

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

March 2005
Newsletter
Est. October 1993

Meetings held the Second Thursday of each month in the Meeting Room, Lower Level of the:
Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 South Main, Waupaca, WI. 54981 6:30 PM
(unless otherwise noted)

Presidents' chatter,

HELP!

I have no idea what I am doing as your President. This situation came about because we could not find officers for 2005 and did not want to disband our organization, so I hope that you will be patient, willing to share and help as we move forward.

Many of our members are from distant towns or other states and are not able to attend or participate in our meetings. Yet, they have ties to our area through their ancestors who settled in Waupaca County. WAGS would like to give everyone a chance to honor their ancestors by submitting information and pictures. Trying to come up with a date for cutoff is not easy, as different areas of the county was settled at different times. Iola was organized in 1844 and Wyoming as late as 1890. A committee will review and put together a calendar that will be sold, which will preserve our history and earn money for our organization. If we have enough interest, we will start with a calendar for 2006. The pictures and information that are not chosen for the calendar, we will put into our newsletters or look at doing another calendar in 2007 if there is enough interest. The guidelines for submitting information for the calendar are in this newsletter.

Former Historian and founding member Geraldine Trinrud has been ill, and is not doing research at this time. She graciously donated her collection of "Guyant" records to WAGS, which is truly a wonderful gift. "Geri" has been tireless in her promotion of our organization, helping others with their research, and in helping us to grow over the past years. If you would like to let Geri know how much you appreciate her dedication to WAGS, or send 'Get Well' wishes, you may reach her at the following address:

Geraldine Trinrud
E2511 Elm Valley Road
Scandinavia, WI 54977

A very big **THANK YOU** to the Waupaca County Historical Society, for their recent donation to WAGS. This organization has generously donated to us before and we in turn look at sharing with our communities. Part of our mission statement is: "the need for preserving family and local history for posterity, assist member and others with genealogical research." We will be checking with local libraries to see what is on their "wish list" for genealogical materials.

As summer is fast approaching, I would be amiss in not encouraging you to attend family reunions, or maybe start one yourself. This does not have to be elaborate, you may want to start by having a picnic with everyone bringing a dish to pass, pictures and stories to share. Be sure to notify Susie at freistedt@gglbbs.com of upcoming events/reunions to be included in the newsletter.

Darlene

is May 18, 2005. You may send them by regular mail or via email: to Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor, 164 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487 or email: freistedt@gglbbs.com

Please note, on your address label, the expiration date. If it says 2004, we have not received your dues for 2006. You may pay your dues now, send to our mailbox at: WAGS, P O Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042

Welcome New Members

Johnson, Joan ("JJ")
510 S State Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
Email: knickknack@core.com

Member number 135 (rejoining us)
Andrews, Ballard, Bishop, Burnham, Cleveland, Denny, Frihart, French, Gardner, Gould, Hammond, Hildreth, Hovey, Hyde, Johnson, Joselyn, Kidder, Kinsman, Looker, Lyon, Molineux, Moore, Nelson, Newmarch, Perkins, Summer, Sutton, Stewart, Taggart, Treadwell, Tucker, Voie

Calendar (Check the WAGS website for more information)

2005		
12 March 2005	WAGS meeting	9:00 AM Holly Center, Waupaca
9 April 2005	Fox Valley Genealogical Society	Bus to WI Hist Soc-Madison contact: Connie cbikowski@new.rr.com
14 April 2005	WAGS meeting. Speaker Diane Phlean "Body Mechanics and how it relates to you as a Genealogist"	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
23 April 2005	Milwaukee County Genealogical Society	For information and registration www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org
29-30 April 2005	Gene-A-Rama La Crosse, WI "Genealogy for the Upper Midwest"	For information: www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/seminar.htm
12 May 2005	WAGS meeting **Please note meeting on Thursday evening!**	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
9 June 2005	WAGS meeting	Red School House Tour 5:30 PM Picnic Shelter #5 Weyauwega Park
12-17 June 2005	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research	Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL more info www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html
9 July 2005	Developing German Research Skills	Greenhill Center of the Arts UW-Whitewater, WI for more information email: gg_wi@hotmail.com
July 2005	Cemetery Walk	To be announced
11 August 2005	Research and Pot luck	Nancy Helbach home. Information to follow in newsletter or newspaper
8 September 2005	WAGS meeting – Roundtable	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
13 October 2005	WAGS meeting Family History Month	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
15 October 2005	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society	Neenah More information to follow
10 November 2005	WAGS meeting – Election	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
8 December 2005	WAGS meeting Ethnic Potluck and Food Pantry donation	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca

Malcolm Rosholt dies – Malcom Rosholt was born 28 September 1907 in Rosholt. He passed away at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, we was 97. For the many wonderful books he wrote about the area, Genealogists will remember him. We thank him for all he did. He will be sadly missed.

WAGS is looking into doing a calendar of people and places relating to Waupaca County. JJ Johnson will be heading up this project. A site you may want to look at with guidelines is at:
<http://bubbalolore.buffalonet.org/ftories/collectingfamilystories.htm>

Guidelines for Calendar Submissions

Pictures may be from 2 1/4 X 3 1/2 to 5 X 7 of Ancestors, homesteads or their business.

(Submit pictures to form collage)

Information should include B-M-D-Div; place of origin; township settlement; Community activities, family stories and schurch affiliation if known.

Information may be in essay form that may be edited to fit allotted space...

Submit on CD, floppy, or on paper to:

WAGS Calendar

P O Box 42

King, WI 54946-0042

Contact or direct questions to:

JJ Johnson

Email: knickknack@core.com

(This is not a research project)

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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:

Wednesday 12:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Thursday 12:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday (first Saturday of each month)
9 AM to 3 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, Wednesday, Friday
8 AM – Noon
1:15 PM to 4:30 PM

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

Hours: Monday thru Thursday

9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM

Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI 715-256-9980

Hours Wed Noon to 3 PM
Fri Noon to 3 PM
Saturday 9 AM to Noon

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

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

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

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday
9 AM to 4 PM
Evenings by appointment

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

Hours: Tuesday 9 AM to 8 PM
Wednesday 5 PM to 8 PM
Friday 11 AM to 2 PM

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

Hours: Tuesday 9 AM to Noon and 6 PM to 8 PM
Wednesday 9 AM to 3 PM
Saturday 9 AM to Noon

Waupaca County Courthouse, 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981

Register of Deeds office 715-258-6250
Hours: Monday thru Friday 8am-4pm

SEEKING McCracken family members. I was recently given the family pages from the bible of Robert McCracken. The pages include information from the years 1785 to 1948 with the most information from the 1800's. If you connect to this family and would like copies of these papers, please email Paula Vaughan pajolova@hotmail.com or write to me at 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Cheese Factory Information Researching cheese factory information especially where a Zehren was the cheesemaker from about 1880's on in Waupaca County. Including counties of Buckbie, Dupont, Little Creek, Twin River, and Clintonville. Contact Joe Zehren, Email: jpz@fuse.net

My GGGrandfather, Robert Carroll (b 1811 d1897) migrated from Ireland in approx 1838 and settled in the Waupaca (Northport) area in 1854 where he received a land patent. He and his sons built the Methodist-Episcopal church in Northport. His sister, Margaret (Carroll) Ritchie (b 1820 d?) married George Ritchie (b 1813 d?) in Ireland and migrated with the Carroll's, eventually settling in Royalton, WI. Robert Carroll's son, George Fowler Carroll, (my G-grandfather, (b 1851 d 1900) married Mary Carolyn Wilcox (b 1850 d 1932) lived, farmed and worked in the Northport area. My Grandfather, George Mortimer Carroll (Mort) (b 1875 d 1955) was born in Waupaca City and moved to the west coast after marrying Helen Adell St Clair, (b 1879 d 1968) daughter of Orrin St Clair (b 1841 d 1895). Most of the family members were buried in the Northport-Ostrander Cemetery. I would be very happy to locate family members still living in the area or elsewhere and hear from anyone having knowledge of the families listed above. Any suggestions on locating naturalization papers for Robert Carroll or immigration information we be most appreciated. Has a book been published, or is the information available on the internet, regarding the contents and inscriptions of the Northport-Ostrander Cemetery? Contact Maureen (Carroll) Isaman, 8808 45th Street West, University Place, WA 98466, Email: adiosisaman@aol.com

Offering Help Duane Redmann writes: In June 1957 I returned home from the Marine Corps and my aunt Sarah (Mrs. George Redmann), living on grandpas farm, (now the golf course on Hwy 54), asked me to come see her. She had found a letter in my grandmothers' picture. It said that I was to get all the old Redmann junk and she had added her Opper and Kapitzke junk to go with it. Boxes and boxes of old papers, records, books, and hundreds of pictures back to the tintypes. I took some of the original papers and records to Salt Lake and started the search. When they saw my originals, they offered to help me obtain access to the Polish University in Krakow and other archives. Over the years, one thing leads to another and the project gets larger. I search their films and records line by line recording all the names I have remembered. I have computer disks for Redmann births, marriages, and deaths (over two thousand to date). The marriage and birth records provide other names and the records grow. I also have seven large notebooks (over two thousand to date). Many of the German people that came to the WAGS area came from the Netz river valley of Posen. When Wisconsin became a state, they hired a recruiting firm to get the Germans. Their main office was in Bromberg, Posen so they started coming over here with Wisconsin as their destination. The names (see surname list) I have listed are just a few that appear over and over on the films I search. Some of the films have index pages that I can scan to find a starting point. If I do not know the name or cannot find it, that eliminates a large area. If I can be of help drop me a note or call any evening, 920-867-4437, 102 2nd Ave, Weyauwega, WI 54983-9007

Bits and Pieces

Those of you who use the Portage County Register of Deeds office we have information of new hours. The office is open Monday thru Thursday 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM. Thanks to Kevin Knitt.

Barb Schuler, at the last WAGS meeting, told about an anonymous donation was made to the Waupaca Historical Society of a "friendship quilt". It had been purchased on E-Bay with some information about the quilt. It stated that it was from Waupaca, Wisconsin, perhaps made in the 1940's (earlier or later). It consists of thirty squares with had embroidered stars of names. There is one name in the middle of each star, and other names are along the sides of each star. Surnames used are: McCabe, Munch, Fuller, Evans, Trull, Barnes, Chapin, Jorgenson, Rubin, Davidson, Klug, O'Neil, Olson, Boelter, Nelson, Brist, Larson, Smith, Green,

Harbaugh, Morey, Redfield, Montgomery, Conroy, Hanson, Nohr, Baxter, Bostford, Bradway, Rasmussen, Barrington, Austin, Nielson, Winkler, Buschke, Goldsmith, Rasmus, Jenner, Salter, Woodwar, Dean, Baker, Gibbons, Porrey, Sibley, Miller, Warton, Bower, Hobday, Lewis, Lear, Gruele, Frihart, Roob, Rogers, Velie, Wisdom, Heath, Day, Durrant, Pearson, Bristow, Horn, McIntire, Aspnes, and Chandler. Research is being done to attempt to identify the organization, or group of people whose names are on the quilt. Thanks, Barb

Websites to check out:

www.genealogybuff.com site is free and is aimed toward new researchers and to encourage more people to begin researching their family tree.

www.loc.gov/preserv/ndnp.html The Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities are working toward the goal of developing a national digital resource of select public domain US newspapers

www.bl.uk/collections/britishnewspapers1800to1900.html Project of British newspapers

www.uk.ollivesoftware.com/ British Library Online newspaper archive

www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/census/uk/ 1881 England and Wales census index and images

To find Degrees count the "G's" There are many charts and documents available for genealogists to use to determine the degree of relationship between two cousins, but I never seem to have one on hand just when I need one. So, instead, I simply count the "g's" that is, I count the number of letter "gs" that there are in the word defining the ancestor, such as grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, etc. (Of course this formula will work with female ancestors too.)

Via Suncoast Searchers, V 21 No 6 June 2004 via Odom Family tree Dec/Jan 2005

How to order Military Records and Pension Papers - The National Archives and Records and Records Administration (NARA) is the official repository for records of military personnel who were discharged from the US Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, or Coast Guard. Paper copies may be ordered from the following: National Archives and Records Administration, Attn: NWCTB, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408-0001.

The National Archives in Washington, DC holds Military Service Records before WWI.

Use NATF Form 86 or order Military Service records 1775-ca. 1916.

Use NATF Form 85 or order Military Pension, and Bounty Land Warrant records 1775-1916.

These forms are free and must be obtained by writing to the above address or by email to inquire@nara.gov. Provide your name and postal mailing address, specify the form number and state the number of forms you need. (Limit 5 per order) Mail completed forms to above address.

The National Personnel Records Center holds Military Service records for WWI and after. Use Standard Form 180 to order Military Service records for WWI or after, ca 1917-present. Mail completed Standard Form 180 to: - The National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Order forms online at <http://eservices.archives.gov/orderonline>

Note: Only if you ask, will the Archives send you the veteran's complete file, at the cost of \$37.00. Make note at the top of the form that you want COMPLETE FILE. It may contain wedding certificate, children's names, physician's reports, letter, interviews, even a photo.

Via Southern Echoes and Genealogy Unlimited Society, Inc, Valdosta, GA 31604-3013 via Odom Family Free Dec/Jan 2005

Is this Really So??? Did you know that all works published in the United States before 1923 are in the public domain in the United States? That means you can reprint them in you family histories without worrying about breaking a copyright law.

Via Escondido Genealogical Society Newsletter, Escondido, CA via Odom Family tree Dec/Jan 2005

Wisconsin Trivia

Q Who was Ole Kuntson Nattestad?

A The first Norwegian settler in Wisconsin (1838).

Q What was the first college in America founded by Norwegian Lutherans?

A Luther College (founded in Holmen in 1861 and later moved to Iowa).

Q What did Norwegian immigrant James Reymert begin in 1847?

A Nordlyset (Northern Light), the nation's first Norwegian-American newspaper

NEW ON THE BOOK SHELF

The following items have been donated to the WAGS research collection in the past three months. If you would like to donate an item to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, the item can be left at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, Waupaca or mailed to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. If you have questions in regards to items to be donated, please contact Paula Vaughan at pajolova@hotmail.com. When leaving donated items at the Holly Center, please make sure to include your name and address.

Fond du Lac County Cemeteries - Booklet
Norwegian Skills Program - Booklet
Waupaca County Vital Records October 1907-1909 - Booklet
Germans to Pennsylvania - Booklet
The World Map - 2004
The Story of My Life by Rev. J. C. Stoltenberg
Donated by Geraldine Trinrud

1923 Waupaca County Plat Map
Donated by George Jorgenson, Waupaca County Register of Deeds

State of Wisconsin Blue Book 2003-2004 by Wisconsin Leg. Ref. Bureau
Donor unknown

The Sunny Side of Genealogy by Fonda D. Baselt
Collecting Dead Relatives by Laverne Galaner-Moore
The History of Mankind by Hendrik Willem Varloon
Donated by Lawrence Webb

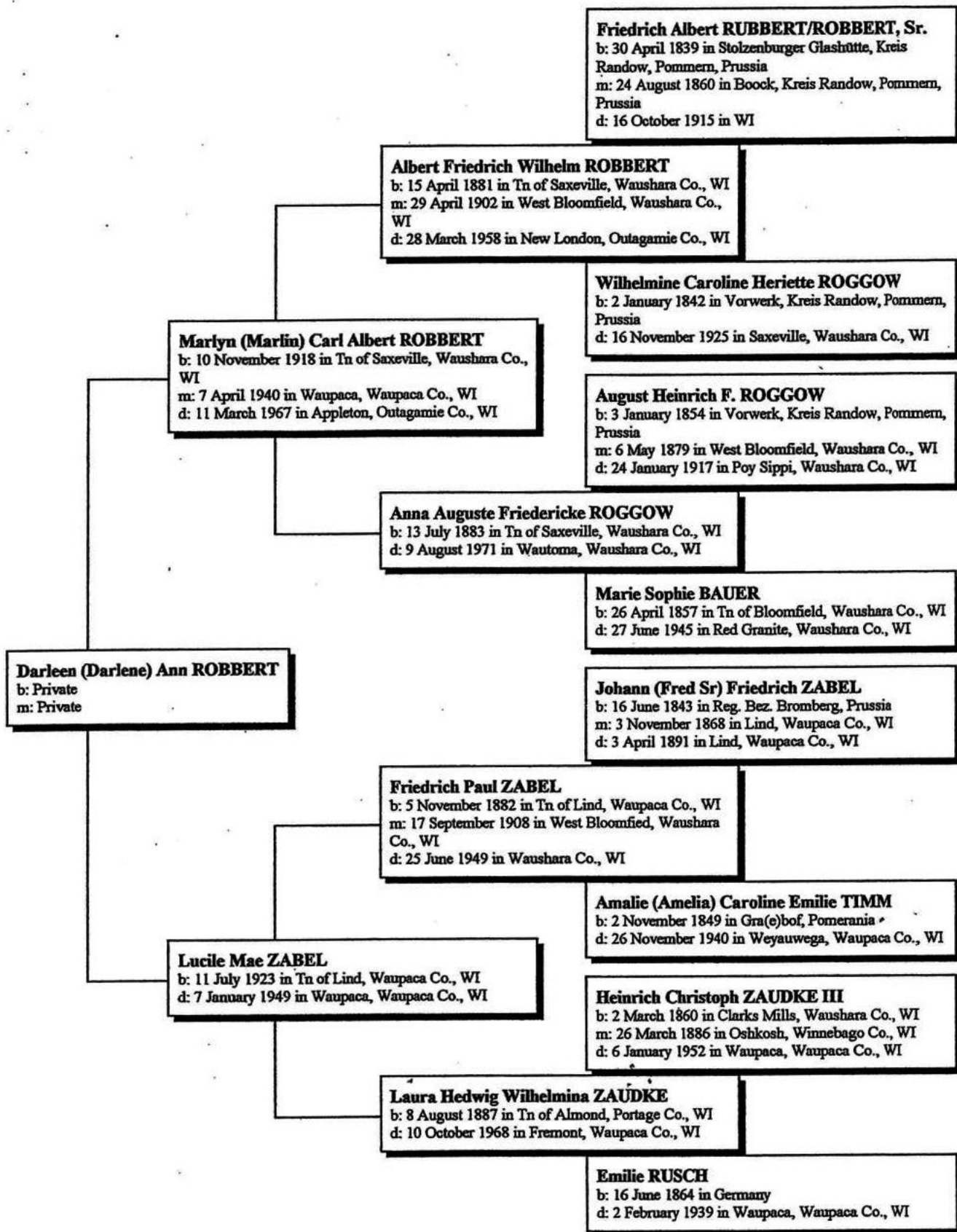
Daughters of the American Revolution Catalog Volume I 1986
Daughters of the American Revolution Catalog Volume II 1986
Donated by Susie and Bruce Freistedt

A History of Iola, Wisconsin by the Iola Historical Society
Dennis and Kathy Bickford

The following family files have been donated by Geraldine Trinrud and are available at the Holly History and Genealogy Center for research purposes. Files contain anywhere from one page to a complete book.

ALLEN & BATTEN	HARRIS	OSTRUM/KENNISON
ANDERSON	HEMMINGSON	PAGEL
AULY	HENRY	PAULSON
BACKIN/BOCKIN	HERRICK/OSTRUM/SAWYER	PUGMIRE
BAKER	HIPKE	RASMUSSEN
BARTON	HOCKING	RICE
BENJAMIN	JACKSON/FOX/INGERSOLL/ TERRIO	RISEDORF
BESTUL	KEENLANCE/FOSS	ROBERTSON
BRACE	KJENDALEN	SAUBY/SAUBO
BRAHLING	KNUTSON/BOTTEN	SCHROEDER
BRULEY	LAMPHERE	SHAMBEAU
BUDSBERG	LARSON/LARSON	SMITH
BUTLER	LIGHTFUSS	SPRAGER
CLAGGETT	LISTUL	STAUB
COLLIER	LITTLEFIELD	SWAN/POTTS
DAVIS/CAVES	LOOMIS	THORSON/GRENLIE/ KNUDSON
DAVIS/MURRAY/COLLAR/ ADKINSON	LYON	TIMM/BIGALKE
DAY/DEWITT	McCRARY	VALKENBURG
DURRANT	McGARDEN	VELIE
ERICKSEN/ERIKSEN	MILLER	VOLK
FRATER	MURRAY/HERMANSON	WALDO
GILLINGHAM	NEUMAN	WARZYNSKI
HALVERSON	OLMSTED	WILCOX
HANSEN	OLSON	WUNDERLICH & PRELL

The family file collection continues to grow. Please consider donating your family information to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society. This is a great way of sharing and making contact with other researchers who are researching the same family lines. Happy Hunting!



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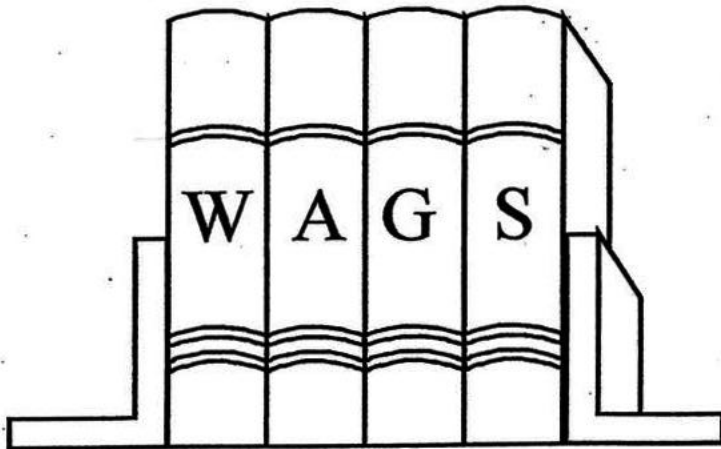
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Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)
Meets in the Lower Level of the Holly History and Genealogy Center,
321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI on the second Thursday of each
month at 6:30 PM. Meeting times, locations, and activities vary
during the summer months.

Annual dues are \$10.00 for Individual, Society, or Library
membership and \$15.00 for Family membership (two individuals
residing at the same mailing address). The WAGS membership year
runs from January 1 through December 31.

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.

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) is classified as a
tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501 © (3) of the
Internal Revenue Code.



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Presidents chatter,

We are nearing the time when school will soon be out and families will be planning their summer activities, including vacations and reunions. At our meeting on June 9th, we will be doing a tour of the "Little Red Schoolhouse" in Weyauwega Park with a potluck to follow. Directions and information may be found in this newsletter. The schoolhouse was built in 1861 and was moved from its original location in the 1970's by a dedicated group of local residents with the foresight to know the importance of preserving historic buildings. It is one of the oldest remaining schoolhouses in the state of Wisconsin.

Suzan Dyer is the Volunteer Curator and will be our tour guide. I encourage everyone to come and take a step back in time to when our ancestors or maybe even some of us attended a "one room schoolhouse" that had all eight grades in one room. The schoolhouse contains many items related to the past not just to the schoolhouse. Some interesting items are: the original desk, the hanging globe, photographs of schoolhouses and children, and books galore.

Due to scheduling conflicts and prior commitments, no one on the WAGS Board will be able to hold a meeting in July. We will see you in August at Nancy Helbach's house for research and another great potluck. See map in newsletter.

Please take the time to attend your family reunions and reconnect with those lost relatives.

Darlene Ryan, Your President

The deadline for receiving items to be published in the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society newsletter for September is August 15, 2005. You may send them by regular mail or via email: to Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor, 164 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487 or email: freistedt@gglbbs.com

Summer Fest in Milwaukee information maybe found at www.summerfest.com.

June 9th meeting-Directions to Wegauwega Park/ Red Schoolhouse – From Waupaca take Hwy 10 East, at Wegauwega take the Hwy 110 & X exit, turn Left to Main Street. Turn Right at High Street (first street) Turn Right at LaSalle St. Right turn past Red Schoolhouse in Park takes you to Shelter #5.

August 11th meeting – Directions to Nancy Helbach home – Hwy 54 West out of Waupaca, turn Left on Smith Lane. Address is N2924 Smith Lane. Come after 4 PM for research, Potluck at 5:30 PM, more research.

Calendar (Check the WAGS website for more information)

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9 June 2005	WAGS meeting	Red School House Tour 5:30 PM Picnic Shelter #5 Weyauwega Park See map in newsletter
12-17 June 2005	Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research	Samford University Library, Birmingham, AL more info www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/ighr.html
11 June 2005	"Researching in Ireland"	Dobbs Ferry, New York More information: www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs
24-26 June 2005	Polish Fest	Milwaukee, WI
25 June 2005	Greek and Serbian Fest	Pierce Park, Appleton 920-832- 1417
9 July 2005	Developing German Research Skills	Greenhill Center of the Arts UW- Whitewater, WI for more information email: gg_wi@hotmail.com
14 July 2005	NOTE: NO MEETING THIS MONTH	
21-24 July 2005	Italiana Fest	Milwaukee, WI
28-31 July 2005	German Fest	Milwaukee, WI
5-7 August 2005	African Fest	Milwaukee, WI
11 August 2005	Research and Pot luck	Nancy Helbach home. 4 PM eat at 5:30 PM see map in newsletter
12-14 August 2005	Arab Fest	Milwaukee, WI
18-21 August 2005	Irish Fest	Milwaukee, WI
26-28 August 2005	Mexican Fest	Milwaukee, WI
7-10 September 2005	Federation of Genealogy Societies and Utah Genealogical Society FGS National Conference	Salt Palace Convention Center For more information go to: www.fgs.org or www.infouga.org
15 October 2005	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society	Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, Neenah, WI
10 November	WAGS meeting – Election	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
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Reunions

BRECKE-MORTENSON 11 June 2005

Reunion being held at Dorchester Memorial Park, Dorchester, WI. For more information contact Elva Larson, 715-256-1685.

JOHN TORGERSON TRINRUD 16 JULY 2005

Reunion to be held on Sat 16 July 2005 at South Park, Upper Shelter in Waupaca, WI. For more information contact Nancy Helbach. Email: nhelbach@gglbbs.com

KAWLESKI & SURMA 20 August 2005

My family started reunions in 1992, we did a book and again in 2004. On 20 August 2005 we are holding a Family Reunion at Bukolt Park, Stevens Point, WI. Celebrating our ancestor's arrival in the US 125 years ago. We will honor the child born 125 months since their arrival and also 125 days ago. We always have gifts for the children with games and door prizes. This year I am retiring and new offices will be chosen. I no longer can do as I have been. Agnes Golla

Queries

Seeking information regarding Olav Knutson Sannes (4 Oct 1830 Telemark, Norway-3 June 1912 Farmington Twp, Waupaca Co., WI) married 22 Sept 1857 Waupaca Village to Marie "Mary" Olavsdaughter Nordenaa (12 Jan 1840 to 1841 Bygland, Setersdal, Norway-5 Aug 1930 Waupaca). Children: Knute Oleson Knutson (4 Oct 1858 Scandinavia), Ole Knutson (c1860 died age 6 months), Ole Oleson Knutson (11 Apr 1862 Scandinavia), Theodore Oleson Knutson (10 Mar 1864 Scandinavia), Andrew Knutson (10 Mar 1866 Scandinavia) married Ida Peterson, Tobias "Tommy" Knutson (9 or 10 1868) Scandinavia married Flora, Thea "Tilda" Karoline Knutson (11 Sept 1870 Scandinavia) married 26 June 1895 Martinus H. Nyhus, Carl Knutson (c 1872 died in infancy), Carrie Geoline Knutson (15 Nov 1874 Scandinavia) married Rasmus Peterson, Anna Tumine Knutson (4 June 1877 Scandinavia) married Paul Emil Petersen, Gina Mathilde "Mattie" Knutson (15 Sept 1879 Scandinavia. Send response to: Eunice Knudson-Larson, 57 Aalapapa Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3118; Email: pmchi@verizon.net

Seeking information regarding: Anund/Aanen Olavson/Olsen Tveta (1812 Bygland Seterdal, Norway-1864 Bygland, Seterdal, Norway) married to Gyro Asbornsdatter Lidtveit (1824 Norway-1863 Norway. Children: daughter Anne Aanunson Tveita (25 Jan 1859 Aardal, Sohn, Norway-1951 ID) came to America at age of 24, married Knute Oleson Knutson Sannes (4 Oct 1858 Scandinavia-9 Aug 1948 ID); he changed the name to "Knudson". Send response to: Eunice Knudson-Larson, 57 Aalapapa Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3118; Email: pmchi@verizon.net

Bits and Pieces

On Tuesday, June 14th at the Iola Village Library, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, there will be a reception by a local artist, Fred Ginocchio, "*Preserving History Through Art*". There will be 15 pastel prints of historic buildings from Iola, Nelsonville, Amherst, New Hope and Northland. All of the pastels will be on display at the Iola Library for the month of June.

Cook those Books??? If you pick up books at Flea Markets, or retrieve them from an old attic or basement, PLEASE REMEMBER TO COOK THEM! That's right! If you put each book in the microwave for 60 seconds on "warm", the heat will kill insects and their eggs. Beware of staples or metal, which first must be removed. This is no kinky way of making books insect-free before placing them on your bookshelves. The Library of Congress does it too-they come across lice, silver fish and cockroaches.

Thanks to Jean Spiegelberg via WI Region Genealogy and History Newsletter, October 2000.

Surname List Added

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society now has a surname page on their website. All members were contacted either by email or snail mail - if somehow you were missed and are a member that would like you surnames listed, contact information added to this page - you can contact Paula Vaughan directly at 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or pajolova@hotmail.com.

Interesting finds on British and Icelandic websites - British: More than five million British medal records from the First World War provide the closest thing there is to a roll-call of those who served in the British Army and Royal Flying Corps during the Great War. Every individual who served abroad was entitled to one or more campaign medals. The medal index cards are held at the archives in Kew, outside of London, but the free-to-search index is at <http://www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk/> There is a small fee to download the digital images of original documents from the site.

Icelandic: Having no wars, floods or fires to hamper record collection and retention, records in Iceland date back to the 9th century. Sources show that not just the Danes settled this country. Within the enormous amount of records, you will also find evidence of Scots, Irish and other early settlers.

Volcanic eruptions in the 19th century caused nearly 20 % of the population to flee the country. Many emigrated to Nova Scotia, Canada, and the Northeastern United States. Some of these immigrants moved on to Salt Lake City and became Mormon. The Icelandic web page hosted by Rootsweb WorldGenWeb <http://www.rootsweb.com/~islwgs/> offers links to Icelandic mailing lists, queries, a history of the country, and bibliography of books. Links to repositories include the National Museum of Iceland and the Iceland National and University Library. At the INUL website you will find digitized images of historic (pre-1900) maps of Iceland from the library and Central Bank of Iceland collections at <http://kort.bob.hi.is/>

Thanks to Forum, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Austin, TX via Odom Family Tree June/July 2005

More than 15 million New York Times articles available – The *New York Times* has teamed up with ProQuest, parent company of the Heritage Quest genealogy database service, to provide a searchable online archive of more than 15 million articles in the times from 1851-1995.

Search for free by keyword, author and headline, and narrow your search by date. The results show the first paragraph or a summary of each article, and you can purchase the whole thing (including photos, graphics and ads) in PDF format for \$2.95. Visit <<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/nytimes/advancedsearch.html>> to search the newspaper archives.

Thanks Mesa County Genealogical Society, Grand Junction, CO via Odom Family Tree June/July 2005

POW Websites Fills Gaps for some WWII Family Histories – Thanks to Fred Beisser, who found a story by Colin Joyce of the London Daily Telegraph, which appeared recently in the Washington Times Insider we learn that:

Nearly 60 years after the end of World War II, Japanese researchers have compiled a comprehensive database detailing the fate of 3,526 Allied prisoners of war who died in Japan between 1941 and 1945. The database was created by the POW Research Network Japan, a group of independent researchers who built on the records of the Commonwealth Graves Commission.

A breakthrough came with the discovery in the National Diet Library in Tokyo of a forgotten microfiche, almost illegible in places, of records made by the postwar Allied occupation authorities, who had garnered details of the fate of POW's by questioning camp survivors and former guards. The database can be accessed at: <<http://homepage3.nifty.com/pow-j/e/>>

Thanks to RootsWeb Review, March 2005

Quick Tip: Ordering Form SS-5 – Once you have located your ancestor or the individual of interest on the Social Security Death Index, more commonly referred to as the SSDI, it is helpful for researchers to prove or verify information by requesting an original Social Security application from the Social Security Administration (SSA). Keep in mind that the SSA has only kept records since 1936, and that these have only been on a master database since the mid to late 1960's. Therefore, the person you are seeking should have passed away sometime between about 1967 to yesterday if you expect answers. The form you are seeking is a copy of their application for a Social Security Number, Form SS-5. The SSDI can be searched online at www.everton.com

What you will receive from the SSA will either be a photo reproduction from microfilm of you ancestor's original application, or a Numident printout, which the SSA uses if the photo reproduction of a microfilm is not available. Information contained in the documents may include the person's name, and date and place of birth. Sometimes they will show parents' names, as written when the person applied for the number, as long as you can prove that the parents are no longer living—and they do require proof as well as filing a FOIA, or Freedom of Information Act request. The SSA's policy is to block out parent names as a matter of privacy protection.

To request a form SS-5, mail a letter of request to:

Social Security Administration:
OEO FOIA Workgroup
300 N Green Street, P O Box 33022
Baltimore, MD 21290-3022

Request a photocopy of the actual application for a Social Security card (Form SS-5—Social Security Number Record Third Party Request for Photocopy) filed by (your ancestor).

Enclose the appropriate fees. The fee is \$27.00 when the Social Security number is provided, or \$29.00 if the Social Security number is unknown or incorrect. Be sure to make the check or money order payable to the Social Security Administration for the correct amount. They also take credit cards, so if you are using one, include the card number and expiration date and amount of transaction.

Provide the information about the person you are seeking:

Example: CHISHOLM, CHRISTINA A.
526-07-0576
Birth: 12 Jan 1912
Death: 31 Mar 1993

Provide you name, full address, AND daytime phone number.

Keep in mind that you must pay the fee, regardless of whether the SSA finds the information or not, and that it may take up to six months to receive a report.

Everton's Genealogical Helper March/April 2005

Google to House Vast Online Library – In order to stay ahead of the pack, the company is planning something really big—so large it's almost inconceivable—yet really, really exciting.

The Company is working to assemble the world's largest online library—an enormous repository of information free to anyone who wishes to access it.

According to "The Age", an Australian online news magazine, Goggle is forming agreements with major universities and research institutions in the United States, as well as with Oxford University in England. They plan to convert libraries into digital files that will be freely accessed and searchable on the internet.

(More in the article) Everton's Genealogical Helper March/ April 2005

On The BOOK Shelf

The following items have been donated to the WAGS research collection in the past three months. If you would like to donate an item to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, the item can be left at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, Waupaca or mailed to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. If you have questions in regards to items to be donated, please contact Paula Vaughan at pajolova@hotmail.com. When leaving donated items at the Holly Center, please make sure to include your name and address.

The following is a list of the items accessioned and now available at the Holly History and Genealogy Center since the March 2005 newsletter.

The family file collection continues to grow. Please consider donating your family information to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society. This is a great way of sharing and making contact with other researchers who are researching the same family lines. Happy Hunting!

BOOK DONATIONS

Donated by Jean Speigelberg

The Christian Johnson Family by Les Harvey

Donated by Nancy Lenzke

Wisconsin My Home by Erna Oleson Xan

Donated by Nancy Oman

Manawa 1874-1974 by Evelyn M. Wegener

Donated by Lawrence Webb

Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence by The Cache Genealogical Library

Encyclopedia of American History by Harper and Brothers

Wisconsin Records – This collection is in nine volumes and includes many cemetery readings, birth, marriage, death and other various records from Adams County through Wood County. A great resource!

Donated by Geraldine Trinrud

History and Memories of Belmont Township Volume II by Wayne Guyant

**79 Ayer Directory of Publications* by Ayer Press

Hough and Huff Families of the U. S. 1620-1820 Northeastern State Volume II by Gramville W. Hough

Moses and Hannah Olmstead Compiled by Leola Grace (Olmstead) Marshall

New York Census -1810 Genesee, 1810 Seneca, 1820 Oswega and 1820 Tioga

Index to Navarino: Timber, Trails and Tales Index by Jean Speigelberg

Index to A Bit of Green In Lebanon by Micki Parr

Button Families of America Compiled by R. Glen Nye

Wisconsin Post Offices 1821-1917 by WSGS

History of Caldwell's Prairie by Carolyn Fischer Smith

Cape Cod Series Volume I and II (partial) by Leon Clark Hill

Family Reunion Articles Compiled by Wayne and Alta Guyant

One Branch of the Axtell Tree by Dorothy Axtell Hudson

Guyant Cemetery Readings

Volume I

First Belmont Cemetery, Township of Belmont, Portage County, WI

Greenvale Cemetery, Township of Belmont, Portage County, WI

Hillside Cemetery, Township of Lanark, Portage County, WI

St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Township of Lanark, WI

Old Hickory Grove Lutheran Church Cemetery, Town of Finley, Juneau County, WI

Old Hortonville Poole Cemetery, Township of Hortonville, Outagamie County, WI

Volume II

Complete list of Waupaca County Cemeteries

List of Veterans buried in Lakeside Cemetery, Waupaca, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

New additions to the Lakeside Cemetery, Waupaca, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Volume III

Bear Creek Town Cemetery, Township of Bear Creek, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Township of Bear Creek, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Crystal Lake Cemetery, Township of Dayton, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Volume IV

Greenleaf Cemetery, Marion, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Roseland Cemetery, Marion, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

St. John's Cemetery, Marion, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Township of Dupont, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

St. Mary's Cemetery, Bear Creek, Wisconsin

Volume V

Barton Cemetery, Township of Farmington, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Farmington Lutheran Cemetery, Township of Farmington, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Volume VI

Salem Cemetery (Swede Cemetery), Township of Farmington, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Sheridan Cemetery, Township of Farmington, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Volume VII

Article – Memories of the Grist Mill – Iola

Three Obituaries of Iola people – burial place unknown

Hitterdahl Cemetery, Township of Iola, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Riverside Cemetery, Township of Iola, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Township of Iola, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume VIII

Cannaday Burial, Township of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Little Creek Cemetery, Township of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Township of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Waupaca County Poor House Cemetery, Township of Little Wolf, Waupaca Co., Wisconsin

Volume IX

Little Wolf Cemetery, Township of Little Wolf, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Cedar Lake Cemetery, Lind Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Maple Lane (Harrington/Beadleston) Cemetery, Lind Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume X

Graceland Cemetery, Township of Larrabee, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Embarrass Lutheran Cemetery, Township of Matteson, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Riverside Cemetery, Township of Matteson, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume XI

Most Precious Blood Cemetery, Township of Mukwa, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Baldwin Mills Cemetery, Township of Royalton, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume XII

Danielsan Burials, Township of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Axtell Cemetery, Township of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Block Schoolhouse Cemetery, Township of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Park #1 Cemetery, Township of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume XIII

Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, Township of Scandinavia, Waupaca County, Wisconsin

Volume XIV

Some History of Scandinavia, Wisconsin
Scandinavia Cemetery Research Papers
Scandinavia Cemetery Index and Reading

Volume XV

Scandinavia Cemetery Obituary Index and Obituaries

Volume I

Nelsonville Lutheran Cemetery, Portage County
South Lutheran New Hope Cemetery, Portage County
Grothe Burial Plot, Portage County

Volume II

North New Hope Cemetery, Portage County
Kankrud Cemetery, Portage County

BOOK PURCHASED BY WAGS

Wisconsin: It's Territorial and Statehood Post Offices Compiled by Frank Moertl

CD's also now available at the Holly Center thanks to the generous donation of Geraldine Trinrud.

Colonial America 1607-1789 CD #310 (D.C., AL, CT, DE, GA, IL, LA, MA, ND, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, VA & VT)

US Census Index 1790 CD #137 (AL, CA, CT, DE, D.C., GA, IL, IN, KY, ME, MD, MA, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, VT & VA)

Index US Selected Counties 1810 CD #313 (AL, AR, CT, DE, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA & VT)

Index US Selected Counties 1820 CD #314 (D.C., AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT & WI)

Index US Selected Counties 1830 CD #315 (D.C., AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT & WI)

Index US Selected Counties 1840 CD #316 (D.C., AL, AR, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT & WI)

Index US Selected Counties 1850 CD #317 (D.C., AL, AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WI & WV)

Index US Selected Counties 1860 CD #318 (D.C., AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MN, MS, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OK, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA & VT)

Index US Selected Counties 1870 CD #319 (D.C., AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DE, GL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NM, NV, SD, TX, VA, WA, WI, WV & WY)

Index Us Selected Counties 1880 CD #320 (AK, AL, AZ, CO, ID, IL, ND, NV, NY, OH, SD, TX, WA & WY)

1910 California Census CD #T624-77 (Glenn, Imperial and Humboldt Counties)

1850 Maine Census CD #M432-248 (Aroostook County)

1850 Maine Census CD #M432-273 (Washington County)

1850 Maine Census CD #M432-272 (Washington County)

1840 New York Census CD #M704-336 (Saratoga County)

1850 New York Census CD #M432-592 (Saratoga County)

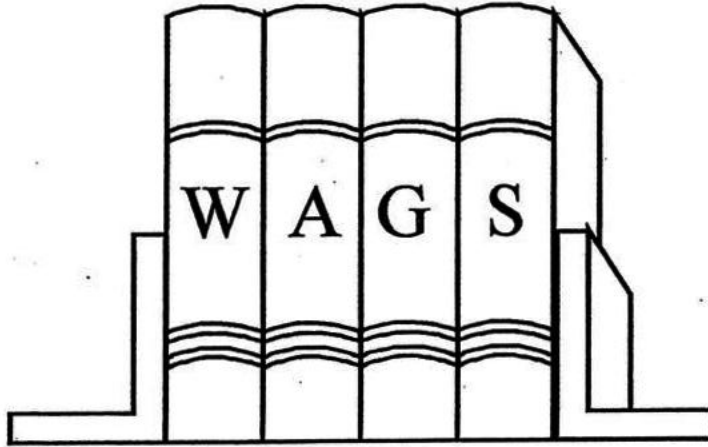
1850 Wisconsin Census CD #M432-994 (Adams, Brown, Calumet, Chippewa & Columbia Co.)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1713 (Fond du Lac County)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1714 (Fond du Lac County)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #&23-1788 (EauClaire & Fond du Lac Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #T623-1789 (Fond du Lac, Forest & Green Counties)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1715 (Green & Green Lake Counties)
 1860 Wisconsin Census CD #M53-1424 (Monroe, Oconto & Outagamie Counties)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1730 (Oconto & Outagamie Counties)
 1880 Wisconsin Census CD #T9-1440 (Oconto & Outagamie County)
 1880 Wisconsin Census CD #T9-1441 (Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin & Pierce Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #T623-1810 (Outagamie, Ozaukee & Pepin Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD#T623-1809 (Outagamie County)
 1910 Wisconsin Census CD #T624-1731 (Outagamie, Ozaukee & Pepin Counties)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1732 (Polk & Portage Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #T623-1812 (Portage, Price & Richland Counties)
 1910 Wisconsin Census CD #T624-1733 (Polk & Portage Counties)
 1860 Wisconsin Census CD #M653-1429 (Sauk & Shawano Counties)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1739 (Sauk & Shawano Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #T623-1817 (Sauk & Shawano Counties)
 1860 Wisconsin Census CD #M653-1433 (Waupaca County)
 1870 Wisconsin Census CD #M593-1744 (Waupaca & Waushara Counties)
 1880 Wisconsin Census CD #T9-1451 (Waukesha & Waupaca Counties)
 1880 Wisconsin Census CD #T9-1452 (Waupaca, Waushara & Winnebago Counties)
 1900 Wisconsin Census CD #T623-1823 (Waupaca & Waushara Counties)
 1910 Wisconsin Census CD #T624-1743 (Waupaca & Winnebago Counties)
 1920 Wisconsin Census CD #T625-2021 (Waupaca & Washington Counties)
 1920 Wisconsin Census CD #T625-2022 (Waupaca, Waushara & Winnebago Counties)
 1860 Wisconsin Census CD #M653-1435 (Waushara County)
 1910 Wisconsin Census CD #624-1738 Shawano, Waushara & Sheboygan Counties)

Family Tree Maker's – Family History: Genealogies of Mayflower Families, 1500s-1800s CD #171
 Family Tree Maker's – Family Pedigrees: Everton's Publishers 1500-1990 CD #15
 Family Tree Maker's – Military Records: New York in the Revolution and the War of 1812 CD #143
 Family Tree Maker's – Military Records: Selected NY Revolutionary War Records 1775-1840 CD #132
 Family Tree Maker's – Genealogical Records: New York 1675-1920 CD #238
 Family Tree Maker's – Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH & WI 1790-1907 CD #255
 Family Tree Maker's – Marriage Index: Michigan & Wisconsin 1830-1900 CD # 251
 Family Tree Maker's – Marriage Index: IL, IN, KY, OH & TN 1720-1926 CD #2
 Family Tree Maker's – Marriage Index: Illinois 1851-1900 CD #250
 Family Tree Maker's – Marriage Index: AZ, CA, ID & NV 1850-1951 CD #225
 Copenhagen Police Emigration Records 1868-1903
 When Then Was Now CD – Articles written by Wayne Guyant and published in the Waupaca County Post July 1990 through February 1995.
 General Land Office – Pre-1908 Homestead & Cash Entry Patents and Cadastral Survey Plat Index for the state of Michigan

Information on the following surnames, also donated by Geraldine Trinrud and added to the following Family Files:

BARNES, Phineas Jr.
 EWER, Benjamin
 HUEBNER/ROBINSON
 FOLEY, Rita Joan
 GEORGE, Clarence
 HALLOWS, Francis
 HAYWARD, Marquis
 KNUDSTRUP, Jens
 MANTHER, Robert Earl and Grace Irene

NELSON, Christian & Thornwaldt
 OYEN, Henry
 SOUTH, Zedekiak
 STANLEY
 STRAUME/STROMME
 TAYLOR, Henry Chase
 VORASS, Carl Frederick
 ZAHL, Charles F.



Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

**September 2005
Newsletter**
Est. October 1993

**Meetings held the Second Thursday of each month in the Meeting Room, Lower Level of the:
Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 South Main, Waupaca, WI. 54981 6:30 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

Presidents chatter,
Hello,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the fall season. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and tried to get together with family. Next month is "Family History Month" and in October we have decided to do another limited courthouse tour on October 7th along with a workshop on Scandinavian research on October 29th at the Waupaca Recreation Center in Waupaca with Jerry Paulson as our main speaker to celebrate. Please see information on the workshop in this newsletter. Do not forget that WSGS will be holding their workshop on Oct. 15th at Holiday Inn Riverwalk in Neenah.

As I look at the agenda for this fall, we have many areas to cover and need help and input from you, our members. Everyone in today's society is so busy with families and work, it seems, as though there is very little time to volunteer or to help in organizations that we belong to. I would encourage anyone who is able to help, please volunteer, either on the Board, a committee or as a volunteer at the Holly History & Genealogy Center on Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Are you able to give one Saturday a month, every other month, or every third month? I would be remiss in not thanking some of our members who give so much, Paula, Jean, Nancy, Jonnie, Susie, Joyce, Barbara and Alice who have given time and talents to help WAGS.

Darlene Ryan, Your President

The deadline for receiving items to be published in the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society newsletter for December is November 15, 2005. You may send them by regular mail or via email: to Susie Freistedt, Newsletter Editor, 164 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487 or email: freistedt@gglbbs.com

If you are planning ahead to the end of 2005, dues are due January 1, 2006 for membership in WAGS. You may pay anytime to the Treasurer.

In memory of a friend...

Geri was a personal friend, as well as a fellow family historian and genealogist for over ten years, always ready with a cup of coffee, a smile and her laughter and enthusiasm was contagious, not just to me, but to everyone who knew her and loved her. Her love of violets could be seen in her home and so the paper.

Geri, Gerry, Geraldine, or Mrs. Trinrud, when you called her, she was always willing to lend a hand, give advice, sympathize or rejoice with you. Her home and research materials were open to anyone who had a desire to find that elusive ancestor. It did not matter how well she knew you, your research became hers and she tried her hardest, did her best, and was successful most of the time.


Geraldine (Mrs. Lavern) Trinrud passed away on 29 June 2005 at her home on Elm Valley Road. Her love of family and friends made her a wonderful person to know and she had many hobbies, including sewing, knitting, reading and rosemaking. Her German heritage did not prevent her from doing an excellent job on Norwegian and Danish research for family and friends and she was our Scandinavian research specialist. Though out the years, she had been active in the Sons of Norway, 4-H, all areas of her church, the Scandinavian Lutheran Church where she belonged to the Ladies Aid and Circle, taught Sunday school, making infant baptismal towels and helping with the church rummage sale. In 2001 she won the MUSE Award that is given to women who are an inspiration to others.

In her memory, all of you who benefited from her assistance (or found it on your own) send a Pedigree sheet, a short family story, or your book that may be from a genealogy program or published of your ancestors from Waupaca County. We have an area in the Holly History and Genealogy Center, which will hold "The Geraldine Trinrud Collection." As many of you know, Geri was one of the founding members of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society with ideas, aspirations and goals that helped to lead it from its infancy to our organization today with members from all over the United States who have roots in Waupaca County.

On October 29th WAGS will be holding our Fall Workshop at the Hendrickson Center in Waupaca on Scandinavian Research with vendors related to all things Scandinavian. Geri would have loved it.

Darlene





A Beautiful Life Has Lived

Geraldine Mae Trinrud was born August 13, 1925 in Waupaca, Wisconsin to Elna Christensen and Myron Huffcut. She was the eldest of five children; Eleanor, Betty, John and JoAnn. Her father died of Multiple Sclerosis when she was a teenager. During his illness her mother took a job at the Veterans Home in King to support the family. Gerry then became the mother to her sibling also managing to graduate as Salutatorian from Scandinavia High School. She met Lavern there, and enjoyed teasing this shy blonde, blue-eyed Norwegian skier, turning his hair to pink.

When the United States went to War, she went to work in a war factory in Chicago, then to nursing school in Oak Park. She loved the theater and technology of this city, but when Lavern came home from the war and took the train from Scandinavia to Chicago to see her and asked her to marry him, she said yes and knew exactly where to go to get married. Lavern brought her back to the home farm near Sheridan. After several moves they settled on their present home farm. They have lived and loved together for 58 years.

They raised four children Cynthia, Carl, Keith and Valerie teaching them the value of work and service on the farm and in 4-H, and teaching faith and love from the Scandinavia Lutheran Church, community and family.

Geraldine always strived for higher education and it was never if the children would go to school, but where. She returned to nursing when the four children went to college and became a beloved nurse at the Iola Hospital working the 3-11 shift, where she helped bring babies into the world and helped the dying into another.


In the meantime she sewed wedding dresses, made lefse, raised gardens, preserved blackberry jelly, helped farm, was a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader and Ladies Aid president. She hurt her back during this time and had two major back surgeries that left her disabled and in chronic pain.

She then had to learn to do less physical work and turned to knitting, embroidery, rosemaling and then genealogy. She purchased her first computer from the Stevens Point University sale along with a microfiche reader. Four computers later, she became proficient at retrieving, cataloguing and storing data for genealogy. The first meetings for the Waupaca Area Genealogy Society were met at Gerry's house around the kitchen table. She loved being able to communicate with people all over the world, sharing her information, humor and love.

Gerry was very proud of her children and loved her grandchildren. She was able to hold her newest, 5 week old granddaughter Shelby while she was in the hospital, and was trying to figure out whom she looked like.

She was able to come home to the farm where she and Lavern had spent 51 of their 58 years, and to say goodbye to this earthly life and be with the angels.

(Printed with the permission of her family.)



Calendar (Check the WAGS website for more information)

2005		
7-10 September 2005	Federation of Genealogy Societies and Utah Genealogical Society FGS National Conference	Salt Palace Convention Center For more information go to: www.fgs.org or www.infouga.org
15 September 2005	WAGS meeting*Note day change*	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
7 October 2005	Tour Waupaca Co Courthouse	1:30 PM
13 October 2005	WAGS meeting	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
15 October 2005	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society	Holiday Inn Neenah Riverwalk, Neenah, WI
29 October 2005	Workshop - Scandinavian research	Waupaca Recreation Center, Waupaca (see info in newsletter)
12 November	WAGS meeting – Election	9 AM Holly Center, Waupaca Note ** This is Saturday
8 December 2005	WAGS meeting – Ethic Potluck and Food Pantry donation	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca

By-Laws

It's time for the annual review/updating of the WAGS by-laws. If you know of changes that need to be considered, please send you suggestions to me by September 15. If you need a copy of the by-laws, please let me know.

Thanks, Glenda Rhodes, By-Law Review Committee Email: rhodesgm@muohio.edu

New Members

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911 Mead Street
Waupaca, WI 54981
Phone: 715-258-5337

Member # 194

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6020 Porter Drive
Harrison, TN 37341
Phone: 423-344-5674
Email: bill-sandycaldwell@att.net

Member # 195
Timm, Behm, Kienert, Koop

Horn, Merlin
E420 Rural Road
Waupaca, WI 54981
Phone: 715-258-7378
Email: mehorn@execpc.com

Member # 46
Allen, Ashmun, Hartman, Jones, King, McCrary, Pope,
Rice, Richmond, Sawyer, Van Horn

Take note of changes of address for the following members:

Kermit Peterson Phone: 727-538-8584 Email: kermitpeterson1@hotmail.com

Jane Taylor Email: janezor@yahoo.com

Alice Harris 615 W Oshkosh St, Ripon, WI 54971

WAUPACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE TOUR

**811 Harding Street
Waupaca, Wisconsin**

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Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

E-Mail: WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com

This complimentary Waupaca County Courthouse Tour of selected offices will be held Friday October 7th, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required and limited to the first 15 people who register and they will be **notified** of their acceptance. You must have an Application For A Vital Records Search filed at the Register of Deeds Office or request the form when you register and return it to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society prior to the tour. We will meet in the entrance of the courthouse at 1:00 p.m. and you must have a photo ID with you at this time.

On Friday afternoon, in groups of five, you will learn what is available to genealogists/ family historians who do research at courthouses. With help from the following offices: Register of Deeds, Clerk of Courts and the Probate Office, you will be given an opportunity to find out what each office has that may help in your continuing effort to learn about your ancestors.

George Jorgenson - Register of Deeds for Waupaca County.

Angela Dahle - Register in Probate.

Terri Tews -Clerk of Courts

Registration Form Due by October 1st, 2005

Send to: WAGS

PO Box 42

King, WI 54946-0042

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____

State: _____ Zip+4 _____

Application For A Vital Records Search on File Yes _____ No _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Remember October is Family History Month!

Bits and Pieces

Norwegian Heritage Conference, Grand Forks, ND, October 10-11, 2005 The University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library in conjunction with the UND Nordic Initiative announces a conference, "Norwegian Heritage in the United States: Resources and Research Experiences".

The conference, will bring together speakers and participants from Norway and the United States to describe and discuss resources and researchers' experiences pertaining to Norwegian history, ancestry and immigration to the United States.

For more information people should contact the Univ. of North Dakota-Office of Conference Services. Email: conferences@mail.und.nodak.edu or call 701-777-2663 or toll free 1-866-579-2663. The conference website is www.conted.und.edu/norwegianconference

If you haven't already heard, records of passengers on ships arriving at America's first Immigration Center, Castle Garden, are now on line at www.castlegarden.org CastleGarden.org offers free access to an extraordinary database of information on 10 million immigrants from 1930 through 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. Over 73 million Americans can trace their ancestors to this early immigration period.

Ottawa to release genealogist's delight—History buffs across the county are eagerly anticipating the release of personal census records kept secret for close to 100 years. Recent changes to the Statistics Act mean that census information will be made available to researchers and genealogists on the 92nd anniversary of each census. Library and Archives Canada says on its website that it has received the 1911 census data and hopes to make it public by early August, <http://www.collectionscanada.ca>

National German Military Grave Registration Service—This database contains the names of more than two million missing and dead German soldiers from World War I and World War II. It is in German. Tips for using: Nachname (surname); Vorname (first name); supplying a date of birth (Geburtsdatum) or death (Todes) is optional. Click on "Suche beginnen" to start a search. You then must register with you name and address to continue a search.

On the registration form, the following items are required: Vorname (first name), Nachname (last name), Stasse Nr. (street and number), Land/Plz/ort (country/postal or ZIP code/city). Click on "Zur Ergebnisseite" to continue. On the next screen click "Suchanfrage ausführen." Web site: www.volksbund.de/grabersuche/content_suche.de

Or via letter: Deutsche Dienststelle (WAST), Eichborndamm 179, 13403 Berlin.

The following from Evertons Genealogical Helper July/August 2005:

Database for Jewish Research—Yad Nashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, is Israel's national Holocaust memorial. It was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Parliament (Knesset), which defined its function as follows: "To gather unto the homeland all commemorative material regarding members of the Jewish people who fell, fought and rebelled against the Nazi enemy and German satellites, to establish a memorial for them and for the communities organizations, and institutions that were destroyed because they were Jewish, and to perpetuate the memory of the Righteous Among the Nations."

This site contains the collection of "death certificates" called Pages of Testimony and document of 3 million Jews who were murdered during the Holocaust. These are called "Pages of Testimony" in that submitters give information on victims, including name, place, and year of birth; place, date, and circumstances of death; occupation; maiden name for married women and maiden name of spouse for married men; names of mother, father, and spouse; and, where possible, the names and ages of children; and the submitter must sign the document and "testify" by giving his or her name, address, relationship to the victim, and the circumstances surrounding the victim's death. Although most of the information was given in the 1950s when the project was started, information continues to trickle in. The database is located at: www.yadvashem.org

Daughters of American Revolution Database Now available to Public—Toward the beginning of last century, the DAR worked with members to transcribe previously unpublished records of genealogical value to assist staff genealogists, potential members and the public." Almost a century and 17,000

typescripts of records later, these books, known as the Genealogical Records Committee Reports (GRC), represent a large a unique segment of the collection of the DAR Library in Washington, DC., where the entire national collection is located. State sets of these reports are sometimes found in various libraries within each respective state.

This project resulted in the first version of the DAR Library's "National Index to the Genealogical Records Committee Reports" and it is now available free online for any research to use at: www.dar.org For more information on DAR, you can also write to National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, D C 20006-5303.

Planning an International Research Trip? Passport cost increase—Be prepared to pay a little more your passport this year. As of March 2005, a \$12 security surcharge has been added to all U S passport fees. This brings first-time applicant fees close to \$100, but the good news is the passport is good for 10 years. Passport renewals are \$67, up from \$55. For more information, see www.travel.state.gov Give yourself plenty of time. Expedited passports cost additional \$60. Also, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico, and Canada will be required to have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or reenter the United States. This is a change from prior travel requirements and will affect all U S citizens entering the United States from countries within the Western Hemisphere who do not currently possess valid passports.

Organization Index to Pension Files at the National Archives and Records Administration—Many of you seeking your Civil War ancestor are familiar with the "General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934", T0288. But, most of you have never heard of the "Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans who served between 1861 and 1900 (1917), T0289, let alone used it. When we heard about this index we knew our readers have to have it. This index is available through the National Archives and through the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City and at your local Family History Center. We have included the full index for your research convenience at the end of the collection highlight. Film numbers reflect all numbers used by the FHL.

While the information is virtually the same as that in the "General Index to Pension Files 1861-1934, T0288", this index groups the applicants according to the units in which they served. The cards are arranged alphabetically by state, then by area of service (infantry, cavalry, artillery), then numerically by regiment, and then alphabetically by veteran's surname.

The information is easy to read, and according to Military Service Records, contains the soldier's name, rank, unit, and terms of service; names of relationships of any dependents; the application number, the certificate number, and the state from which the claim was filed." Some of the cards have the veteran's death date. Another interesting note to researchers is that while the collection primarily includes Civil War pension information, it also includes veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, Indian wars, and World War I.

The entire collection of pension files is available on 765 microfilm reels, alphabetically by state, regiment, and company at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Once you have a pension file number you can order it online at: www.archives.gov/research/room/obtain/copies/reproductions/overview.html You can send the completed NATF Form 85 to The National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. For additional information phone toll free 866-272-6272.

Catholic Diocese of Green Bay Archives—Location: 1910 S. Webster Avenue, Green Bay, WI (Chancery Building—known to some as the old Bishop's House). Mailing Address: P O Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825, Phone: 920-272-8186 (Archivist), 920-272-8187 (Assistant Archivist), Diocese includes: All of the sixteen counties of northeastern Wisconsin: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties. Hours for research on the last three Tuesdays of the month from 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 4 PM. An appointment is necessary because of the limited number of microfiche readers. Please call or email to make an appointment. There is a \$5.00 per morning or afternoon session fee for researching at the Archives.

Website: www.gbdioc.org or Email: jledouz@gbdioc.org or kmatthies@gbdioc.org



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Muster Rolls for Mexican Border War Opened for Research

(MADISON)— Six volumes containing information about the members of the Wisconsin National Guard who served along the Mexican Border just prior to World War I have recently been opened for research by the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center (Madison, WI). These handwritten books contain valuable genealogical information about all of the Wisconsin men who were sent on the expedition to Mexico in 1916. Many of these men would go on to serve in the 32nd Division during World War I. The arrangement of the volumes was made possible by a two-year processing grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Roughly 4,000 Wisconsinites, constituting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wisconsin Infantry Regiments as well as Battery A and Field Hospital No. 1 of the Wisconsin National Guard, were called to service on the Mexican border as a result of raids by Pancho Villa. The state Adjutant General's office compiled muster rolls at the beginning and end of the conflict for all state soldiers. These rolls list each man's name, rank and unit, birthplace, physical description (age, height, complexion, and eye and hair color), occupation, marital status, residence, an emergency contact, date of enlistment, and description of any prior service in the Wisconsin National Guard. The muster rolls are arranged by unit, thereunder by company, and alphabetically with the company. There is no index to the soldiers, so access is dependent upon knowledge of the unit in which they served.

In addition to these muster rolls, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum holds very detailed muster cards from the Spanish-American War, roster books for World War I, the records of numerous veterans organizations, and the papers and photographs of hundreds of individual veterans. The museum actively seeks to increase its holdings in these areas to better preserve the history of Wisconsin veterans. Individuals interested in donating their papers to the museum, or in conducting an oral history interview, should contact Archives Collections Manager Gayle Martinson at gayle.martinson@dva.state.wi.us or (608) 261-0536.

The Wisconsin Veterans Museum is a free public educational activity of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and is located at 30 W. Mifflin St., across the street from the State Capitol. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (year round) and Sundays (April through September) from noon to 4 p.m. The museum's research center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, please contact Processing Archivist Russ Horton at russell.horton@dva.state.wi.us or (608) 266-2320, or join the museum online at <http://museum.dva.state.wi.us/>.

Have a Veteran in the Family? Let Us Help You Research their Service!

There are lots of sources to learn about a family member's military service at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, an educational activity of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Depending on the conflict, the Museum's Research Center has a wide range of sources to fill in the details of a veteran's military experience. Here is a sampling of the Museum's most popular genealogical resources:

Civil War

- The Wisconsin Family Rolls are available for some regiments. These rolls list the name of a veteran's next of kin and the number of children they were supporting while in the service.
- Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) records. The GAR was the largest veterans organization for Civil War records. Organized into Posts by community, the individual GAR Records can contain a wealth of personal information.
- Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. The admission records for veterans (1887-1927) and wives/widows (1899-1911) are available. Veterans' applications include information about military service (including rank, organization, and discharge), post war employment, disability, and children (including name and address). The applications of wives and widows provide information about their birth, marriage, children, and health concerns. There is also a section of information devoted to their husband's military service, death (if applicable), and pension.

Spanish American War:

- Roster Cards. These cards are organized alphabetically by last name and contain information including birthplace, residence, occupation, physical description, and details about military service.

Mexican Border War

- Muster Rolls. Organized by Regiment, these rolls list each soldier's name, rank and unit, birthplace, physical description (age, height, complexion, and eye and hair color) occupation, marital status, residence, an emergency contact, date of enlistment, and description of prior service in the Wisconsin National Guard.

World War I

- Roster books. Arranged by county, these books give the soldier's address at enlistment, unit with which they served, and military service number.

All Wars

- Casualty lists. Usually arranged by hometown or county, these lists generally provide death date, rank, serial number, and circumstances surrounding the death.
- Burial records. These records include an alphabetical listing of veterans from the Civil War on who died in Wisconsin. These cards usually tell grave location, birth and death date, service dates, and occasionally next of kin. These cards are not open to the public, but the Reference Archivist can perform searches.

All of these sources and more are available at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum Research Center in Madison. The Research Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 until 3:30, and by appointment. For additional information, contact Abbie Miller at 608-267-1790 or abigail.miller@dva.state.wi.us

On The BOOK Shelf

The following items have been donated to the WAGS research collection in the past three months. If you would like to donate an item to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, the item can be left at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, Waupaca or mailed to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. If you have questions in regards to items to be donated, please contact Paula Vaughan at pajolova@hotmail.com. When leaving donated items at the Holly Center, please make sure to include your name and address.

The following is a list of the items accessioned and now available at the Holly History and Genealogy Center since the March 2005 newsletter.

The family file collection continues to grow. Please consider donating your family information to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society. This is a great way of sharing and making contact with other researchers who are researching the same family lines. Happy Hunting!

BOOK DONATIONS

The following items have been accessioned since the last newsletter.

Donated by Geraldine Trinrud

Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin 1998 (Pamphlet)
Directory of the Ancestral Heads of New England Families 1620 -1700 by Frank R. Holmes
Wisconsin Civil War Soldiers Buried at Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery, King, Wisconsin – Bev Hetzel
Veterans Affairs in Wisconsin – King Centennial Issue 1897
Waushara County Scrapbook Book I – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Waupaca County Schools Scrapbook Book I & Book II – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Miscellaneous School Articles from Other Counties Book I – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Complete Cemetery Index for Waupaca, Portage and Waushara Counties – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
The 1864 Civil War Diary of Reginald Heber Stevens – New York Regiment Light Artillery Battery G
Anniversary Book I– Compiled by Wayne and Alta Guyant
Amund Hole Records of Daily Events Vol. 2
Waupaca Area Churches Vol I & II – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Gottschalk Directory – 1995 by Carlton & Miriam Ericksen
Belden Family by I. C. Belden, Esq.
Family Tree & Directory of Descendants of the Engelbret Dahlen Family of Iola – by Arlie M. Knutson
Pieces of the Past – Gathered by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Bride & Groom Index Other Counties – Compiled by Wayne & Alta Guyant
Nelson Family History – by Tom & Lois Godfrey

Donated by Cathy Krueger

1920 Census DuPont Township transcription by Cathy Krueger

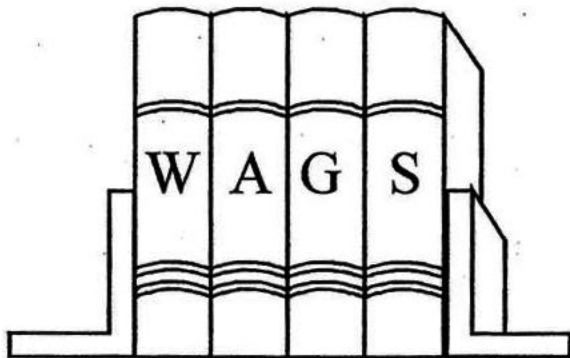
Family files donated by Jean Spiegelberg

Wm. Kittredge
Niels Pedersen

Family Files donated by Geraldine Trinrud.

Michael J. Adams, Sr.
Nels Amenson
Peter Anderson (Peter Peterson)
William Benjamin
Berto
Gottfried Biedermann
Billington
Linus Brainard
Brush/Heinke/Whitman/Humes
Andrew Jackson Calkins

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



**December 2005
Newsletter**

Est. October 1993

**Meetings held the Second Thursday of each month in the Meeting Room, Lower Level of the:
Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 South Main, Waupaca, WI. 54981 6:30 PM
(unless otherwise noted)**

Presidents chatter,

As we look forward to 2006, my wish for all of you, a joyous Holiday Season with family and friends and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

In October, WAGS held a Scandinavian Workshop with twenty-four people attending, of those thirteen people had never attended a seminar or workshop, which made it all worthwhile. Our speakers Jerry Paulson, Karen Christianson and Nancy Helbach all did an excellent job and received many compliments on our evaluations. My apologies to all the people who were expecting Origins as our genealogy supply vendor. We know they were advertised in our brochure, but cancelled at the last minute and I was unable to obtain someone else within the forty-eight hours before the workshop. They did not let us know they have a minimum requirement of fifty registrants at the time they agreed to vend our workshop.

These past months have been a wonderful learning experience and we have tried things and found that the interest was not there, so we will try something new this coming year. We only had one person respond to our request for information for a calendar and we will include this in a newsletter some time next year. Starting with this newsletter, there will be an article pertaining to the people, places or events that happened in Waupaca County in the past.

In November we reviewed and revised our By-laws and anyone who would like a copy, please send a SASE to WAGS, P O Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042.

Susie Freistedt has volunteered for another year as our Newsletter Editor! THANKS SUSIE!!

Officers elected for the 2006 year:

Darlene Ryan, President:
Nancy Helbach, Vice-President
Nancy Oman, Secretary
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Happy Holidays! Darlene

Area Research Centers

Always call to make sure of hours

Holly History and Genealogy Center

321 South Main St, Waupaca, WI 54981
715-256-9980

Hours	Wed	Noon to 3 PM
	Fri	Noon to 3 PM
	Sat	9AM to Noon

Waupaca Public Library

107 S Main St, Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-4414

Hours	Monday thru Thursday	9 AM to 8 PM
	Fri	9 AM to 5 PM
	Sat	9 AM to 4 PM

Waupaca County Courthouse

811 Harding St, Waupaca, WI 54981
Register of Deeds 715-258-6250
Hours Mon thru Fri 8 AM to 4 PM

Appleton Latter Day Saints

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

Hours	Tue	9 AM to 8 PM
	Wed	5 PM to 8 PM
	Fri	11AM to 2 PM

Oshkosh Latter Day Saints

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

Hours	Tue	9 AM to Noon
		6 PM to 8 PM
	Wed	9 AM to 3 PM
	Sat	9 AM to Noon

Shawano Latter Day Saints

Family History Center
Evergreen and Zingler, P O Box 321
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-2946

Hours	Tue and thur and Sat	9 AM to 4 PM
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Evenings by appointment

State Historical Society Research Center

Learning Resource Center, UW-SP
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-346-2586

Hours call to check on-times

Wisconsin State Historical Society

816 State St, Madison, WI 53706
608-264-6400

Hours	Mon thru Thur	8 AM to 9 PM
	Fri and Sat	8 AM to 5 PM

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Deadline for items published in the next Societies newsletter is February 15, 2006. You may send via email : freistedt@gglbbs.com or regular mail : Susie Freistet, 164 Lakeshore Drive, Iola, WI 54945-9487

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

Meets in the Lower Level of the Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. Meeting times, locations, and activities vary during the summer months.

Annual dues are \$10.00 for Individual, Society, or Library membership and \$15.00 for Family membership (two individuals residing at the same mailing address). The WAGS membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31.

The purpose of the society shall be to 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.

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) is classified as a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Calendar

(Check the WAGS website for more information)

8 December 2005	WAGS meeting – Ethic Potluck and Food Pantry donation	6:30 PM Holly Center, Waupaca
14 January 2006	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Roundtable	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
11 February 2006	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Organizing Photos & Documents Kate Yarbro	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
11 March 2006	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Roundtable	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
8 April 2006	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Visiting the Home of Your Ancestors Nancy Helbach	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
22 April 2006	14 th Annual Portage County Cultural Festival 2006 Stevens Point Area H S (SPASH) Stevens Point	
21-22 April 2006	Gene-A-Rama County Springs Hotel & Conference Center-Stevens Point	More information to follow as we receive it
11 May 2006	WAGS THURSDAY EVENING	6:30 PM Start of summer schedule Roundtable
7-10 June 2006	NGS 2006 Annual Conference in the States "They Passed this Way"	Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL More information to follow
8 June 2005	WAGS meeting THURSDAY evening	6:30 PM, Holly Center, Waupaca

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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It's For You...

Genealogy Forms---Forgot your forms? Looking for a certain form? Check out the Genealogy Forms binder now available at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. This binder holds various types of forms and can be copied for your use. Forms available are: Census, Family Group Sheet, Pedigree, Vital Records, Immigration/Migration, Military, Correspondence Logs, Kinship and many more. These forms are used in transcribing records, logging cemetery walks and more. A few forms are also available for Canadian, British and Norwegian research. Thanks Paula Vaughan

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Webpage---It's that time of year to renew your membership. Please take a few minutes to email your surnames and contact information to Paula Vaughan for posting on the WAGS on-line Membership list. The list will be updated and made available to Internet researchers. Include the surnames you would like posted and your email or mailing address you would like to use for contact. Email these directly to Paula Vaughan at: pajolova@hotmail.com

Bits and Pieces

****CORRECTION**** In Septembers newsletter the web address was incorrect for Castle Garden: www.CastleGarden.org Sorry for any inconvenience.

LDS TO PUT MICROFILM IN VAULTS ON INTERNET - -The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints is working toward allowing anyone with internet access to learn more than they've ever known before about information contained on 2 million plus rolls of microfilm housed in the vaults of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Currently the church is compiling searchable indexes to that information and will eventually make it available for free through an automated database on the Internet.

Their goal is to create Internet accessible indexes to all the films in the vault. As one might expect, this is a long-term process, according to Paul Nauta, manager of Public Affairs for the church's FamilySearch.Org. There will be indexes to 110 nations.

New advances in indexing software utilities and applications mean the LDS Church "now has the ability to produce lots of indexes faster than it did with previous databases it has digitized. Making that database available online was a 12-year project and took tens of thousands of volunteers. The new technology "will provide automated indexing" for an ever-increasing number of microfilms...

Just when the first indexed information from the microfilms will become available online has not yet been announced. The new developments won't make the more than 5,000 small family history centers housed in LDS's chapels worldwide obsolete. Family History Centers will continue to be a mainstay for accessing information on the microfilms for some time to come.

Thanks to article from Marathon County Gene Soc Nov/Dec 2005

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHICAGO ONLINE COLLECTION NOW AVAILABLE - - The Chicago Historical Society, Newberry Library, and Northwestern University recently launched an online "Encyclopedia of Chicago." This online collection is free to access and will be of particular interest to the family historian with ancestors from Chicago. There are detailed historical maps and loads of background material. Maps are available showing damage from the Great Fire of 1871, early transportation, maps depicting the evolution of neighborhoods, historic events (such as the one titled, "Labor Unrest in Chicago, April 25 May 4, 1886"), and more. Photographs, broadsides, and newspaper clippings are accompanied by descriptions and background information on the images. The collection is online at: www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/

Evertons Genealogical Helper Sept/Oct 2005

NEW TRANSLATION HIGHLIGHTS NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENTS IN NORTH AMERICA - - Olaf Kringhaug has translated the book *Nordmaendene i Amerika* - a 1907 book by Martin Ulvestad, which describes in great detail the people and the settlements of the early Norwegians who came to North America. Kringhaug has made this remarkable information available to the general public in English. It can be found online at <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~maggiebakke/ulvestad.hym1>

Evertons Gene Helper Sept/Oct 2005

VICTORY! POST-1901 CENSUS NEWS IN CANADA - - Senator Lorna Milne (L-Brampton) celebrated June 28, 2005, as the House of Commons gave unanimous consent to pass Bill S-18 an Act to amend the Statistics Act, to allow for the release of historic census records. This has been a seven-year effort since Milne raised a notice of inquiry in the Senate. It is expected that the 1911 census that was taken 94 years ago will be released in due time.

Library and Archives Canada, www.collectionscanada.ca/whats-new/013-233-e.html

Received the official transfer of the 1911 census records from Statistics Canada. To facilitate access to these records, a number of standard policies and procedures need to be followed before the product is launched. They are working very hard to release this information to researchers and the general public as quickly as possible, and hope to do so by early fall.

Evertons Helper Sept/Oct 2005

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION - - Swedish genealogists who post certain ancestral data on the internet may be breaking the law—which could mean you'll have less access to information on relatives in the old country.

The Swedish Data Inspection Board (http://www.datainspektionen.se/in_english), a government entity charged with protecting individual privacy, asked the Federation of Swedish Genealogical Societies (FSGS; see www.genealogi.se/roots for the English version) to remove details on the race and ethnic origin of the 18th and 19th century people in FSGS databases. The group, which is similar to the US Federation of Genealogical Societies, has 150 member societies and 9,000 individual members. Emigrantforum, a user-contributed database launched Aug 12, contains information on 370 Swedish emigrants. (The data's in Swedish, but the group hopes to add an English version later this year.) According to the Swedish news Web site "The Local" (www.thelocal.se), the Data Inspection Board's request cited the 1998 Personal Data Act, which outlaws the posting of ethnic and racial information for living people as well as dead people whose descendants haven't given permission for the publication, FSGS is asking the board to clarify the law.
Family Tree Magazine email Nov 10, 2005

In the News - - two new online newspaper projects will let you read all about your ancestors: Family who hail from the land of 10,000 Lakes might show up in an archive of three late 19th or early 20th century Winona Minn, newspapers: *The Winona Argus*, *Winona Daily Republican* and *Winona Republican Herald*. (That's what the home page says, but the drip-down search menu only lists the Argus and the Daily Republican. I haven't found where they're hiding the Herald.) Eventually, the archive will include issues up to 1925 and more than 123,000 pages of text. Get started at www.winona.edu/library/databases/winonanewspaperproject.htm Before you get to the actual search page, you'll have to click through a few steps, including indicating whether you have dialup or broadband service. If you don't use Internet Explorer (IE), you'll also get a warning that the database works best in IE. Then you can select an edition to browse, or search on a keyword plus a particular newspaper, date range or type of content (ad, articles and pictures.) Click on the headline in the list of matches to open the article in a new window.

The Colorado History Museum has digitized more than 75 historic newspapers from 20 Colorado cities covering 1859 to 1923. You can search them online at: <http://host1.cdphheritage.org/newspapers> using the same system as for the Winona newspapers. Browse by issue or date, or search by keyword.

Tip!! Before you request copies of you ancestors' birth and death certificates, visit the state vital-records office Web site. You may learn county offices or state archives hold older records, you'll find out how to request a record, and you'll get information about access restrictions and copying fees.
Family Tree Magazine email Sept 29, 2005

FINDING WEST VIRGINIA VITALS ONLINE - - You can now search and view scanned images of original birth, death, and marriage records from six counties, as well as most statewide death certificates from 1917-1954 at www.wvculture.org/vrr/ The free database consists of millions of West Virginia births, deaths, and marriages—a goldmine for genealogists and historians.
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On The BOOK Shelf

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SOME EARLY WAUPACA AND WEYAUWEGA PRIVATE BANKS

In the Waupaca area's early banking days, banks were privately owned and sometimes charged from 50 to 100 percent interest. In a July 1858 edition of the Waupaca newspaper, *Excelsior*, there was an article reporting the opening of a new bank in Waupaca. The bank was named the Waupaca County Bank and was being operated under the proprietorship of **A.J. Dufur**, a member of the state legislature for Waupaca County, and **A.H. Van Wie**, of Sheboygan. According to the Governor's report, the banks known to be operating in the Waupaca area in 1858 were the Waupaca County Bank in Waupaca and the Wisconsin Valley Bank in Weyauwega. The report lists these two banks as being organized prior to 1858, so it is unclear if the Waupaca County Bank is the same bank mentioned in the *Excelsior* or a different bank that operated under the same name and then closed, allowing a new institution to use the same name.

There are records indicating **H.C. Mead** operated a bank in Waupaca in 1857 but in the 1860 census he listed himself as a collecting agent at the **Alonzo E. Smith Hotel**. There are reports saying he established the Exchange Bank in 1862, yet in 1870 Mead shows up as a banker at the **Frank Vosburgh Hotel** (formerly the Smith Hotel). Mead's bank was variously known as **H.C. Mead & Co.**, and the **Waupaca Exchange & Savings Bank**. Mead successfully operated his bank until October 7, 1882, when he was murdered in the back living section of the bank building. It took executors three to five years to finalize the bank's closing.

The Governor's report for the fiscal year 1859 to 1860 listed four private banks in the Waupaca area. They were the Waupaca County Bank, the Corn Planters Bank, the Wisconsin Valley Bank and the Bank of Weyauwega. This was the last year that the Wisconsin Valley Bank (operated by **W.C. Ritchie** of Beloit) shows up on these reports.

The Waupaca County Bank operated under the bondsman **N.B. Van Slyke**. The stockholders were **N.B. Van Slyke** of Madison and **E.E. Blinn** of Waupaca. The bank had a capital of \$50,000. In 1861 the Wisconsin Supreme Court listed it as one of fourteen banks ordered to wind up its business. The following year the bank was listed as being wound up and that its circulation would be redeemed in treasury notes at a rate of 83 cents. In 1865 the bank was still in the process of closing out its treasury notes.

The Governor's report for 1859-60 lists the Corn Planters Bank with a capital of \$40,000. Its bondsmen were **Keyes A. Darling** and **Mason C. Darling** and its stockholder was listed as the Exchange Bank of Darling & Co. of Fond du Lac. **K.A. Darling** acted as Cashier. The bank ceased to show up in the records after 1864. In the *Oshkosh Northwestern's* September 3, 1868 issue, **Lillie Pushen** reported "... and will discourse somewhat upon the practical, merely referring to a few matters, unintentionally neglected, upon a former visit. Messrs. **H.C. Mead & Co.**, proprietors of the Bank of Waupaca, are, we should judge, finely established in business. With Mr. Mead, we had an agreeable chat, and for the first time learned, that Darling, the Fond du Lac frog doctor, had practiced his wild cat system of banking in Waupaca, a few years ago, but finally left to save (?) his reputation ..."

The Bank of Weyauwega had **Byran B. Northrup** and **Parish B. Ladd** as bondsmen. Its stockholders were **B.B. Northrup** of Racine, **Geo. C. Northrup** of Racine and the Bank of Weyauwega. George was President of the bank and Byron was its Cashier. By 1863 the bondsmen had changed to **Byron B. Northrup & Parish B. Ladd** and **Byron B. Northrup** and **Thomas Falvey**. It was next heard of in the Governor's report for 1864 to 1865 where it was noted that the bank's stock had been exchanged for U.S. treasury notes.

There was no information on the Waupaca area banks in the Governor's reports for the years from 1865 until the 1878 to 1879 report. In that report, besides Mead's Exchange & Savings Bank, Waupaca had the Waupaca Bank operated by **Evan E. Coolidge** (commonly known as the Coolidge Bank). It is unknown when this bank closed, but the last record shown was in the Governor's report for 1886 to 1888 where it showed no activity. There was also a bank owned by **Geo. Jess & Co.** (**George Jess**, a Canadian, owned this bank. It is not known how long he operated in Waupaca, but Jess's bank did not show up after 1879.)

In that report Mead did not list his capital but Jess showed a capital of \$50,000. Coolidge's bank had a capital of \$6,315 and the bank in Weyauwega (**Weed, Gumear & Company**) had a capital of \$5,000 reported. The bank of **Weed, Gumear & Company** was under the proprietorship of the **Weed, Gummier Manufacturing Company**. In May of 1912, the State of Wisconsin brought a suit against **W.H. Weed** and **Thomas F. Wilson** of the firm of **Weed, Gumaer & Co.**, for illegal banking practices under a new banking law, of which they were found guilty. According to the *Waupaca Republican Post*, the case was appealed to the Supreme Court and Justice Webb allowed the company to continue doing business until the case was decided. The bank closed its doors March 12, 1910, six days before the deadline for rehearing the case.

The Governor's report covering the years 1886 to 1888 also lists a private bank, with the name City Bank, opened by **R.N. Roberts** and **Myron Reed**. Roberts served as President of the bank with **W.B. Baker** its Cashier. The history Illustrated Waupaca shows the City Bank was in operation in 1881. To add to the confusion, Waupaca's first national bank was reportedly organized in 1885 as the National Bank (it changed its name to Old National Bank in 1906) with **R.N. Roberts** as its President and **W.B. Baker** as Cashier. Another national bank was organized in Waupaca in 1890 as the Waupaca County Bank. The Waupaca County Bank was suspended in 1893. Its officers were **C. Churchill**, President; **Richard Lea**, Vice President; and **M.F. Skinner**, Cashier. The bank itself was solvent, but there was a steady run of withdrawals arising from depositors' personal animosity towards **Richard Lea's** actions in the 1893 Mead murder trial. The bank was saved from complete collapse when the Waupaca County Post took up its cause by reminding its readers that the vicinity could not afford to allow a bank to go under. The changed its name in 1906 to First National Bank and was absorbed into the Old National Bank in 1910.

The last known private bank in Waupaca was the Exchange Bank of Waupaca, operated by **I.M. Dakin** and **Ed T. Bailey**. It is unknown when this bank opened, but it is listed in the 1881 history, Illustrated Waupaca. A fire in the beginning of March 1896 burned the bank building and all its contents except those secured in the vault. The business reopened right away, temporarily sharing building space with Olson & Johnson Abstract Office (in the old Mead Bank) on Union Street. Between the fire and other business concerns needing attention, Bailey dissolved his interests in the bank. Dakin continued operating under the name Exchange Bank until November of the same year, when he posted a note on the door of the Exchange Bank stating the business had been transferred to the Waupaca County National Bank (known also as the County National).

(Researched by: JJ Johnson)

13 UNLUCKY WAYS TO KILL A GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- 1—Stay away from meetings, but if you do come, fine fault.
- 2—Decline office or appointment to a committee.
- 3—Get sore if you are not nominated or appointed to the right committee.
- 4—After you are elected or named, don't attend board meetings.
- 5—If you get to a meeting, keep quiet until it's over. Then tell everyone how things should be done.
- 6—Do no work if you can help it.
- 7—If anyone has a new idea for a project, be sure to oppose it. There's sure to be work involved.
- 8—If things don't go the way you want, threaten to not co-operate.
- 9—Oppose all ideas of co-operation with other groups. There's no use helping them as it's sure to be work and might cost money.
- 10—Oppose all banquets and activities as a waste of members' money. After all, social activities take a lot of time and effort.
- 11—If everything is strictly business, complain that the meetings are dull and the officers are a bunch of old sticks.
- 12- Give the speaker a challenge by interrupting or walking around the room, or visiting with your friends.
- 13—Don't rush to pay your dues.

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