind a tree and Hilliker jumped into a surface pit. Hilliker writes, "While recapping my gun, something occurred that seemed to me like a terrific explosion. It proved to be a minie ball passing through my head. It entered at the base of the mastoid process, tore through my head, and passed out the left nostril. The first words I heard after the unpleasant incident were, "Lay him in the shade over there-he won't last long". But I have lasted, though I have to carry around a bad looking face where good looks might have served me better."

Vicksburg surrendered to Grant on July 3, 1863. Hilliker was discharged in August. Thirty-four years later, in 1897, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, which is the highest military award for bravery that can be conferred on a member of the American armed forces. Often, it was given posthumously. It was established in 1861 and was not given out very selectively. Hilliker's pension was increased to \$45 per month. In 1916, Congress decided to review the criteria and took back 911 of 2625 Medal of Honor. Hilliker, however, kept his Medal. And we are remembering and honoring him this Memorial Day.

The ceremony was held on May 29, 2000 at the Waupaca Town Hall on County Highway E at 2:30 PM. Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. The custom of decorating graves is a very old custom from many counties. General John Logan first conceived and organized it as a special day to honor the graves of Union soldiers. It began on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery. Logan was commander-in-chief of the GAR, which was organized by him and other for Union veterans of the Civil War.

From a poem by Francis N Finch:

Under the sod and dew,  
Waiting the judgment day;  
Love and tears for the blue,  
Tears and love for the gray.

## • The Most Common Mistakes in Genealogy

- Not using family group sheets and pedigree/ancestry charts.
- Not contacting relatives for assistance.
- Assuming that "no one else is working in my line."
- Not using maps of the area at the time your ancestors lived there.
- Not knowing the history of the area you are researching.
- Not using common sense when reading other family histories. If sources of information are not listed, be cautious about using them,
- Some information may be hearsay.
- Gathering information on everyone with "that" surname, unless it is a very uncommon surname.
- Not using primary sources: land, probate, church, county records, but instead relying on printed histories.
- Nor making photocopies.
- Not making a master copy. Leave the master copy at home when you travel to do research and take a duplicate copy with you.
- Not organizing your records.
- Not paying attention to the clues your ancestors left.
- Assuming that your surname is "never" spelled a different way.
- Last but not least...Give up.

From *Yesteryears Trails*, Vol XVII (Summer 1998) #2 via *CGS Newsletter*, (January/February 2000) via *Marathon County Genealogical Society* Vol 26 March/April 2000 #4

**Reunion Countdown Print Projects**—Are you preparing a directory or memory book for your reunion this summer? If so, your materials should all be collected by now and copy development well under way.

Timing in publishing is sooo very important. Printers should not be expected to perform miracles and turn a complicated print job around in a couple of days. It takes the ink time to dry!

You should have a schedule and stick to it to ensure delivery of your book before the reunion. Choose your printer carefully. Don't go to a copy shop when your requirements should be handled by a full service printer.

Copy shops and quick printers have many capabilities and knowing them in advance is very important.

For example, if you want a hardbound book, you will probably not get it from a quick copier. The cost at a full service printer is in the preparation then, as the number of books you need goes up, the per copy price goes down.

Keep your printing requirements simple. Use standard materials and supplies. Don't add frills and flourishes that enormously effect the price

A notable exception are cookbooks for which there are a number of specialized printers who have very helpful collection and preparation kits. Like any publishing project, the recipe and history collection phase can take long and be very time consuming. The kits are almost indispensable if you've never done a publishing project of this magnitude.

In fact, publishing projects in general often turn out to be much more work than anyone initially anticipated. Conclusion of such endeavors with the product safely in hand can be one of life's less obvious triumphs and your family archives' greatest treasures.

Edith Wagner, *The Family Tree*, April/May 2000

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Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**State Historical Society Area Research Center, Learning Resource Center, UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 1-715-346-2586**  
Hours: Fall and Spring Semesters  
Monday thru Friday  
8:00 - 12:00, 1:15 - 4:30 PM

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Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
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Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, 1-608-264-6400**  
Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
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Friday and Saturday  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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### Queries

Does anyone know of a web site to find ships passenger lists sailing from England to Australia about 1860's? Sue Freistedt, email: [freistedt@gglbbs.com](mailto:freistedt@gglbbs.com)

Do you know these occupation? Watch for explanations next newsletter.

Bailie, boniface, chiffonnier, clicker, costermonger, dresser, farrier, fuller, hacker, hooker, jagger, kempster, lavender, léech, mintmaster, muleskinner, porter, pigman, scrutiner, sorter, tide waiter, tipstaff, waterman, webster, whitewing, yeoman.

## Bits and Pieces

Thank You's should go to the following people for contributions in the past month:

May:

- Bill Handrich for donation of door prize of a 1864 Wisconsin-Michigan map
- Merlin Horn for donation of door prize of his book "The Farm in Nekimi Township"

### Helpful Web sites:

Wisconsin Genealogical Societies	<a href="http://www.execpc.com/~kap/genesocs.html">http://www.execpc.com/~kap/genesocs.html</a>
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Wisconsin Civil War Rosters	<a href="http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/roster/">http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/roster/</a>
Search engine	<a href="http://www.google.com">http://www.google.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.metacrawler.com">http://www.metacrawler.com</a>
	<a href="http://www.anywho.com">http://www.anywho.com</a>
Telephone Directories on the Web	<a href="http://www.teldir.com/eng">http://www.teldir.com/eng</a>
Genealogy Links	<a href="http://www.genealogylinks.net/">http://www.genealogylinks.net/</a>
Family Tree Maker	<a href="http://www.familytreemaker.com">http://www.familytreemaker.com</a>
Social Security Death Index	<a href="http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm">http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm</a>
California Birth Index(1905-1995)	<a href="http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/birth/search.cgi">http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/birth/search.cgi</a>
California Death Index(1940-1995)	<a href="http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi">http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi</a>
Louisa Co., Iowa Cemetery List	<a href="http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries/IA/Louisa/">http://userdb.rootsweb.com/cemeteries/IA/Louisa/</a>
Kentucky Civil War Rosters	<a href="http://userdb.rootsweb.com/rosters/">http://userdb.rootsweb.com/rosters/</a>

**Ancestors** have started another 13-week series for genealogy. The first episode was on Saturday, June 3, 9:30 AM on PBS. To find out more about each episode go to on the Web:

<http://www.pbs.org/kbyu/ancestors/markers>

There is a lot of helpful information that you can access on your own if you are having trouble finding where to look next.

**Germans to America**—check out this web site:

[http://www2.genealogy.net/gene/misc/emig/ham\\_pass.html](http://www2.genealogy.net/gene/misc/emig/ham_pass.html)

This is a list of passengers on vessels sailing from Hamburg between 1850 and 1934 survive in the Hamburg State Archive. The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has microfilm copies of these manifests, comprising 486 reels, which can be consulted either at the Family History Library itself or at any LDS Family History Center outside Germany (restricted imposed by the Staatsarchiv Hamburg forbid lending these microfilms to any Family History Center with Germany).

**Hamburg Emigration Lists on Internet**—The Hamburg Emigration Lists are a data bank, which includes the personal data of 5 million people who emigrated via Hamburg from 1850 to 1934. It will be made available for your personal use in April 2000, starting with the years 1890-1893.

This data bank will then grow, on a regular basis, year by year. The first phase will include the data on emigrants from 1890 to 1914. At a later date the years 1850 to 1934 will be included and all of it will be accessible on the Internet as well. As soon as you have found the name you are looking for you may obtain complete details (where they came from—even the town,

profession, age, etc.) The Hamburg lists include all the German emigrants in addition to millions of people of other nationalities, mainly from Eastern Europe.

The city of Hamburg, accommodating emigrants in the past and to this day in exclusive possession of lists of those who passed through utilizing the harbor, Bremen and other cities lost almost all of these lists, but Hamburg managed to safeguard complete records covering the flow of emigrants from 1850 to 1934.

By the year 2003, the city of Hamburg expects to be able to display the lists for the entire period covering emigration from 1850 to 1934. The Hamburg State Archive is the source and safe-keeper of all emigrant lists from this period.

You can inform yourself on subject matter pertaining to the port of emigration as well as the project "LinkToYourRoots" at Internet

site [www.hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots/english/welcome.htm](http://www.hamburg.de/LinkToYourRoots/english/welcome.htm)

Adapted from Kith and Kin, Vol 16 No 6 page 7 and the Hamburg project Internet site and brochure, Pinery Pedigree November/December 1998

**World War I Draft Registrations at Rootsweb**—check out this website:

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ww1/draft>

In early 1917, the United States declared war on Germany. In the first months of the American participation in World War I, enthusiasm was strong but volunteer enlistment into the army was modest. Consequently, a draft was instituted to bring in the needed number of men. On three designated registration days in 1917 and 1918, approximately 24 million civilian men born between 1872 and 1900 provided information for draft registration cards. More than 80 o/o of these civilians received exemptions or deferrals, and they were thus never called for military service. Information on-line now: Alaska, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi and Nevada and some abstractions from California, Kansas, Nebraska, New York City and Utah. Input during 2000: South Dakota and Colorado, western area of Texas. Input during 2001 and 2002: Texas is scheduled for full completion.

**Posen (Poznan) Church Records**—check out this web site: <http://www.wsdsc.poznan.pl/arch/>

The Archdiocesan Archives in Poznan (known as Posen when it was part of the German Empire) now has its own Web page. Those attempting to find church records in this area of present-day Poland oftentimes may have to notice a distinct lack of availability in the "traditional" sources (the LDS church was not allowed access to certain church books). But now the Archdiocesan Archives Web site enables the genealogist to see if the Archives contain church records for the town that he or she is searching. One online list of great help is the Catholic and Lutheran parish records held by the Archdiocesan Archives.

**Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths**—check out this web site:

<http://test.rootsweb.com/FreeBMD>

FreeBMD stands for Free Births, Marriages, and Deaths. The FreeBMD Project is made up of volunteers transcribing the Civil Registration index information for England and Wales onto the Internet. The FreeBMD Project will place Civil Registration index information that is greater than 100 years old on the Internet, from 1837 to 1898. Progress is sporadic; volunteer if you can.

**Genealogy Online**—<http://genealogy.emcee.com/>

This site provides many resources for online genealogists, including an online copy of the 1880 J S Census, links to other resources and Web site hosting.

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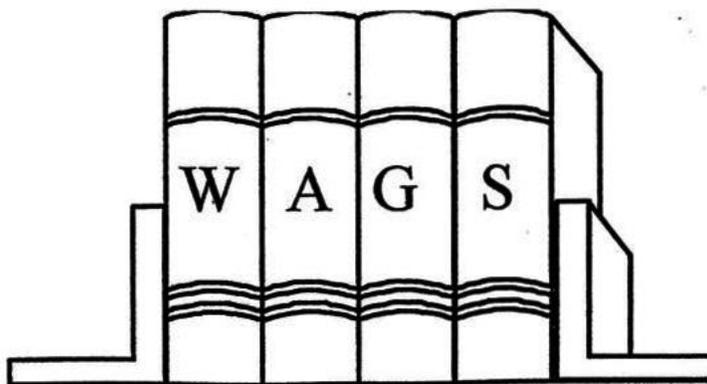
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WAGS meets at the Waupaca Public Library on the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM  
107 S Main Street, Waupaca, WI. Except for the months of July and August.

Dues is \$5.00 per year per person Running from January to December.

The purpose of the Society shall to be generate an interest in genealogy, provide a meeting place for the exchange of genealogical ideas, to inform people of the value of and the need for preserving family and local history for posterity assist members and others with genealogical research, 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.

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**September 2000 Newsletter**

Est. October 1993

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September 14, 2000	Roundtable Monthly meeting	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM
September 28, 2000	Obituary Project	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM
September 30, 2000	Annual Joint Genealogical Meeting	St Pauls United Methodist Church 600 Wilshire Boulevard, Stevens Point, WI 8:30 am-2:3- pm registration information in newsletter
October 12, 2000	Roundtable Monthly Meeting	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM
November 12, 2000	Roundtable Monthly Meeting Election of Officers	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM
November 25, 2000	Newsletter articles due	
December 14, 2000	Christmas Ethnic Potluck and Roundtable	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM
May 15-18, 2002	National Genealogical Society Conference	Milwaukee, WI WSGS local host

The deadline for receiving items to be published in the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society newsletter for December is November 24, 2000. You may send them typed or via email: contact Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor, 160 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487 or email: [freistedt@gglbbs.com](mailto:freistedt@gglbbs.com)

## From our Pres—

Search and research-it seems in our families and our genealogical musés we cover much of the same ground over and over "just looking" for a name. Is it good? It is if you have either a written or mental checklist of places and things to check for as you "look" for each person's name or a place. When was the last time you utilized religious records? Weren't you happy to find a baptism, confirmation, marriage or even death listed? When did you ever move on to see if there were Ladies Aid pictures or members listed, a Men's club or a youth group? A church anniversary booklet that list your ancestors as key organizers? Or what if your ancestor was the pastor, and you found his signature? What if your ancestor or their family were listed or pictured, and you never ventured beyond the basics? It is those small pieces that round out a name and give them a personality. Go beyond the "finger running down the page" and read

some of what you are looking through, you may be pleasantly surprised at what you find. Keep searching and researching.

As of this newsletter we are in need of a Temporary Secretary. Someone who is will to take minutes until the end of the year. Elections will be in November. At present a secretary position will need to be filled. Be thinking of some nominations:

We have received two donations, one from the Ogdensburg Athletic Club and one from Anita Borowski in memory of her husband, Tony. (Hilliker Project)

Just a reminder, check your address label to see if your dues is due. We will not be sending our reminders. If you're not sure if your dues are due, ask Darlene Ryan, our Treasurer.

Your sometimes fearless leader, Nancy

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## Queries

I am seeking information on the Samuel and Esther Mae (Davis) GIRARD family of the Embarrass/Clintonville area. Samuel d 1889 buried Riverside Cemetery, Embarrass and Esther d 1902. They had 17 children: Esther, Louisa, Samuel, McQuire, Emily, William, Mary, Jane, Ambrose, Napoleon, James, Amelia, George, Margaret, Peter, Cynthia and Albert. Searching for information leading me to this family before coming to WI in New York or Canada about 1848-1850. Paula Vaughan, 880 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902-6767 or email: [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com)

I am seeking information leading me to the parents of Calvin DYE. Calvin b 1810 m 1<sup>st</sup> Burilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roxanna NUTTING in Jefferson County, NY and moving to the Northport, Waupaca Co., WI area in the early 1850's. Calvin's children were: Wilbur, James, Adelaide, Julia, Sarah, William, Elizabeth, Cora, Nora and Alice. Calvin d 1882 and Roxanna in 1892 and both are buried at the Northport Ostrander Cemetery in Northport, Waupaca Co., WI. Paula Vaughan, 880 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902-6767 or email: [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com)

Here is the explanation of the terms in the last newsletter.

Bailie-Bailiff, boniface-Keeper of an inn, chiffonnier-Wig maker, clicker-The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the gallery from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked, costermonger-Peddler of fruits and vegetables, dresser-A surgeon's assistant in a hospital, farrier-A blacksmith, one who shoes horses, fuller-One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth, hacker-Maker of hoes, hooker-Reaper, jagger-Fish peddler, kempster-Wool comber, lavender-Washer woman, leech-Physician, mintmaster-One who issued local currency, muleskinner-Teamster, porter-Door keeper, pigman-Crockery dealer, scrutiner-Election judge, sorter-Tailor, tide waiter-Customs inspector, tipstaff-Policeman, waterman-Boatman who plies for hire, webster-Operator of looms, whitewing-Street sweeper, yeoman-Farmer who owns his own land

\*Note-the information in bold letters is the answers to the occupations!

Do you know these terms? Watch for answers in the next newsletter.

Administrator/administratrix, Banns, Chattel, Codicil, Consort, Devisee, Et ux, Fee tail, Gazetteer, Grantee, Grantor.

## Bits and Pieces

What's new on the Waupaca Genealogy Website?

(<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/index.htm>) The past few months have been busy ones on the Waupaca website with the following items being added: **American Indian Research** - This page will have information on the Waupaca area Indians with links for American Indian research. **Biographies** - 213 biographies of Waupaca area pioneers have been added since June. **Cemeteries** - Photos of several cemeteries with 178 photos of headstones were added. **Wisconsin Chat** - A link to the Wisconsin Genealogy Chat site has been added. This chat meets Sunday evenings 9:00 pm. EST. **Family and Folk Fotos** page was added. This page

presently has 48 photos of Waupaca area family and folks. **Maps** – The Waupaca County 1889 plat maps are now on line. **Military** page has links to information on all wars and conflicts, along with a link to the Wisconsin Civil War Roster. **Naturalization** information can be found on the link to the State Historical Society site. **News Articles**, this page presently has news articles from various Waupaca area newspapers for the years of 1874 through 1883 and 51 **Obituaries** have been added since June.

Check the site out for your ancestors. I am always looking for new information that can be transcribed to the website and for volunteers to assist with transcribing. If you can help or have information you are willing to share, please contact me: Paula Vaughan, 880 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902-6767 or email me at: [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com)

**Missing Census Records**—Some of the census records that seem lost or missing at first glance are merely filed in unexpected places. The 1860 Colorado census is with Kansas, Nebraska, and Utah. The 1860 Oklahoma census is with the Arkansas census, both including Indian lands. The 1860 Wyoming and Montana census are with the Nebraska census. Montana is also included in the “unorganized territory” census. The 1860 Nevada census is with the Utah census. The 1860 Missoula County, Montana census is with the Spokane County, Washington census. The 1820 and 1830 Wisconsin census are with Michigan. From *Rabbit Tracks*, Vol 17, No 4 Winter 1999 via Tuolumne County Genealogical Society *Gold Diggers*, Vol 19 No 1 and *LAWGS* Newsletter, Vol 19 No 2 February 2000, via *Pinery Pedigree*, July/August 2000

Need a Civil War ancestor? Many men were rejected from Civil War service because of illness or injury. Medical records of drafted and rejected men are at the National Archives, group record #110. They are arranged by Congressional Districts as of 1863. Data may include residence, occupation, age, place of birth, physical characteristics or reason for rejection under “remarks”. *Family Tree*, August/September 2000

Here's help for Dutch researchers—Dutch recent additions to the Hope College and Holland Museum collections in Holland, Michigan, that are available for use include the papers of William C. Vandenberg, Sr., the City of Saugatuck Collection, and City of Holland Parks and Recreation Department Records, 1930-1992. Vandenberg's papers cover the years 1904-1971, including his time as a Michigan State senator and his term as lieutenant governor, as well as his involvement in the community of Holland.

The City of Saugatuck records cover the period 1848-1985 and include a variety of records, such as tax rolls, city council minutes, population censuses, treasurers records, records of births and death, and more.

The Parks and Recreation Department records include the plans of the three cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the department, as well as a variety of other records.

*Family Tree*, August/September 2000

## Helpful Web sites:

Waupaca County Homepage

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/index.html>

Wisconsin Civil War Rosters

<http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/roster/>

Family Tree Maker

<http://www.familytreemaker.com>

Social Security Death Index

<http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm>

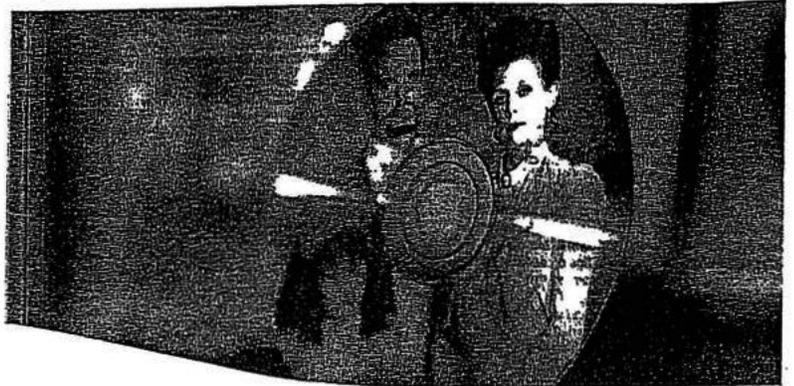
California Birth Index(1905-1995)

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/birth/search.cgi>

California Death Index(1940-1995)

<http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>

# Gateway to generations past



Searching for your roots becomes easier as more historical records appear online

BY DOUGLAS MCDANIEL

Streetwise detective Sam Spade had it easy. His clues were fairly apparent. For a genealogist, the challenge is to find a missing marriage certificate for Great-aunt Bessie and Uncle What's His Name, or a box of vital records maintained 150 years ago by a diligent clerk for a village that no longer exists. If you're lucky, the missing evidence is in some dusty attic or the basement of a distant county courthouse. More likely, it's buried in the National Archives and Records Administration.

Fortunately, the world of genealogy is on the cusp of making such detective work much easier. According to Cyndi Howells of the well-known genealogy site Cyndi's List ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)), posting official records online is "the next great frontier of genealogy."

Official archives, what she calls "source documents," are being released to the Web for the first time—U.S. Census records going back to the 1790s, Civil War muster rolls, even Iowa cemetery records compiled by the Works Projects Administration in the 1930s. These vital records are the new gold in the hills of the information age.

Howells says most of what genealogists usually find aren't "source documents," but instead compilations of lists, charts and summaries by other genealogists. As helpful as that may be, Howells says, a good genealogist knows to be skeptical about secondhand data. After all, the research is only as good as the researcher.

"Genealogy is all about records, and the compiled databases are getting better and better," Howells says. "But a lot of what you find online is not getting filled in with the right stuff. People are replicating errors. For all of the good research that's being done, there are just as many mistakes out there."

## The real thing

Genealogists want the authentic artifact—bad handwriting, archaic spelling, washed-out images and all. But original records such as the U.S. Census have traditionally only been available on microfilm at libraries, at best. To obtain that kind of information, you usually had to visit the National Archives, one of its 13 regional branches or a major library, or hire a professional researcher.

Digitizing archives has been slow because of the time and

money involved in scanning the documents and uploading them. The USGenWeb Archives project ([www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb](http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb)) has been transcribing public records for the Internet since 1996. But the growth of its archive of census records, wills and other public documents has depended on the effort of volunteers. The National Archives has more than 120,000 digitized documents available online ([www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html](http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html)), including property records for the Bureau of Land Management, which prove helpful for genealogists. But that's only a fraction of its holdings of 4 billion records. The National Archives aims to have an index of its entire collection available for online searches by the year 2007, but posting its entire collection of source documents will take much longer.

To meet the large demand—Genealogy.com ([www.genealogy.com](http://www.genealogy.com)) recorded 6.7 million searches in one day this year—dot-commerce is racing to post those official records online. Entire categories of straight-from-the-source data are being served up to an eagerly waiting audience in the form of request-by-mail services, CD-ROMs and online postings.

"A real genealogist wants to see the real record," says David Eldredge of Search & ReSearch Publishing, based in Colorado

([www.searchresearchpub.com](http://www.searchresearchpub.com)), which produces CD-ROMs with archives of the early vital records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts going back to descendants of the Mayflower.

"People go to the local library and the book is falling apart in their hands," he says. "We take the original archives, whole

shelves of stuff, give it to the typists or scan it in, and with the enhancement of the computer, we can provide both access and preservation.

"Our (digital) archives from the entire state of Massachusetts re-

place 500 pounds of books and 50 feet of shelf space," Eldredge says.

## Digitizing descendants

The great genealogical database race is on.

Each day GenealogyLibrary.com ([www.genealogylibrary.com](http://www.genealogylibrary.com)) posts several historical texts related to family histories. That adds to the 2,700 indexed texts that are downloadable and searchable, many of them compiled by long-dead authors of family histories—small-town scribes, clerics or relentless writers of personal journals.

Ancestry.com ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)), which posts new collections of original records each week and offers source documents obtained from newspaper archives or written by ministers or town officers, recently

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[www.searchresearchpub.com](http://www.searchresearchpub.com)

unveiled Images Online. It has images of everything from Civil War pension cards to U.S. Census schedules. The company's goal is to have 1 billion source documents searchable on the site by the end of the year.

An expert in networked genealogy resources, Matthew Helm, executive vice president of Family-Toolbox.net (www.familytoolbox.net), this year launched a new service called DigiSources (digisources.genealogytoolbox.com). It features digitized images of the 1790 U.S. Census. Helm intends to put the entire census—through 1920—online within the next two years.

(Census data is made public only after 72 years have passed since it was taken.)

Online availability of even one year of the census is not just helpful, it's groundbreaking. Census searches often top genealogist experts' tips lists—after asking your relatives for information—for beginning most inquiries. Once an ancestor has been found in the census record, which pinpoints the hometown as well as marriages, offspring, social status and property concerns, the quest can expand to other members of the family at that time and place. Before now, a census search at the National

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GenealogyLibrary.com  
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toolbox.com  
Heritage Quest  
www.heritagequest.com  
GenealogyDatabase.com  
www.genealogydatabase.com

## Start your search

» Until your roots to the Garden of Eden are one click away, here are some tips for beginning your genealogy challenge:

1. Seek out all of the information you can about your ancestry from family members. Accumulate letters, photographs and long-lost hope chests in attics to get you on your way.
2. Once that vital data is located and organized, create a list of hot leads. Get organized, build files and choose a software program such as Family Tree Maker (www.familytreemaker.com) or Ultimate Family Tree (www.ultimatefamilytree.com). Tips on software can be located at GenealogyPortal.com (www.genealogyportal.com).
3. Look for source documents and vital records first, and consider databases compiled by genealogists as secondary sources when the official archives can't be found.
4. Start with the 1920 census and work backward. Who was living then? Who was living near them? Seek out source documents for naturalization, ship arrivals, birth or death certificates, and military, court and church records.
5. Try the Family History Centers run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (www.lds.org/familyhistory), one of the largest collections of genealogical data in the world.

Archives was a needle-in-the-haystack effort. To find something useful was dumb luck, or, as some genealogists believe, an act of divine intervention.

No company has had a better head start in the census database race than Heritage Quest (www.heritagequest.com), which in the 1980s began archiving and indexing such documents on microfilm. It recently released the U.S. Census from 1790-1920 on 12,555 CD-ROMs that are for sale at the site. Click on Source Documents, then the census year you are looking for, then select a state. In May the company released Generations Grande Suite 8.0, a software program that includes the 1800 U.S. Census on CD-ROM, as well as records from various American wars and even a greatest hit of databases—the passenger list for the Titanic. The source documents include more than 350 million names.

In the fall, Genealogy-Database.com (www.genealogydatabase.com) will make the entire surviving U.S. Census from 1790-1920 available for subscribers. According to the founders of the site, it will be the largest database file to be made available on the Web.

Many genealogists in America, including Howells, say making the census from the 1800s available and searchable is the most dramatic thing to happen to the hobby.

Says Bradley Stuart, president and co-founder of Heritage Quest, "We are changing the way people do genealogical research."

### Backward progress

Other rich veins of source documents are waiting to be tapped. Online genealogists are clicking furiously to get their

hands on 300-year-old probate records, ships' passenger lists and hordes of resources dating back to the Dark Ages. Looking backward, forever backward, each day more vital records are collected and indexed.

With easy online access to census archives, U.S. genealogists will likely have more accurate information to use when searching for shipping records and passenger lists to determine how and when ancestors got here. Online genealogy is rushing to meet the need for immigration information.

In the spring of 2001, for example, The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation plans to unveil The American Family Immigration History Center (www.ellisland.org), which will make available ships' passenger manifests for Ellis Island.

Right now, the best records available online are for English-speaking nations. But a few good ways to keep up with develop-

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The American Family  
Immigration History Center  
www.ellisland.org  
The WorldGenWeb Project  
www.worldgenweb.org  
D'Addezio.com  
www.daddezio.com  
Other Resources  
Origins.net  
www.origins.net  
Society of Genealogists  
www.sog.org.uk  
Genealogy Toolbox  
www.genealogytoolbox.com  
Vital Records  
www.vitalrec.com  
Beginner's Guide to Family  
History Research  
www.arkansasresearch.com/  
guide.html  
Family Chronicle  
www.familychronicle.com/  
begin.htm  
Genealogy 101  
homepages.rootsweb.com/  
-bridgett/101a.htm  
Your Great Ancestral Hunt  
www.groonline.com/lessons/  
hunt/lessons/lessons.asp

ments in other nations include The WorldGenWeb Project (www.worldgenweb.org), which offers access to sites around the world; Cyndi's List, with numerous links to people of all heritages and nations; and D'Addezio.com (www.daddezio.com), which in addition to specializing in the heritage of Italians, Greeks and Germans, does a good job of organizing links for records available by mail, by CD-ROM or via the Internet.

Entrepreneurs in continental Europe, Africa and Asia will no doubt catch on as Net-savvy America surfs Web listings across the sea. According to Stuart, whose Heritage Quest project is positioned to be a baron on the wide-open terrain of vital records, "new doors are opening all of the time."

**Separation Records and Casualty Lists  
Located at the State of Wisconsin  
Department of Veterans Affairs**

State of Wisconsin, Department of Veterans Affairs,  
Records Management, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 5370  
(608) 266-3602

Records relating to military service which ended more than 75 years ago are available for public examination, and information or photocopies may be requested by mail or by telephone. These records may be used by individuals who are engaged in genealogical or historical research.

**Civil War. 1861-1865**

Source: *Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers*, 2 vols., Index (State of Wisconsin, 1886)

Arrangement: By regiment and company, subarranged alphabetically by veteran's surname. Index provides alphabetical access to regiment rosters.

Information provided: Residence at time of entry, date of entry, date mustered out, remarks (e.g. transfers, date, place soldier was wounded, taken prisoner, killed). Index gives regiment, company, rank.

**Spanish-American War. 1898-1899**

Source: Handwritten 3 1/2x6" cards

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname

Information provided: Regiment, company, physical description of veteran, place of birth, occupation, date and place of enlistment, date and place of discharge, residence at time of enlistment.

*Roster of Wisconsin Troops In The Spanish-American War* (Soldiers Rehabilitation Board, 1899)

Arrangement: By regiment and company, subarranged alphabetically by veteran's surname.

Information provided: Rank. (Deceased veterans: Rank, home of record, place, date, cause of death, grave location).

**World War I. 1917-1919**

Source: Typewritten Adjutant General and bonus cards (on microfilm)

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname.

Information provided: Rank, serial number, age, place of birth, residence, place and date of enlistment, organizations, engagements, overseas service, decoration and medals, wounds received in action, place and date of discharge, reason for discharge, disability rating.

*Roster of Wisconsin Veterans -WWI*, 15 vols. (Adjutant General's Office, n.d.)

Arrangement: By county, subarranged alphabetically under veteran's surname. Information provided: Rank, service number, branch of service, home address.

**World War II. 1940-1947**

Source: Selective service carbon copies of veterans discharge papers

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname.

Information provided: Serial number, rank, branch of service, organization, date and place of birth, permanent address, date and place of enlistment, military specialty, battles and campaigns, decorations and citations, wounds received in action, medical, pay, and insurance data, date and place of discharge, reason for discharge, character of service.

**Korean Crisis. 1950-1955**

Source: Selective service carbon copies of veterans discharge papers

Information provided: See WWII (above)

**Vietnam. 1964-1975**

Source: Selective Service carbon copies of veterans discharge papers

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname

Information provided: See WWII

**Post Vietnam. 1975-**

Source: Selective Service carbon copies of veterans discharge papers

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname

Information provided: See WWII

**Miscellaneous Records**

Stemler, Joyce Bennett. *They Went South: Biographical Sketches of the Civil War Veterans from Berlin, Wisconsin*. (Berlin Historical Society, 1968)

**WDVA Base Files** Over 200,000 files of individual veterans who have applied for benefits from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Most files contain a certified copy of the veteran's separation record.

**Vietnam Grant Files** Over 23, 700 files of individual veterans who have applied for full-time study grants through the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. All files contain a copy of the veteran's separation record.

**Grave Registration Cards**

Arrangement: Alphabetical by veteran's surname (for veterans who died prior to 1970; post-1970 -in process).

Information provided: Rank, organization, period of service, date and place of birth, date and place of death, grave location, name and address of next of kin, type of headstone.

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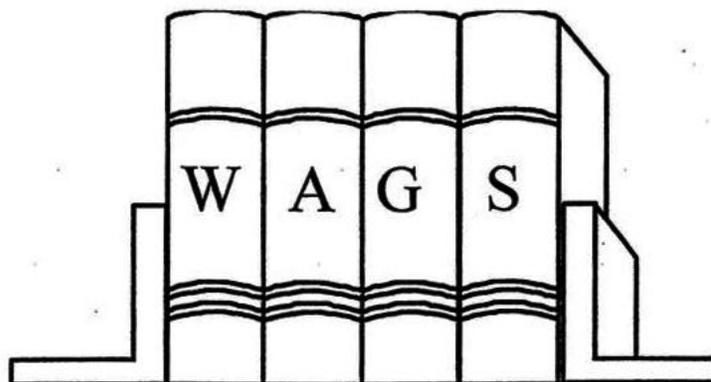
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WAGS meets at the Waupaca Public Library on the Second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM  
107 S Main Street, Waupaca, WI. Except for the months of July and August.

Dues is \$5.00 per year per person Running from January to December.

The purpose of the Society shall to be generate an interest in genealogy, provide a meeting place for the exchange of genealogical ideas, to inform people of the value of and the need for preserving family and local history for posterity assist members and others with genealogical research, 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.

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society  
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# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

**December 2000 Newsletter**

Est. October 1993

Meetings held the Second Thursday of each month in the Meeting Room, Lower Level of the:  
Waupaca Library, 107 S. Main, Waupaca, WI. 54981 6:30 PM  
(unless otherwise noted below)

WI Historical Archives	Closed in January Reopen February 2001	Madison, WI (Library and Access not affected)
March 23-24, 2001	UW-Green Bay Area Research Center Workshop	Contact: Area Research Center, Cofrin Library, UW-Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311-7001, Phone:920-465-2539, Email: <a href="mailto:speccoll@uwgb.edu">speccoll@uwgb.edu</a>
April 7, 2001	WI State Genealogical Society Spring Seminar	Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI Marion Smith, speaker
June 15-16, 2001	Gene-A-Rama	Omni Center, Onalaska, WI
May 15-18, 2002	National Genealogical Society Conference	Milwaukee, WI WSGS local host

The deadline for receiving items to be published in the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society newsletter for March is February 24, 2001. You may send them typed or via email: contact Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor, 160 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487, or email: [freistedt@gglbbs.com](mailto:freistedt@gglbbs.com)

## From our Pres—

Many Thanks to my support staff for the year 2000. It is nearly over and we had such a wonderful success with our Benjamin Hilliker project for the Town of Waupaca. Darlene Ryan was a wonderful help, both on the project, as well as the Treasurer and also with "other duties as assigned" (or volunteered). Phyllis Culton, you did fine! Sue Freistedt and Geri Trinrud you both do so many things. Groups could not function without individuals like you. We have been blessed with our "Ambassador" who has not only done roll call, but many other extras also. Barb Schuler passed the baton of the Obit Project to Darlene Ryan. What a job and well done. We had to start somewhere, and wow-do we wish Guyant's were still helping. The amount to do is astronomical. We will continue, and we need your help! Merlin Horn started mid-year as liaison for us and the Waupaca Historical Society. This next year will be eventful. Paula Vaughan has done a wonderful job on the US GenWeb project. She has passed her one-year

milestone. An exciting and challenging task she has, and has expanded it a lot, go visit her. She is developing a link for us with the Chamber of Commerce of the Waupaca site. People visiting the Chamber can now see what we have to offer. Many others of you graciously helped when I needed it ...Thanks!

December, what an exciting time in our lives for family and friends. As we greet this month and 2001 with enthusiasm, give thanks for the many family, friends and neighbors. The Waupaca Area Genealogy Society will be having new neighbors; their name is the Waupaca Historical Society. The WHS is finalizing a wonderful new project, which Dr. Roy Holly is the Executive Director. He, with WHS is finalizing, as of January 15, 2001, the acquisition of the former Waupaca City Library (AKA Carnegie's) on south Main Street. The WHS is inviting us in the use of this building.

As the pieces continue to fall into place, WAGS will not only have the ability to have a "home" in Waupaca, but will have the ability to sponsor meetings, workshops and seminars. This will be a place to display and place reference books that have been purchased, but are no longer of use, subscriptions that you have used, and are now willing to share. Any donations, either goods or monetary are tax deductible. As we have a place to share our genealogical interests with old friends and new, it will be just great.

Watch the 2001 calendar. January and February meeting nights are both 6:30 PM at the Waupaca Library, Lower level. Obit project will be earlier to get us out during the day in the winter as a trial. March may bring changes, call one of the Officers, but keep your email address updated, and we will send out an update. I am listing Waupaca events, as I hope our new meeting place will be open some of the time during those events. What an exciting year!!

Election of Officers for the WAGS 2001 year are:

President	Nancy Helbach
Vice-President	Darlene Ryan
Secretary	Mary Kowaleski
Treasurer	Bill Handrich

Blessing to you and yours. Have a wonderful season. Your Pres, Nancy

(Please note the dues have increased to \$10.00 per year starting with January 2001. Also, check your address label to confirm all information is correct. If corrections contact Bill Handrich, phone or email information on last page of newsletter) Bill.

## Resource Center Information

Hours may vary, if traveling a distance, telephone to verify hours.

**Wausau Family History Center Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 5405 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI 54401, 1-715-355-4856**

Hours: Thursday 1:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**State Historical Society Area Research Center, Learning Resource Center, UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI 54481, 1-715-346-2586**

Hours: Fall and Spring Semesters  
Monday thru Friday

8:00 - 12:00, 1:15 - 4:30 PM

**Waupaca Public Library, 107 S Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, 1-715-258-4414**

Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706, 1-608-264-6400

Hours: Monday thru Thursday

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Shawano Latter Day Saints Family History Center, Evergreen and Zingler, PO Box 321, Shawano, WI 54166, 1-715-526-2946

Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Appleton Latter Day Saints Family History Center, 425 W Park Ridge Ave, Appleton, WI 54911, 1-920-733-5358

Hours: Tuesday

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Oshkosh Latter Day Saints Family History Center, Hwy 21 and Oakhill Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904, 1-920-233-6545

Hours: Tuesday

9:00 AM to Noon

Wednesday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday

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SCHUMACHER (variations)

## Queries

The below queries please contact Sally Freckmann, 871 W. Oak Ridge Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481:  
Looking for information regarding **Julius Marquardt** (b 8 July 1849, d 4 Jan 1918) and **Marie Assmann** (b 21 July 1863, d 6 Jan 1936), married 31 Oct 1884 in Caroline, WI. They had 10 children in the Town of Dupont, Waupaca County. This Marquardt Family History has recently been completed, 592 pages: however, if there are any stories about the family, I would like to hear from you.

**Carl Asfmann/Assmann** (b 2 Aug 1818 in Glashitte-Piepstock, d 28 July 1883) in Caroline, WI, married **Wilhelminia Braun** (b 6 Aug 1831, d 23 Dec 1907). The family came to Marion and Caroline WI in 1882 and 1883. They had six daughters who made their home in Shawano and Waupaca Counties.

Albert and his sister **Hulda Wesner**, b in Klosterwalde, Province of Brandenburg, Germany came to US in 1885. Albert (b 20 Jan 1860, d 23 June 1925) in Split Rock, Shawano Co, married **Bertha Lookman** (b 5 Dec 1869 in Burnette, Dodge Co, d 26 Feb 1943 in Shawano Co) July 20, 1891. They had two children. Bertha's #2 marriage was to **Frederich Lenz** on Nov 23, 1927 whose first spouse was **Helen Kraatz: Lenz** (b Aug 28, 1883, d Nov 9, 1950).

**Hulda Wesener** (b July 28, 1867, d Mar 23 1954); her #1 marriage to **Joseph Piakarsky/Piekarsky** in 1888 in Chicago, he died in 1894, they had 4 children; she came to Split Rock, Shaowno Co in 1898, married **Herman Mueller** (b Mar 24m 1867, d Dec 17, 1938) on Sep 11, 1900 they had two children **Hildegard** and **Gerda**. Mueller came to US in 1882.

Their brother, **Carl Wesener** (b April 6, 1849, d Dec 1930 in Kekoskee, Dodge Co) came to US in 1880. He was one of four children of **John Wesener**. His #1 marriage was to **Augusta Lange** in Germany in 1873, she died in 1879 and they had 1 child. He married again to **Wilhelminia Collien** (b Dec 18, 1849, she was one of 11 children, d July 28, 1948 in Kekoskee, Dodge Co) married Feb 22, 1880 and had four children.

Adolph Kauss (b Mar 12, 1886, d Oct 20, 1969) married Matilda Schroder (b April 12, 1884, d Nov 29, 1983) in 1908 Brumbarah, Germany; they immigrated to Winnipeg, Canada 1908 and then to Tigerton, WI 1926. They had 5 children and had friends in ND. Contact Sally Treckmann, 871 Oak Ridge Lane, Stevens Point, WI 54481-3331

Here is the explanation of the terms in the last newsletter.

\*Note-the information in bold letters is the answers to the occupations!

Administrator: **Person appointed to manage or divide the estate of a deceased person**, Administratrix: **A female administrator**, Banns: **Public announcement of intended marriage**, Chattel: **Personal property which can include animate as well as inanimate properties**, Codicil: **Addition to a will**, Consort: **Usually, a wife whose husband is living**, Devisee: **One to whom real property (land) is given in a will**, Et ux: **Latin for "and wife"**, Fee tail: **An estate of inheritance limited to lineal descendant heirs of a person to whom it was granted**, Gazetteer: **A geographical dictionary; a book giving names and descriptions of places usually in alphabetical order**, Grantee: **One who buys property or receives a grant**, Grantor: **One who sells property or makes a grant.**

## Bits and Pieces

You don't need a paid subscription to *Ancestry.com* to sample their genealogical resources. Each week, there's a new selection of on-line sources and databases, which can be accessed AT NO COST for 10 days. They're updated weekly-just go to [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and look at the list of "Today's New Databases" in the upper right-hand part of that page. The databases shown are a "sampling" from around the county and the world, so check regularly for ones that might be useful in your own research. Thanks to Bill Handrich

The following from *The Family Tree* October/November 2000:

Looking forward to the 1930 Census! Information on the 1930 census, which will become available to the public in April 2002, will include the following categories which weren't on the 1920 census from: value of home or amount of monthly rent; radio set; whether on a farm; age at first marriage; whether at work the previous day; if a veteran, of what war; for Indians, whether full or mixed blood and tribal affiliation.

Here's a great idea from the American-French Genealogical Society. The American-French Genealogy Society newsletter has an idea for cemetery trips. The article suggests that when you go to the cemetery, take a card with your name, email address or phone number and the words, "Researching this ancestor." Have the little card laminated and put it on a little stake (maybe one of those cardholders from the florist) next to the headstone.

Contact the AFGS at [www.afgs.org](http://www.afgs.org) or email [newsletter@afgs.org](mailto:newsletter@afgs.org) or write PO Box 2113, Pawtucket, RI 02861.

Flemish publication offers free queries - Members of the Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans may place one free query per issue in the *Flemish American Heritage* - the publication of the society. Nonmembers may place a query for \$3.00. Contact the Genealogical Society of Flemish Americans, 18740 Thirteen Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066

Dawes Rolls on the Internet - The American Indians who were accepted on the final rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes as members of the Cherokee, Seminole and Creek tribes - those 50,000 more or less people - can now be searched on the internet.

The records of the Choctaw and Chickasaw have not been entered, but it is reported that they will be completed soon.

This record was produced for members of the Dawes commission from 1898 to 1914 in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). It was required that each person applying had to prove their ancestry and their tribal affiliation. The evidentiary documents are included in the case files of all those who did apply which is a wonderful source of information for today's genealogists.

Search on NARA, which is updated weekly: [www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html](http://www.nara.gov/nara/nail.html)

Do you have Quaker ancestors? If you have Quaker ancestors you might like to check out [www.earlham.edu/%7EElibr/quaker/obituaries/main.htm](http://www.earlham.edu/%7EElibr/quaker/obituaries/main.htm)

A publication, *The American Friend*, was published between 1894 and 1960. It was formed through the merger of the *Philadelphia Friends' Review* and the *Chicago Christian Worker* in 1894. This Web site has attempted to index every obituary ever printed in *The American Friend*. Although full-text obituaries are not online, you can search the index and request a copy of the information.

Canadian doctors' database available - Those who wish to research doctors in Canada might like to visit [www.health.library.mcgill.ca/osler/welcome/htm#obituary](http://www.health.library.mcgill.ca/osler/welcome/htm#obituary) which is a collection of all obituaries ever published in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* and its predecessors - *Maritime Medical News*, *Montreal Medical Journal* and the *Canadian Medical & Surgical Journal*. Compiled by the library staff at McGill University Medical School, the database at present contains the surname, first name, title of journal, year and volume, but not the text of the obituary. For that, researchers would have to refer to the appropriate volume in hard copy, which would normally give some career and family notes. (Hard copies available at McGill University Medical School)

Following from *Family Tree Magazine* December 2000

**Crossing the Pond** - England's Society of Genealogist is about to make researching your British ancestry a whole lot easier. From Charles Dickens' 1836 marriage license to family group sheets dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the society's valuable collections of parish registers, census and more will soon be available to search online on a pay-per-view basis. [Origins.net](http://www.origins.net) [www.origins.net](http://www.origins.net), which already has a similar arrangement with the General Register Office of Scotland, is working with Society members to decipher and digitize millions of records, including:

Apprentices of Great Britain series, 1710-1774

Bank of England wills, 1717-1845

Vicar General Marriage License Allegations Index, 1694-1850

Boyd's Inhabitants of London, 1300-1800s

Teachers Registration Council, 1902-1948

Boyd's London Burials, 1538-1853

For about \$10.00, you can retrieve 150 records from the database and have photocopies mailed for \$16.00. Five indexes, including the marriage licenses and wills, are to be up by November. Boyd's Marriage Index will be accessible by early 2001, the company estimates. Most of the society's records are not available anywhere else, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Family History Centers. Watch [Origins.net](http://www.origins.net) for such ventures in the future; the

## Helpful Web sites:

Waupaca County GenWeb page <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/index.htm>  
WAGS link to above  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS/htm>  
Wisconsin Civil War Rosters <http://www.shsw.wisc.edu/roster/>  
Family Tree Maker <http://www.familytreemaker.com>  
Social Security Death Index <http://www.ancestry.com/ssdi/advanced.htm>  
California Birth Index(1905-1995) <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/birth/search.cgi>  
California Death Index(1940-1995) <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/ca/death/search.cgi>  
Catalogs of National Archives <http://www.nara.gov/nara/searchmicro.html>

### Military Sites:

National Archives and Records Administration:

Order forms for Military Service and Family History Records:

<http://www.nara.gov/research/ordering/orderforms.html>

Korean War Casualty Lists (Searchable by state):

<http://www.nara.gov/nara/electronic/kcasal.html>

United States Veterans National Cemeteries page: (This page has searchable databases from these cemeteries)

<http://www.interment.net/us/nat/veterans.htm>

American Civil War Maps (This site shows maps of the various Civil War battles by state):

<http://www.americancivilwar.com/statepic/index.html>

United States Civil War Center (Various types of resources available at this site):

<http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/index.htm>

### Reunion websites:

Send us your reunion dates so we can put in newsletter for 2001.

It's time to start planning that reunion for the summer of 2001:

Reunite in Wisconsin [www.travelwisconsin.com](http://www.travelwisconsin.com)  
(this is from the WI Dept of Tourism, 1-800-432-8747, also FREE)

Family Reunion.com [www.family-reunion.com](http://www.family-reunion.com)

Reunions Magazine [www.reunionsmag.com](http://www.reunionsmag.com)

Shipmates.com [www.shipmates.com](http://www.shipmates.com)

Also, the Stevens Point Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1-800-236-4636, have a Planning Kit, FREE, helps you get started. Check it out.

### More reasons to join a Genealogical Society this year:

Through newsletters, societies keep you abreast of all the latest news in the genealogical community, including upcoming conferences and events sponsored by your organization as well as others.

Many societies also produce quarterlies for members that may contain indexes, transcriptions, lists of hard to find records or addresses, and other valuable forms of information specific to your research.

Societies are a great place to learn new techniques to help further your research. They can also help you hone research skills and remind you of the fundamentals that are so important to your work. Educational programs offered by special interest or local research.

# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Calendar      2001

January 11/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM Lower Level
January 25/Thur	Obit Project	Waupaca Library 4:30-7:30 PM Conf Rm
February 8/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Waupaca Library 6:30 PM Lower Level
February 22/Thur	Obit Project	Waupaca Library 4:30-7:30 PM Conf Rm
February 23/Fri	Newsletter Articles due	
March 8/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
March 22/Thur	Obit Project	Place to be announced 4:30-7:30 PM
April 12/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
April 26/Thur	Obit Project	Place to be announced 4:30-7:30 PM
April/Sat	Ethnic Fest	Stevens Point
May 10/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
May 24/Thur	Obit Project	Place to be announced 4:30-7:30 PM
May 25/Fri	Newsletter Articles due	
May/Sat	Mainstreet History Walk	Waupaca
June 14.Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
me 16/Sat	Strawberry Fest	Waupaca
June 15-16/Fr-Sat	Gene A Rama	Onalaska, WI
July 4/Wed	Parade, etc	Waupaca
July 12/Thur	Potluck Picnic	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
July 21/Weekend	Historical Quilt Prog.	Holly Center (tentative)
August 9/Thur	Potluck Picnic	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
August 31/Fri	Newsletter Articles due	
Sept 13/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
Sept 15/Sat	Hometown Days	Waupaca
Sept 27/Thur	Obit Project	Place to be announced
Oct 11/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
Oct 25/Thur	Obit Project	Place to be announced
Nov 8/Thur	Monthly Meeting	Place to be announced 6:30 PM
Nov 29/Fri	Newsletter articles due	
Dec 13/Thur	Ethnic Potluck/Food Pantry	Place to be announced 6:30 PM

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## A QUICK SUMMARY FOR WINDOWS USERS ON HOW TO KEY IN GERMAN LANGUAGE SYMBOLS

Researchers who are involved with the German language are often frustrated by the German "umlaut" (such as "ä") and the "eszet" ("ß"). They're *not* included on a standard keyboard.

In *WORD*, the problem can be solved fairly easily. Just click on "Insert" and "Symbol," and then select the appropriate special character from the chart displayed.

Unfortunately, that option is not available when you're composing an e-mail message.

Here's the solution:

Hold down the ALT key and press the *number keys* (on the numeric pad) on the right side of your keyboard.

ä = ALT key + 0228

ö = ALT key + 0246

ü = ALT key + 0252

Ä = ALT key + 0196

Ö = ALT key + 0214

Ü = ALT key + 0220

ß = ALT key + 0223

(An added benefit is that if you use *this* method when using *WORD*, these special characters will "match" whatever font you are using -- not just the ones that contain them on the "drop-down" menu.)

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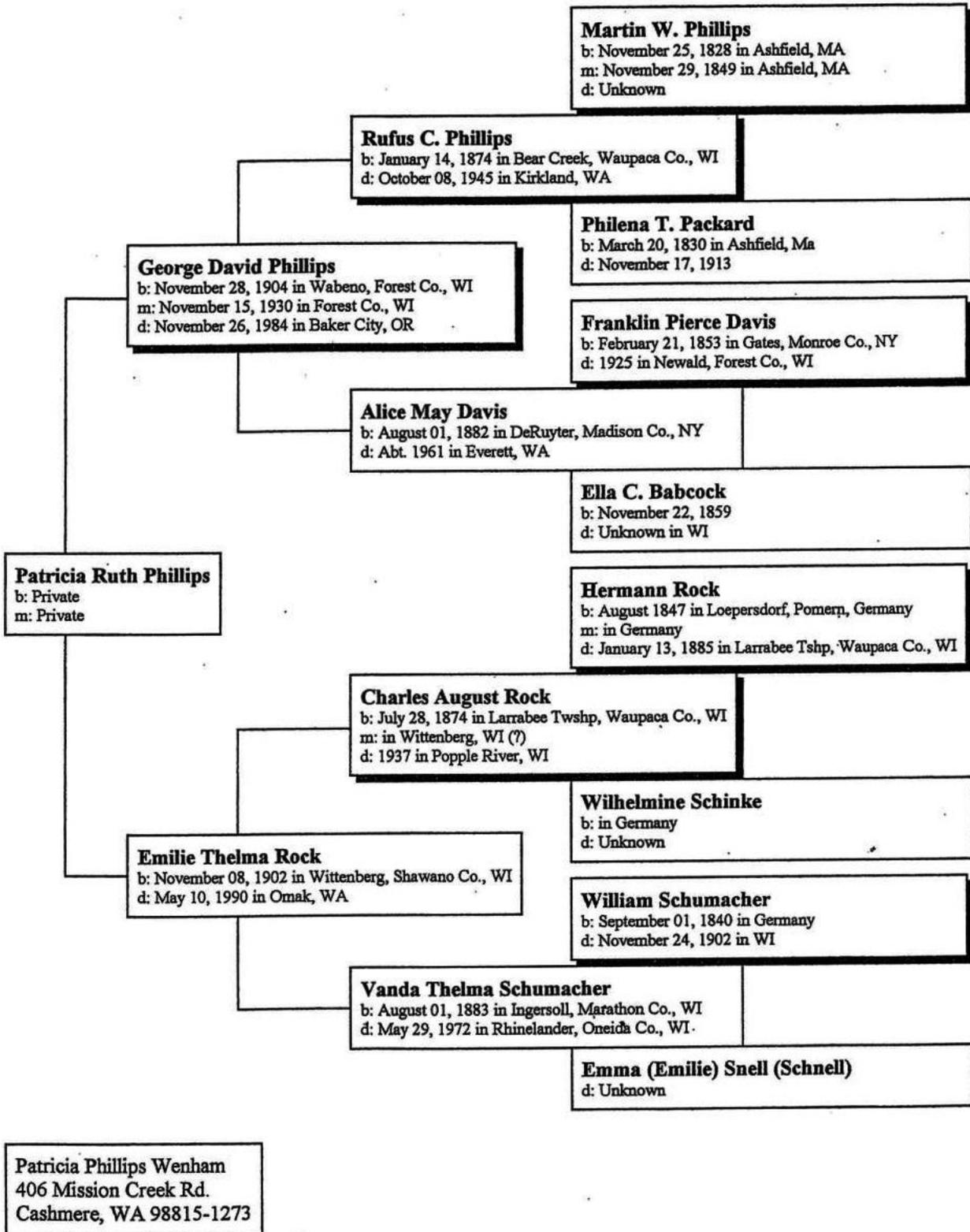
This information isn't copyrighted (it's probably buried in a *WORD* manual somewhere), and the summary above was written *by me*, so there are no copyright implications here if you can fit it into the newsletter.

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(Thanks to Bill Handrich)

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107 S Main Street, Waupaca, WI. Except for the  
months of July and August.

Dues is \$10.00 per year per person  
Running from January to December.

The purpose of the Society shall to be generate  
an interest in genealogy, provide a meeting place  
for the exchange of genealogical ideas, to inform  
people of the value of and the need for preserving  
family and local history for posterity assist members  
and others with genealogical research, to receive,  
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etc., and to hold and administer property for the  
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