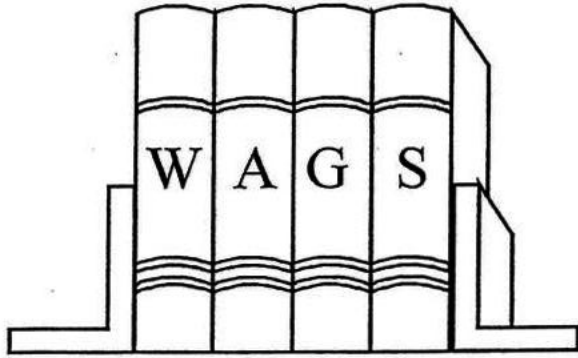


# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



**March 2006  
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,

Today I would like to touch on the importance of belonging to a genealogy society and the "networking" that goes along with it. As I was preparing materials for a beginning genealogy class, I came across "Ten Reasons to Join a Local Genealogy Society" by Kathleen W. Hincley, CGRS, which we share with beginners. At the very beginning she has this statement, "But my ancestors are not from this area, so why should I join the local genealogy society?"

What you will find is other genealogists/family historian that share your interest and are willing to help others. People working together, sharing experiences and helping each other can accomplish and learn more than one individual working alone. It is interesting to note that someone will mention a family in a different area or state and someone else will say, "Why, I am working on that family too."

The following example is just one good reason why belonging to your local society may pay dividends. WAGS received a request from a lady in Maryland to locate a possible family in our area that was a direct descendant of a Lars Raae/Rowe who's picture was in an antique frame she had purchased. Although she wanted to retain the antique frame, because of a note on the back of the picture, she wanted to try and return it to a direct descendant. Gail was unable to make out the name of the place, so she began with *Wisconsin Genealogy Societies* and there was Waupaca. By reaching out to our members we were able to locate a direct descendant and put them in touch with Gail who through correspondence returned not only the picture, but the frame as well, "which is now occupying a place of honor in the house on the original homestead.

There is a list of upcoming genealogical events in our newsletter, please try to attend one or more to continue broadening your knowledge and meeting new friends.

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

## Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

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Deadline for items published in the next Societies newsletter is May 15, 2006. You may send via email : [freistedt@gglbbs.com](mailto: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 [www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm)  
for more information)

<b>1 March 2006</b>	"Obtaining Pioneer Certificates"	Stevens Point Ar3ea Genealogical Society. Karla Leppen speaker. 7 PM See SPAGS home page for more information
<b>4 March 2006</b>	"Enlistments and Drafts, Pensions and Bounty Lands: Military Records for the Genealogist"	Presented by the Library-Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI.
<b>11 March 2006</b>	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Backpacking in Denmark, Finland & England, Speaker Marge Graetz	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
<b>22 March 2006</b>	Nelsonville Lutheran Church Oak Street	Marge Graetz, WAGS member, will give a presentation on Slovakia 1 PM
<b>25 March and 1 April 2006</b>	"Online Genealogical Research on a Budget"	Presented by the Library-Archives of the Wisconsin Historical Society-Madison, WI
<b>8 April 2006</b>	WAGS meeting SATURDAY AM Visiting the Home of Your Ancestors Nancy Helbach	9 AM, Holly Center Coffee and treat
<b>22 April 2006</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Portage County Cultural Festival 2006 Stevens Point Area H S (SPASH) Stevens Point	
<b>21-22 April 2006</b>	Gene-A-Rama County Springs Hotel & Conference Center-Stevens Point	More information in newsletter
<b>11 May 2006</b>	WAGS THURSDAY EVENING (Start of Evening meetings)	6:30 PM Start of summer schedule Roundtable
<b>7-10 June 2006</b>	NGS 2006 Annual Conference in the States "They Passed this Way"	Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL More information to follow
<b>8 June 2005</b>	NO MEETING !!	
<b>10 June 2006</b>	Winchester Area Historical Society, "Flad Day Celebration" WAGS has been invited to join WAHS, part or all day	WAHS, 5186 Cty Road II, Winchester, just West of Winchester Hown Hall, more information in newsletter
<b>13 July 2006</b>	WAGS meeting Roundtable	6:30 PM @ Holly Center, Waupaca
<b>15 July 2006</b>	3 R's of German Research: Reading, 'Riting & Records"	Sponsored by German Interest Group at Greenhill Center of the Arts, UW-WI Whitewater Contact-German Interest Group-WI, PO Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53547-2185 Registration deadline 1 July
<b>10 August 2006</b>	Potluck & Research (bring a dish to pass)	5:30 pm at Nancy Helbach's, N2924 Smith Lane, Waupaca
<b>14 September 2006</b>	WAGS meeting	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
<b>12 October 2006</b>	WAGS meeting Family History Month Show & Tell	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
<b>9 November 2006</b>	WAGS meeting Election of Officers and Roundtable	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
<b>14 December 2006</b>	WAGS meeting Ethnic Potluck and Donations for food pantry	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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Member number 198

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Member number 200

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Janice Walker-Taylor is now Janice Walker and new email address:  
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New email address for Dennis and Kathy Bickford: [dkanddk@tds.net](mailto:dkanddk@tds.net)

### Queries

Looking for info on the **Nels Columbus Nelson** family: They were in the Winchester area, had farm and land. Would like to know where they went after 1890, and where they might be buried. Nels C. Nelson was born on the Atlantic Ocean 08-19-1845, son of Knut and Anne "Halvorsdtr" Lohne Nelson. Nels married **Isabelle Knutsdtr Johnson**, born Twn of Clayton 03-12-1851. Children were: John Alfred, b abt 09-26-1870, Johan Alvin, b 07-02-1871, Lulu Cornelia, b 12-17-1872, Anne Gerogene, b 01-02-1874, Ida Netta, b 08-20-1877, Gertie Hazel, b 03-12-1894. Contact Judy DeCoster, 311 Church St, Neenah, WI 54956

Looking for Andrew Rasmussen, b Denmark abt 1860. He had been with Lars Rasmussen in Clayton Township. Lars moved to Navarino, no mention of Andrew. Contact Judy DeCoster, 311 Church St, Neenah, WI 54956

Looking for BILLINGTON family members in Waupaca County and surrounding areas, ca 1840 to present. Contact Barbara J. Billington, PO Box 158, Allegany, OR 97407

Looking for information on Nellie A., Chris and Will Larsen, Contact Christine Rosbach, 2180 S. Ferguson Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926-8434, Email: [srosbach@elltel.net](mailto:srosbach@elltel.net)

Need location of burial of Samuel Parker Davis, died 09-05-1884, married to Eliza Garrow. Children: Walter, Nora, Julia, Samuel and George. Was living in Dayton according to the 1880 Federal Census. Contact: G. Maria Johnson, PO Box 3011, Yuma, AZ 85365-0997, Email: [mjohnson80@adelphia.net](mailto:mjohnson80@adelphia.net)

Looking for Waupaca County records for: 1800 Cemetery records and Land Records: for DOW, WHITNEY, PROCTOR, HUGHES. Contact Dorothy Kratzer, 6864 South Price Way, Littleton, CO 80120-3508, Email: [dotkrat@msn.com](mailto:dotkrat@msn.com)

Would appreciate any information or pictures of Cheese factories in early 1900's in Waupaca County; Clintonville 1890's, Du Pont, Buckbee, Little Creek, Twin River, "also other counties". Researching for family book, "100 Years of Zehren Cheesemakers" by Vincent and Joe Zehren. Email [JPZ@fuse.net](mailto:JPZ@fuse.net)

### It's For You...

The Winchester Area Historical Society (WAHS) is having work days in their new library and need volunteers to help. The work days are Thursdays, March 16, April 20 and May 18 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and it is not necessary to stay the entire time. Questions: call 920-836-3614 or 920-836-2941.

Correction from December newsletter—"it should be corrected that "Illustrated Waupaca" was printed in 1888. From Darlene Ryan

The Wisconsin Historical Society has just made available an index to Wisconsin pre-1907 births at: [www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords) We plan to add pre-1907 death and marriage indexes in the next few months, creating a comprehensive vital records index that will be entirely free and publicly searchable. Thanks to Melissa McLimans, Administrator, WI Gene Research Service, Wisconsin Historical Society

Marge Graetz, a WAGS member, spent 2 ½ years in Slovakia teaching about English-speaking countries, English literature, and English conversation. At 1 PM, Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Marge will give her presentation at the Portage County (Home and Community Education) HCE's Spring County Day at the Nelsonville Lutheran Church on Oak Street. The program is open to the public.

Winchester Area Historical Society, 5186 County Road II, Winchester, is hosting "Flag Day Celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>", located just West of the Winchester Town Hall. Many events are planned throughout the day. Starting at 9 AM with a Tractor Caravan

though the area, it will be back in time for the parade at 1:30 PM. Other events all day will be a rummage sale (first thing in morning), picnic lunch (start serving at noon): including brats, hot dogs, potato salad, etc, music will be played all day. For more up to date information check WAGS website: [www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm)

## Bits and Pieces

The following from RootsWeb Review, 7 December 2005, Vol 8, No 49

Danish Emigrants—The Danish Emigration Archives were established in 1932 to “record the history of the Danes who emigrated and to maintain cultural bonds to those who have their roots in Denmark.” The archives collections include private letters, manuscripts, diaries, biographies, newspaper clippings, photographs, portraits and more. A number of these resources are now available online. The website is presented both in English and Danish.

The data fields include name, occupation, age, last residence, parish county, first destination of the emigrant from Denmark (city, state, country), contract number and date of registration. Information found in the records may include surname, first name, occupation, family status, age, place of birth (from 1899), last known residence, name of emigration agent, ticket number, ticket registration date, name of the ship (for direct passage from Copenhagen) destination, and possible cancellation of the ticket. The fields in the search results are in English. <http://www.emiarch.dk/home.php3>

North Dakota Death Index now available online—The time period covered is 1 January 1881 through 31 October 2005, with monthly updates. The website is maintained by the North Dakota Department of Health’s Division of Vital Statistics. Many early deaths were not recorded and there are few deaths listed prior to 1900. <http://secure.apps.state.nd.us/doh/certificates/deathCertSearch.htm>

The following from RootsWeb Review, 28 December 2005, Vol 8, No 52

U S Land Records back online: The Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States recently announced that its General Land Office (GLO) Records website is back on line at: <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

The following from RootsWeb Review, 18 January 2006, Vol 9, No 3

Minnesota—Check the Dalby database with more than 1.5 million records, such as cemetery, Civil War, newspaper articles, and others of interest to genealogists. <http://www.dalbydata.com/>

British death duty registers, 1796-1811—These records hold details of wills and bequest for estates of England and Wales liable to death duties (from courts other than the Prerogative Court of Canterbury). <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/death-duty.asp>

The following are from RootsWeb Review, 25 January 2006, Vol 9, No 4

American Civil War—Searchable list of 6.2 million Confederate and Union soldiers published by National Park Service. <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/>

Missouri—The Missouri State Archives offers a free website with information about Missouri soldiers who were in service in 12 different wars between 1812 and 1919. There are more than 576,000 records with an easily searched interface. The

information comes from individual service cards and images of these cards may be viewed online. <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/soldiers>

Missouri Online Resources and Databases:  
<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/ordb.asp>

Palatines to America—This is an outstanding resource and organization for Americans with Germanic ancestry. <http://www.palam.org/about.htm>

The following from RootsWeb Review, 1 February 2006, Vol 9, No 5

Sites worth seeing:

SSDI updated—Index deaths recorded through December 2005.

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>

Or <http://rwguide.rootsweb.com/lesson10.htm>

Lost in Canada?? Now researchers seeking their Canadian roots can search 150 million records covering years 1592-2002 through <http://www.ancestry.ca>—a new Canadian site. The site is part of the World Deluxe subscriber's package. It includes the following databases:

1911 Canada Census (first and only indexed online). This database is an every-name index to individuals enumerated in the 1911 Canada Census. This census includes nine provinces—Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, and Saskatchewan, and two territories—Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Ontario Birth index, 1869-1907, Ontario Marriage index, 1858-1899, Ontario Death index, 1869-1932, Ontario, Canada Census index, 1871, Ontario and Nova Scotia Census records 1800-1842, Canadian Genealogy index, 1600-1900's, Canadian Directories (phone and address) 1995-2002

Norwegian Research—How to trace your ancestors in Norway.  
<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/sab/howto.html>

Norsk Utvandring Til USA 1825-2000—(Norwegian immigration to USA):  
<http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/utstilling>

The following from Family Tree Magazine

Inflation hits the Family History Library—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Library (FHL), based in Salt Lake City, will raise its microfilm rental fees January 15<sup>th</sup>. New loans and renewals of current loans will rise from \$3.25 to \$5.50. The fees, last raised in 1997, include return postage. Rates vary outside the United States.

A New Route to Sanborn Maps—The New England Historic Genealogical Society (<http://www.newenglandancestors.org>) has added a new carrot to its membership benefits: online access to 660,000 Sanborn fire insurance maps of more than 12,000 American towns from 1867 to 1970. Highly detailed Sanborn maps, originally made to help insurance companies assess fire risk, show building locations, outlines, dimensions and construction materials; window and door positions; addresses, property boundaries; and street names and widths. You can get the maps on microfilm at most major libraries, but the electronic forms gives you flexibility to zoom in and out, move across a page and even layer maps from different years.

The lowest membership level that includes online access is the \$75 per year research membership; rates and benefits go up from there.

From "Pinery Pedigree" Marathon Co Gene Soc Jan-Feb 2006, Vol 32, No 3

Google Donates \$3 Million to Scan Old Documents—Google is giving \$3 million to the U.S. Library of Congress to help set up a system for creating digital copies of rare documents from around the world. This is not directly related to genealogy but one has to believe that the effort will greatly aid genealogists.

With the donation announced Tuesday, Google becomes the first business to back the "World Digital Library", a concept that began to take shape about five months ago. The worldwide program is loosely modeled after the Library of Congress' American Memory project launched 11 years ago.

National Digital Library Program: <http://www.loc.gov>

American Memory Web site: <http://www.loc.gov/memory>

Library of Congress' Global Gateway site:  
[Http://international.loc.gov/intidi/intidlhome.html](http://international.loc.gov/intidi/intidlhome.html)

Polish Archives—To find parishes for the different branches of the Polish Archives, use this link, it's part of Sezam, a Polish search engine: <http://baza.archiwa.gov.pl/sezam/pradizad.eng.php> Type in the name of the parish. If there are records for that parish, you will get the years and types of records they have. To get the address of the specific archives, click on more at the end of the proper line for your parish and year. This is the English version, so you should have no trouble reading it.

New England Irish Pioneers—This database will help individuals who are searching for early seventeenth century Irish immigrants and the historical background of their lives. This is a FREE Ancestry.com database. Free guest registration may be required.

## On The BOOK Shelf

The following items have been donated to the WAGS research collection. 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, or mailed to the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. 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! If you have questions in regards to items to be donated, please contact Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com). When leaving donated items at the Holly Center, please make sure to include your name and address.

### From Geraldine Trinrud

#### Books:

A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County, WI 1998

Compiled by Judy Wollangk

Pioneer Cemetery – Fremont, WI 1850-1895 Compiled by Rev. Raymond Barz

Index to Portrait & Biographical Album of Fond du Lac Co. Compiled by WSGS

Cemetery Inscriptions of the Township of Fond du Lac, Lamartine & Eldorado

by Jean Rentmeister

Simcox/Simcocks by Olive Statton

Chapin by Bobby Jo Chapin

Cemetery Inscriptions of Oakfield Township, Fond du Lac Co,  
by Joan Rentmeister

Farmington Ladies Celebrate 100 years, 1897-1997

Scandinavia Victory Club Minutes July 1945-1954

Index to Names in the Commemorative Biographical  
Record of Waupaca, Portage, etc.

Sether Ancestors

History of the Town of Clayton, Winnebago County, WI  
Winchester Area Historical Society

History of Barrington Family Harold P. Barrington

History of 75 years of Scandinavian Coop. Produce Co. 1905-1980  
Mary Barden

Miller Family

Warren family

Faulks Family

**Family Files:**

Bartleson

Boe, John Johnson

Christensen, Christen

Hermanson, Gjert

Hilliker

Knudson

Lewis

Miller/Close/Dye

Mueller

Oerter, Jacob

Olsson, Olaf

Patterson, Matias

Sether

Sorensen

Thorson, Halvor

**Maps:**

Adams County Map

Coloma Quadrangle Map

Shawano County Map

Us County Map

**From Pat Thomas, Austin, TX**

Traces of Yesterday Compiled by the Washington Jr. High School, New London, WI

**From the Waupaca Historical Society**

Family File – Holly, Roy Jr.

**From Donald L. Williams**

Boughton, Ellen and Patterson, John Family Files

**From Lawrence Webb**

Finding Your Chicago Ancestors by Grace Damulle  
Don't Cry "Timber" by Prudence Groff Micheal  
A Picture of Pennsylvania Germans by Russell Gilbert  
Finding Your Roots on-line by Nancy Hendrickson  
Genealogy On-line by Elizabeth Powell Crowe

**From the Holy Ghost Church and copied by Jean Spiegelberg**

Holy Ghost Church Records, Waupaca, WI Volume 1  
Holy Ghost Church Records, Waupaca, WI Volume 2  
Holy Ghost Church Records, Waupaca, WI Volume 3-

**From Dorothy Baldwin**

Family Histories of the Baldwin Families by Dorothy Baldwin

**From Peter and Karen Christianson**

Pioneer Popes II by Michelle Kasoboski

**From Ann Hopkins**

Copy of the Hopkins Family Bible records

**From Lorraine Evenson**

Family History of Even & Else Ottesen and their children

**A Date in History**

March 10, 1862 First issue of US Government paper money, \$5, \$10,  
and \$20 dollar bills

March 11, 1918 "Spanish Influenza" reached America as 107 soldiers  
became sick at Ft. Riley, KS

March 31, 1933 Civilian Conservation Corps – CCC – was formed.  
Unemployed men and youths were organized into quasi-military  
formations and worked outdoors in national parks and forests.

April 2, 1792 Congress established first US mint in Philadelphia

April 3, 1887 Susanna M. Salter, first women mayor elected in US in Argonia, KS

April 22, 1864 "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted US coins  
by Act of Congress

May 8, 1884 33<sup>rd</sup> president Harry S. Truman was born in Lamor, MO

May 10, 1869 Union Pacific and Central Pacific RR's linded at  
Promontory Point, UT

May 30, 1783 Pennsylvania Evening Post, first daily newspaper in America

## DR. LINUS BIDWELL BRAINARD

**Linus Brainard** was born 30 October 1805 in Boardman, Trumbull County, Ohio. He was the eldest of eleven children. His father left Connecticut as a pioneer to the Ohio wilds. When he was seventeen years old, his father was killed by a log that fell while he was helping at a barn-raising (some records say it was while raising a log house) for another settler, leaving seventeen year old Linus as the head of the household. Brainard oversaw the work that needed to be done on the farm and taught school to earn extra money to support the large family. He also earned money by opening a singing school. He was renowned for his rich, mellow voice and the singing school became a great success.

To honor his father's hopes of his becoming a minister, Linus arranged to study under **Bishop Chase** of the Episcopal denomination. It only took him a few months to realize the ministry was not the direction he wanted to take with his life, and turned instead to medicine. He studied under **Dr. Conant** at the Western Reserve College, graduating with the highest honors, which opened the door to allow him to practice with **Dr. J. Bassett**, of Rootstown, Ohio – one of the more renowned physicians of that time.

On October 13, 1839 (at the age of 34 years) he married **Huldah R. Bradley** at Ravenna, Ohio. They had five children, two of which died young. The surviving children were: **Charles Rollin** (born in Ohio), **Alice E.** (born in Ohio, and later married to **David Odem** of Springfield, Illinois), **Lucius Henry**, (born in Wisconsin but moved to Illinois as an adult). Charles lived in Massachusetts for many years before returning to Wisconsin sometime after his father's death.

In 1839, after his marriage, he moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he practiced medicine until 1844 when Brainard got caught up the Western fever and migrated to the Territory of Wisconsin – which was then the "Far West." He purchased 1,040 acres of land in Sheboygan County and erected a sawmill on the Pigeon River, but the title proved imperfect and he lost his investment.

In 1849, under a government appointment of the Taylor/Fillmore administration, Brainard moved to Green Bay as the deputy collector at the port of Green Bay. When the Administration changed in June of 1853, he traveled on horseback to the newly opened Indian Lands in Waupaca County. At the age of 48, he entered 280 acres of land near the village of Waupaca and moved his family to the village in November of that same year.

At Waupaca he built a sawmill a few rods from where he built his family residence along the Waupaca River – not far from where Brainard's Bridge now stands. He is noted for helping to saw the timber that was put into some of the first buildings in this section of Waupaca County. He also practiced medicine and surgery. He was devoted to his medicine and was considered unequalled as a rider – often going 70 to 80 miles on a call. His demands upon his time and skill as a physician and surgeon forced him to delegate the running of the mill and other shops connected with the enterprise to others. The sawmill was not a great success under these conditions and when it burned a few years later he did not rebuild it.

When his friends started talking about wanting a Masonic Lodge in the village, he and **Evan Townsend** joined the Weyauwega Masonic Lodge in order to carry a vote to establish a Lodge in Waupaca. The two men became charter members in the new Lodge and Brainard was the first Worshipful Master.

Brainard enlisted during the Civil War and was appointed Assistant Surgeon of the 7<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry Regiment – known also as the Iron Brigade – on 21 June 1862. At the time he was sworn in under Commanding Officer **Colonel Smith**, his records indicate he was accompanied by a servant and had one horse with him. By September 1862 he had a servant (not a soldier) and two horses. In fact, during most of his service time, he had a servant and generally one to two horses. He was detached to the General Hospital at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on 4 July 1863. On 31 December 1863, at Culpepper, Virginia, he was mustered out of service but re-enlisted as a "Veteran Volunteer" on 1 January 1864.

According to records, on 16 April 1864 there was a request for him to be discharged from Headquarters 5<sup>th</sup> Army Corps Camp at Culpepper, Virginia due to a disability – involving problems from a hernia protrusion with chronic inflammation of the lower intestine and diarrhea. His papers indicate that he was mustered out near Jeffersonville, Maryland on July 3, 1865. (With the close of the war, he was assigned to duty with the regular army for several months.)

He resumed his medical practice upon returning to Waupaca. He was a thorough scholar and ready speaker, delivering many lectures before lyceums and societies, besides contributing many articles to various publications. He occupied a prominent place in all political gatherings where he was an Old-time Whig, until the end of its existence at which time he supported the Republican Party. He was active in meetings where Waupaca's advancement was being considered. He was considered a man of high principles, a genial, kind disposition who was universally loved and respected.

His health continued to plague him after leaving military service. In 1869 he went to Quincy, Massachusetts to stay with his son, Charles, to see if a change of weather would improve his condition. After a few months of no improvement he returned to Waupaca.

After many years of suffering, he made an application for a disability pension from the government. His application listed him as being 77 years of age, 5'7", and 185 pounds and of light complexion. According to his application his disability had continued from service resulting in a large scrotal hernia on left side that was so large that it incapacitated him for walking. He stated he had contracted dysentery in service with a loss of urinary control that necessitated his being obliged to abandon his patients.

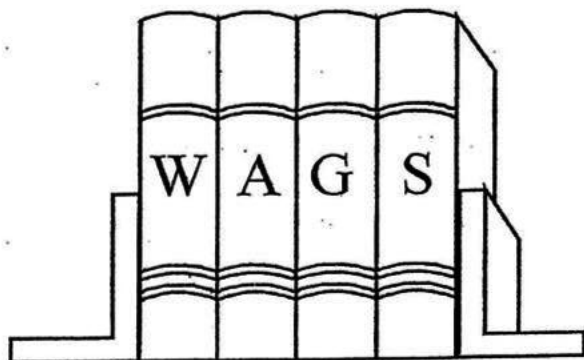
On 4 November 1884, he suffered an attack of paralysis of the brain that caused him to fall and resulted in some slight injuries. For eight weeks he was regarded as not being in his right mind and was under constant care needing the care of an assistant – often two. From the time of the fall until his death he was prone to dizzy spells and experienced a constant dull pain. It was his expressed hope to survive to see his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1885 at his residence outside Waupaca. Through the care of his wife and fellow Masons he passed his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by two weeks.

According to one of **Wayne Guyant's** articles, Brainard supposedly has two tombstones: one in Rural and one Waupaca. According to his obituary he was buried in Lakeside Cemetery just east of **JM Vaughn** – another early pioneer of the Waupaca area.

(Researched by: J.J. Johnson)



# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



**June 2006  
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,

Many of you are able to relate to upcoming weddings, graduations, vacations and the family reunions we have to attend or plan for. The past few months including June and July we be extremely busy for me with little time for genealogy. I had so wanted to attend the NGS Conference in Chicago and now that well not be possible, but I was able to attend Gene-A-Rama in Stevens Point. It was informative with excellent speakers as usual and I even had a chance to talk to some of our members that attended from other areas and out of state.

One of the speakers was Jeffery Bockman, who also did the presentation "A Gift that Money Can't Buy" at the Friday night banquet. This gave me the idea for a presentation on Family History that I shared with some of the veterans/members at the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King,

The interaction was wonderful. I am always amazed by the information that people have and the fact that they do not feel anyone else could possibly be interested in. One lady had an amazing collection of pictures, stories and newspaper clippings. Another gentleman had written of his life experiences that covered so much of the history of his country. He could not believe that the local historical society would be interested in what he had documented over the years. I ask that if you know of people who have collected pictures, clippings and information and they do not have family, that you would encourage them to share with a local genealogical or historical society in the area that they lived in. What a shame to think that information could be lost because we do not take the time to encourage people to share.

In the past few months your VP, Nancy and I held a Basic Beginning Genealogy Class that we did in a Power Point presentation, a new learning experience. A committee consisting of JJ, Jean Spiegelberg, Nancy Helbach, and myself, have been working on a book with the history and four tours of the Lakeside Memorial Park and St. Mary Magdalene cemeteries. The book will be done by next year in time for Waupaca's Sesquicentennial and we will be doing a tour. JJ has accomplished much in compiling the history of many of the founding members of our community who are buried there. If you might be interested in participating in the tour, please contact me, as we would like to have different members dressed in the time period of the people who we will represent as we tell a little of their story.

Remember that we will not be meeting in June. WAGS has been invited to join the Winchester Historical Society for their "Flag Day" celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>. In July we will be meeting and have a potluck at the Holly Center, starting at 5:30 PM and at 7 PM going to South Park for a tour of the historic Hutchinson House. August will be another potluck at Nancy Helbach's home with research, check details in the newsletter.

Darlene

### Calendar

(Check the WAGS website [www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm) for more information)

7-10 June 2006	NGS 2006 Annual Conference in the States "They Passed this Way"	Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Chicago, IL
8 June 2005	NO MEETING !!	
10 June 2006	Winchester Area Historical Society, "Flag Day Celebration" WAGS has been invited to join WAHS, part or all day	WAHS, 5186 Cty Road II, Winchester, just West of Winchester Town Hall, more information in newsletter
13 July 2006	WAGS meeting	NOTE** 5:30 PM Potluck at Holly Center 7PM at South Park tour of Hutchinson House
15 July 2006	3 R's of German Research: Reading, 'Riting & Records"	Sponsored by German Interest Group at Greenhill Center of the Arts, UW-WI Whitewater Contact-German Interest Group-WI, PO Box 2185, Janesville, WI 53547-2185 Registration deadline 1 July
10 August 2006	Potluck & Research (bring a dish to pass)	5:30 pm at Nancy Helbach's, N2924 Smith Lane, Waupaca
14 September 2006	WAGS meeting	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
12 October 2006	WAGS meeting Family History Month Show & Tell	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
13 - 14 October 2006	WSGS Fall Seminar – UW-Fond du lac	More information to come
9 November 2006	WAGS meeting Election of Officers and Roundtable	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca
14 December 2006	WAGS meeting Ethnic Potluck and Donations for food pantry	6:30 pm Holly Center, Waupaca

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jennifer JOHNSON  
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Iola, WI 54945

Member number: 201  
Sumames: Johnson, Dumbleton,  
Franke, Wegman

Please note:

New email address for Lawrence Webb: [lweb@itol.com](mailto:lweb@itol.com)

Bob Jones: "I claim descent from John Thurston born 13 Jan 1600/1 at Wrentham, Suffolk, ENG – through his daughter Hannah. Hannah was born 28 Apr 1650 at Dedham, Suffolk, MA. She married Joseph Cheney 12 Mar 1667/8 at Medfield, Suffolk, MA. If I can be of assistance, please contact me. Lawrence Webb email: [lweb@itol.com](mailto:lweb@itol.com)



## Queries

Looking for information on my family lines Carroll, Ritchie, St. Clair, and Wilcox who were early settlers in Waupaca County (1870s) – Northport, Mukwa, Royalton. Contact: Maureen Isaman, 8808 45<sup>th</sup> St West, University Place, WA 98466 Email: [adiosisaman@aol.com](mailto:adiosisaman@aol.com)

## It's For You...

The Wisconsin Historical Society has just made available an index to Wisconsin pre-1907 births at: [www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords) We plan to add pre-1907 death and marriage indexes in the next few months, creating a comprehensive vital records index that will be entirely free and publicly searchable. Thanks to Melissa McLimans, Administrator, WI Gene Research Service, Wisconsin Historical Society

Also check out an "Index to Wisconsin Delayed and Affidavit Birth Registration Prior to 1 Oct 1907". Go to: [www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/delayed\\_birth.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/delayed_birth.htm)

Winchester Area Historical Society, 5186 County Road II, Winchester, is hosting "Flag Day Celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup>", located just West of the Winchester Town Hall. Many events are planned throughout the day. Starting at 9 AM with a Tractor Caravan through the area, it will be back in time for the parade at 1:30- PM. Other events all day will be a rummage sale (first thing in morning), picnic lunch (start serving at noon): including brats, hot dogs, potato salad, etc, music will be played all day. For more up to date information check the Waupaca GenWeb site: [www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/index.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupaca/index.htm)

Did Grandma Marry in the Dairy State? The Wisconsin Historical Society has followed through on its vow to add a marriage database to its online pre-1907 vital-records indexes. Visit [www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords) to search more than 1 million marriages between 1836 and Sept 30, 1907, by last name plus optional first name, county and date. You also can search by just a county and year. Most marriages are indexed by both bride and groom. Besides marriages, the index also lists birth and death records dated between 1852 and 1907. Click "Details" for more information on a match, then "Buy" to order a copy of the record for \$15.00. Family Tree Magazine update May 11, 2006

Stories Existence – StoryCorps' MobileBooths—the two recording studios-on-wheels that roam the country so ordinary citizens can tape interviews with their family and friends—may be stopping in a city near you this spring. Make your reservations now: Every interview slot was booked during last year's 23-city tour. People as diverse as Chicago urbanites; Minneapolis homeless youth; Madison, WI, Tibetan monks; and North Dakota Indian reservation residents told their stories. Eventually, the recordings will become part of the Library of Congress' (<http://loc.gov>) collections.

This year the MobileBooths will make longer stops in fewer cities including Atlanta; Flagstaff, AZ; and New Orleans. See [www.storycorps.net/participate/record\\_an\\_interview/locations](http://www.storycorps.net/participate/record_an_interview/locations) for a schedule and reservation instructions. Two standing StoryCorps booths have opened in New York City, too: One at Grand Central Station was dedicated last month, and a booth new Ground Zero is the first element of an interim World Trade Center memorial. It's reserved for use by people directly affected by the Sept 11 2001, terrorist attacks.

Can't get an appointment? Log on to the StoryCorps Web site and click "Participate" for a Question Generator tool and a do-it-yourself oral history interview guide.

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The following items have been donated and accessioned to the WAGS collection at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

Thank you to Russell & Delores Miller for the donation of the following family records:

The Rast Family History Compiled by Russell & Delores Miller  
The Friedrich Wilhelm Much Family by Mary Rahr & Carl Much  
Nostalgia and Reminiscences and Recollections by Dorothy Mill Ovsienko  
Family History Genealogy – Klingbeil by Delores Zillmer Miller

Also added to the collection with purchases made by WAGS with monies from the Judith Wollangk Memorial Fund are the following books:

Index to Winnebago Co, WI Births Vol 1 1836 - 1886 Revised 2002 (includes Mother's Index)  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Births Vol II 1887-1891 (Includes Mother's Maiden Name Index)  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Births Vol III 1892-1895 (Includes Mother's Maiden Name Index)  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Births Vol IV 1896-1900 (Includes Mother's Maiden Name Index)  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Deaths Vol 1 1842 - 1897  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Marriages Vol 1 1848 - 1874  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Marriages Vol 2 1875 - 1891  
Index to Winnebago Co, WI Marriages Vol 3 1892 - 1902

And also purchased by WAGS from the Benjamin Hillicker Fund are the following books:

The Civil War on the Web: a guide to the very best sites by Alice Carter & Richard Jensen  
Exploring Civil War Wisconsin: A Survival Guide For Researchers by Brett Barker  
Wisconsin in the Civil War by Frank L. Klement  
The American Heritage New History of the Civil War by Bruce Catton  
"Wisconsin Civil War Casualties from the Iron Brigade" by Bev Hetzel

If you haven't visited the Holly History and Genealogy Center in Waupaca, Wisconsin you are missing a great place for Waupaca area genealogy resources! The many resources available include: family records and books, 1857-1895 election reports, land pre-emption records, tax Records, cemetery records, plat maps and much much more! So if you are planning a visit to the area, make the Holly Center one of you stops.

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## Reunions

Helbach Family Reunion, Sunday July 16 2006 11 AM till ???? Lake Emily Park, Upper Lodge, located West of Amherst Junction, WI, bring a dish to pass. Questions call Bruce Helbach 715-258-2247 with family updates: N2924 Smith Lane, Waupaca, WI 54981 or email: [nhelbach@gglbbs.com](mailto:nhelbach@gglbbs.com)

Anderson-Hoy-Larson Reunion Saturday, July 29 2006 Brainard Bridge Park, Waupaca, WI Contact Elva Larson 715-256-1685

Dear WAGS Members,

After 10 years of being your WAGS Newsletter Editor I am stepping down. I have enjoyed sharing information with you. I felt my purpose was to share something I found that would help you in your research. It's like the light that goes on, and we are so excited we hear "I found it!"

I will still be involved with WAGS on some level, but need to take a break. Thank you to all that has given things to put in the newsletter.

*Jessie Freestadt*

## THE LOST ARE FOUND

Most people who have read about Waupaca County's early history are well acquainted with the incident regarding the three-year-old child, **Casper Partridge**, from the Vinland area. Casper disappeared at a sugar camp in April of 1850. In the fall of 1851, settlers who thought the child was the missing boy forcibly removed a child in an Indian encampment north of Waupaca. Courts ordered the child returned to his Indian mother, but the Partridges fled with the child before his return could be accomplished. Three years later the skeleton of a small child with similar articles of clothing as the missing boy was discovered in the swamps near the place Casper had disappeared. Later, as an adult, the person now known as Casper Partridge stated he always knew he was not the missing child, but stayed with the Partridges as he thought he would have a better life as a white person. However, there were other incidents in the County's early history that did not end quite so tragically for those involved.

**Casper and Anna Zwicky** settled on land between Scandinavia and Iola in the Town of Scandinavia in 1851. Indians reportedly took their first child, also named Casper Zwicky, in 1851 (one source lists the incident as occurring midsummer of 1862). There are two separate versions of this incident. *In one:* Early one morning Anna carried the four-month-old baby from his bath to the bedroom where she carefully dressed him in his gown, a light jacket, and combed his damp hair into a little peak before laying him in his crib for a nap. A short time later she paused in her labors to check on the child only to find the mosquito screening on the window torn and the child gone. Anna quickly ran to the fields where her husband was working. She was convinced that Indians in the vicinity had stolen her child. Neighbors were roused but Casper Sr. reportedly convinced everyone of the need to handle the situation calmly so as not to anger the Indians, possibly causing them to harm the child or rise up in war. For three days Anna went about her chores in a daze, deferring to her husband's decision.

Then, according to the story, as Anna stared out the damaged window across the lands her child's abductor had traversed four days earlier, she heard a noise at the door. Expecting either her husband or a sympathetic neighbor, she turned to see a group of Indians standing in the doorway and with them, her infant son. It seemed one of them had "borrowed" the child to take to his home to show his wife how the white man dressed their babies. The child was returned to Anna, along with some gifts and food as a sign of good will for any sadness she might have felt while he was with them.

In the *second account* the following was found; that the child had been left alone in the cabin while the parents were both out in the fields and when they returned to the cabin that evening, they discovered Casper missing and the neighbors were summoned to help locate the missing infant. In this version, by **Alfred Erickson**, Casper was returned the next morning along with a hindquarter of venison to prove the Indians meant no harm. Reportedly they said they had never seen such a beautiful baby and could not resist taking him back to show the rest of the tribe.

**George M. Camp** was living in Dayton with his wife, two sons and two daughters in the late 1850s. On October 29, 1861 he enlisted in the army and was placed in Company A of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry and he died April 10, 1862 in Savannah, Tennessee of wounds. His wife remarried a **Mr. Stanley**, and they lived at Stanley's Landing on the Wolf River. One day when his sisters were supposed to be watching him, five-year-old **Orta Camp** disappeared. His cap was found on the riverbank, but when no body was found it was assumed that the Indians had kidnapped him. Over the years, the family kept an eye out for Orta, who they knew they could recognize by two identifying scars on his body, but eventually accepted he had actually died.

In May of 1882 Orta's brother was working at a sawmill near Waupaca when he engaged in conversation with a young Indian man passing through the area. The "Indian" turned out to be the missing Orta and a telegram was sent to their mother, who was now again remarried to a **Mr. Barber** in the area of St. Charles, Minnesota. Within a week she had arrived at Waupaca and was able to confirm the identity of her son, who reportedly resembled his father in many ways. Orta told his family how he had lived a transient life with the Indians and he always knew he was of white birth but had forgotten what his name had been and did not know from what region he had been taken. He told of the rituals and tortures he had endured in the process of becoming a brave in the tribe. His skin had been dyed with a substance that they were unable to wash out.

Orta lived with his family for a while but eventually decided to return to the Indian life and moved to Dakota. There he joined a Sioux tribe where he was reportedly adopted by a chief, married an Indian woman and had two children, a boy and a girl. The boy was born white-skinned and his daughter was born the same copper color as her mother. Eventually Orta became a leader of the tribe and was known as **Chief Red Cloud**. This story was documented both by the Waupaca Republican newspaper and **A.M. Jones** of Waupaca, whose mother was one of Orta's sisters.

An incident documented in an oral history conducted by **Dorothy Button** in 1940 tells of a young girl who disappeared from the Ogdensburg area. The child was about four years old at the time. When a search of the woods and lakes by the settlers failed to find any sign of the child, it was speculated that she had been taken by Indians, drowned in the lake, or eaten by wolves. In an effort to assuage her grief, the mother, **Mrs. O.M. Collier**, wrote a poem detailing the desperate search and the despair she endured. Then, about sixteen years later Mrs. Collier was in Waupaca when a band of gypsies came through the town. She noticed a young woman about twenty years of age who looked a great deal like her lost child. Remembering her daughter had a scar on her arm, she asked permission from one of the gypsy women to examine the young woman's arm, where the scar was indeed found. Mrs. Collier reportedly asked her daughter to stay in Waupaca with her family. The girl was a favorite with the band and the gypsies were willing to let the girl remain if that was her choice but she preferred to remain as a member of the traveling band. She did remain in Waupaca for a number of days, spending time getting to know her biological family who could better accept her departure with people they knew also loved and cared for their child.

**Adelia Combs'** story was somewhat different. She was brought to Waupaca with the Combs family and since the age of ten years she was asking questions and doing all she could to learn about her real parents and home. She could remember riding in a sleigh with some men, one of whom put a coat around her; being passed from one stranger to another; being burned during a disagreement with her sister while playing with some blocks and her brother cutting one of the feet off her rag doll. She could remember when she was smaller her hair was flaxen and being shaken by her mother for playing with a pan of dirty water and spilling it all over her clothes.

Believing she had come to Wisconsin from Michigan, she focused her efforts during her younger years, in that direction. About the only family the Combs' ever spoke about was **Chauncey Dopps**, who had been married to Mrs. Combs' sister. The story was that this sandy-haired sister had died from injuries incurred from being run over by railroad cars. After Ada married **Chas. A. Smith**, Mrs. Combs said Ada could write to **Elisha Rappleyea** of Newport, N.Y., whom she said was of some kind of family relation and could perhaps answer Ada's questions. Ada wrote, but never received a reply.

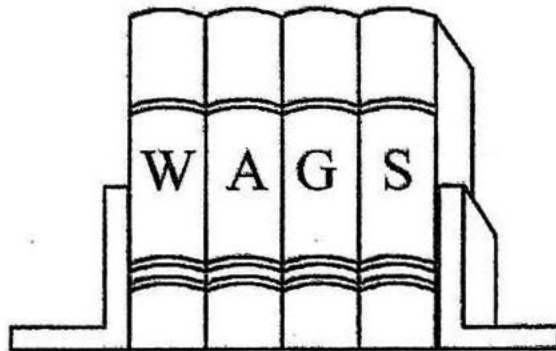
Around 1886, a Morgan family moved back to Waupaca settling near Charles and Ada Smith. The Morgan family had lived back east for about three years at Middleville, New York, near the **Henry Thornton** family and Mrs. Thornton spoke longingly of the child she had lost - a twin to her daughter, Fanny, then married to **Chas. E. Smith**. After the birth of the twins at Newport, NY, a kindly neighbor, a Mrs. **Chauncey Hewson**, often came over and helped take care of one of the infants and sometimes taking one home to relieve the busy mother and always they took Adelia, because they had become quite attached to the child. Not having any children, they even asked the Thornton's to consider letting them take Adelia for their own. When Adelia and Fanny were about three years old, the Thornton's moved to Newport, about three miles away. At the Hewson's request, Adelia was allowed to stay with them for a while after the move - until one day the father learned the Hewson's resented when he and his wife came by to see their child. Immediately the father brought Adelia back home. Then, one evening shortly after dark, Mr. Hewson and four men burst into the house and forcibly took Adelia from her mother and sped away in a sleigh to the Hewson's new residence at Utica. By the time the Thornton's had tracked the child to that location, the Hewson's had already left for Michigan, but the Thornton's had no means to pursue the Hewson's further but continued to hope and watch for news of their child.

Mrs. Morgan was amazed at the resemblance that Ada bore to the Thornton's and as they got to know her, she told them of her situation and her search for her real family. Mrs. Morgan encouraged Ada to write to the Thornton family. There were so many similarities in their stories that it was believed that Ada was the Thornton's missing Adelia. Arrangements were made for Ada to go to Middleville to meet the family to see if these were indeed her parents, brothers and sisters. She recognized her brother, **Charles Thornton** by their similar looks, as she was getting off the train and visits with the family convinced all that the family was indeed again reunited.

As far as Ada's memories went, it was learned that the Thornton's had heard that Chauncey Hewson had died from injuries similar to the Chauncey Dopps of Mrs. Combs' stories. Chauncey had sandy hair and whiskers. The name Elisha Rappleyea, that Mrs. Combs gave Ada, was believed to be a confusion of the name of Henry Thornton's brother, **Elisha Thornton**. According to Mrs. Thornton, Ada and Fanny did have a squabble that resulted in a burn, but it was Fanny who was burned, not Ada and Adelia did have a doll whose foot had been cut off but it was done so by a neighbor boy, not her brother. Ada could only guess at her real age based on information she obtained from her first schoolteacher but it seemed to be the same age as Fanny's and despite Fanny's dark hair and dark eyes, Adelia indeed did have curly flaxen hair and blue eyes as a child.

All parties were fully convinced their family was once again whole.

# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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Hello again...

Susie Freistedt, our newsletter Editor for the past 11 years, has resigned and Paula Vaughan has volunteered to take on the position for now. Susie also attended the National Genealogical Conference that was held in Chicago this year and will give us an overview of the conference and what it was like to attend at the September meeting.

Our August potluck and research meeting at Nancy Helbach's had a nice turnout with some new faces and a very nice surprise. One of our members Dorothy K. from Colorado and her sister Roberta M. from Iowa were in the area doing research and joined us for the evening. Some of the names they were researching were Dow, Dickinson and Whitney and they did find some information when going through the materials Nancy had on hand.

Coming up this month your VP Nancy H. and I will be attending a Leader's Workshop being held in Reedsburg, which will cover leadership, programming, fund raising, technology and the internet, newsletters and more.

Don't forget that WSGS is holding their Fall Seminar at the University of Wisconsin -Fond du Lac on Saturday the 14 of October with Paula Stuart-Warren talking on railroad records and history, research in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century along with organizational skills and writing your family history. For those of you who have not heard Paula, she is an interesting and very informative speaker and I have enjoyed other presentations she has done.

October is *Family History Month* and we will be having a "Show & Tell" at our October meeting. For those of you who are unable to attend, with a little time and effort you could do your own show & tell with your family to celebrate sometime during the month. It could be something as simple as a weekend afternoon or evening of getting together and sharing pictures or having a meal where the family brings favorite dishes and share their recipes. What is important is that we find the time in our busy lives to share our family history - and not only in October.

In November we will be reviewing our bylaws and holding the election of officers for 2007. If anyone is interested in volunteering as an officer for the upcoming year, please contact WAGS at the following e-mail address: [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

Next year the city of Waupaca will be celebrating 150 years and WAGS will be doing one of the cemetery tours at Lakeside Memorial Park during the Fall-A-Rama activities in September. We are in the process of putting a book together on the history of both Lakeside Memorial and St. Mary Magdalene, in which four separate tours are listed, and it will be available next year. You will be hearing more about this project in the months to come.

Darlene

## Caleb S. Ogden

**Caleb S. Ogden** was born 2 August 1819 in Cannonsville, New York to Abraham and Mary (Smith) Ogden. He was named after his maternal grandfather. Caleb attended common school until the age of 15 years and then took a job as a store clerk until he came of age. He also attended the Knoxville Academy at Corning, New York. After that he took over the management of his and his father's farms. In 1834 they decided to move west, taking a boat as far as Detroit and then crossing Michigan with ox teams to Niles, Illinois. When his father moved to Madison, Wis. in 1836, he remained in Niles where he held the position of school director and a number of town offices. Caleb married **Catherine E. Hoag** on 23 February 1845 at Niles. Catherine was originally from Montgomery County, New York. They had eleven children: John A., Francis E., William C., Charles W., Gilbert W., Julia, Alice, Mary, Sarah, Kate, and one child that died in infancy.

Caleb moved to Plover (then the county seat of Portage County) in 1848 where he opened a mercantile store along with his interests in lumbering and farming. While here, he was the first school Superintendent, Assessor, Justice of the Peace and Supervisor. In 1851 he made extensive additions to his farming endeavors.

Ogden made his first trip to the area known as Ogdensburg in 1854 (he helped found this village that was named after him in honor of the saw mill he erected there), and moved to that location that same year, opening a mercantile. Before the windows and doors were even adjusted he had stocked the place with over \$6,000 worth of merchandise. He then proceeded to build a sawmill, construct roads, and study the law. With the help of his efforts, Ogdensburg became a busy village and had aspirations of obtaining the county seat. When it became apparent that they would not be able to get the county seat for themselves, the village threw their support to Waupaca. Ogden was admitted to the bar at the first term of court ever held at Waupaca.

Caleb and Olaf Druetzer entered a partnership and built a number of mills on the Little Wolf River (Ogden also built a huge machine shop in Waupaca to manufacture waterwheels, etc.). Druetzer was also present at the home of C.S. Ogden, in April 1855, when settlers met to organize the town of St. Lawrence. Relations between Ogden and Druetzer apparently deteriorated for in 1855 S.H. Collier presided over the case of C.S. Ogden vs. O.E. Druetzer, which became the first lawsuit in Waupaca County. Ogden was elected as District Attorney for the county in 1857.

In 1859 fire destroyed the sawmill but Ogden rebuilt it and it operated for another ten years. Later, fire also destroyed Caleb's machine shop in Waupaca, costing him over \$30,000.

Ogden never established a successful law practice while he was in Ogdensburg although in 1861 he was elected as County Probate Judge, a position he held until 1892 or 1894 (depending upon the source) with the exception of one term held by Winfield Scott when Ogden refused the position due to pressures from his private businesses. Judge Hatch ultimately succeeded him. Around 1865 or 1866 Ogden moved to Waupaca where he opened a law practice while serving as Probate Judge.

In 1868 he launched the newspaper, Waupaca Republican. He had purchased the Weyauwega Times from Sackett and moved that paper's equipment to Waupaca for his base of operation. Four of his sons later followed him into the printing business. Caleb is also accredited with starting the New London Times newspaper and, in 1877, founded the Waupaca Post. Through his son, John, he was able to arrange a deal with Sorenson and Perry to purchase their paper, the Criterion into the Republican. (???) About two to three years later he sold the paper to C.M. Bright. When he disagreed with the political and personal leanings expressed by Bright, Ogden established the Waupaca Post in competition with his former paper.

His wife died 7 March 1877 in Waupaca and five years later, in 1882, Ogden married **Josephine Merry**. Josephine was the daughter of Henry G. and Sarah (Kelsey) Merry. Josephine was born in Pittsfield, Mass. The family settled in Milwaukee in 1849 before removing to Waupaca County in 1851 where her father was a minister, carpenter and millwright.

Caleb always loved being around and raising good horses and even after his retirement would routinely go out to his farm where he could "speed the colts" on the track he had built for training the animals.

Ogden died 18 October 1906 in Waupaca. He was a charter member of the Waupaca Masons and a member of the Odd Fellows and the County Horticultural Society. He was noted for being a man with a large heart and it was expressed that it was his broad-reaching, friendly nature that blocked his legal practice from becoming a success. He took no pleasure in his neighbors' quarrels and often assembled the legal combatants to bring them to an amicable solution to their disagreements rather than take their money by bringing the matter to court. Instead, he would bridge their disputes with warm, fatherly advice and send them home – better neighbors, better friends and better citizens than they had been before the conflict. – By J.J. Johnson

(Members are invited to submit an article about their Waupaca area ancestors of long ago. The article should be no more than 2 pages in length and can be emailed directly to the Editor at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com) or mailed to: WAGS, ATTENTION: Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042) If you have any questions, please contact the newsletter editor.

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## Bits and Pieces

**Clarification from JJ Johnson** – The book *Indian Land* by Thor Helgeson 1842-1928 which is currently on the Main Street Market Place website is **not** the same book as *From the Indian Lands* book by Malcolm Rosholt. These are two different books. This book transcription can be found at the following address: <http://www.mainstreet-marketplace.com/Indianland.htm>.

**Yearbook request** - The New London Museum is collecting New London High School yearbooks from 1910-2005, which will be made available to researchers. A few years are still needed. If you have one of the following and wish to donate it to the Museum please contact **the museum** at 920-982-8520 or e-mail **them** at [museum@newlondonwi.org](mailto:museum@newlondonwi.org). The years still needed are 1920-1922, 1933-1936, and 1957.

**Allen County Library** – The new facility completion is set for the early part of 2007. This facility will include a cafe, bookstore, auditorium, computer center, an underground parking garage, and many other features. You can check their progress at the following address <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/locations/index.html>.

**Wisconsin Historical Society – Family History Night** - This special event is sponsored by WHS and Friends of WHS. The Library will open its doors to genealogical researchers to use the Library during closed hours, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Registration is required. T-shirts will be given to those who register by August 31<sup>st</sup>. For further information call (608) 264-6400, email [elizabeth.hinds@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:elizabeth.hinds@wisconsinhistory.org) OR visit the Wisconsin Historical Society website at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/classes/events.asp?id=897>.

## On The Shelves

The following items have been added to the WAGS collection and are now available at the Holly History & Genealogy Center:

Cartwright/Lamphear/Smith family information donated by Marilyn Marquard (This information can be found in the vertical family files.)

*Triumphs and Tragedies in the History of Winneconne 1848-1983* by James P. Coughlin and *Wisconsin My Home* by Erna Oleson Xan have been donated by Paula Vaughan

*Spiegelberg Family* published July 2006. Written and donated by Darleen Chipman

*Weyauwega Remembers* by Joan Mallo, Mary Werth and Bill Mallo published 2006 and purchased by WAGS

**REMINDER:** When leaving items for donation at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, please be sure to mark the item with your name, address and which organization the donation is being made to. While WAGS houses their collection at the center, we are a separate organization from the Waupaca Historical Society.

## Membership Additions & Changes

We would like to welcome the following new members:..

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Membership #202

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Membership #203  
Surnames researching: **LANG, MACK, PETRIE & TAYLOR**

Change of address:  
Janet Geronime reports a change in her email address.  
Old address: [jgeronime@direcway.com](mailto:jgeronime@direcway.com)  
New address: [jgeronime@hughes.net](mailto:jgeronime@hughes.net)

Eunice Larson reports a change in her phone number. The new phone number is (808) 554-0596

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## Queries

Seeking information on death place, burial and land ownership for Jesse **MERRIAM** who died 1877. He was the father of Andrew **MERRIAM** (died 1922) who had farms in Bear Creek & Belle Plaine. They came (probably separately) from Hasting Cty, Ontario Canada. Also looking for other families that came from Hasting, Ontario and settled in Waupaca County. Mary **Delaney McCanaghy** & Susan **Delaney**, 4020 Bryant Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409  
e-mail: [mccanaghy@earthlink.net](mailto:mccanaghy@earthlink.net) OR e-mail: [blueflash0704@yahoo.com](mailto:blueflash0704@yahoo.com)

Where did Elizabeth go? Seeking information abt Elizabeth **DYE TURNEY HOWARD**. Elizabeth b 1857 Waupaca Co., WI parents Calvin **DYE** & Roxanna **NUTTING**. Elizabeth m1 Wm. **TURNEY** 1872 in Outagamie Co, WI m2 Arthur **HOWARD** 1874 in Wood Co. She disappears after marrying Arthur **HOWARD** in 1874. Do you have a clue to where she went? Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com) (920) 233-6409

## A BIG THANK YOU!

As you have read in the last issue of the newsletter Susie Freistedt has stepped down as the editor of the newsletter. Susie took on the role of editor shortly after the formation of WAGS and has continued in that role for the past ten years. Not only has she served in the role as Editor, she has also served in various positions on the board and has always been there to help with whatever she could. Although Susie has stepped down as Editor she still continues to play an active role within the society. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Susie for her dedication and many hours she has given to the society. THANK YOU!

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## Website News

**The Waupaca County, Wisconsin History and Genealogical website** continues to grow. The cemetery project is nearing completion - thanks to many volunteers. Only a few of the Waupaca County cemeteries remain to be transcribed and posted with several of the cemeteries having been updated in 2006. Over 4,700 headstone photos have also been posted – with this number continuing to grow. Stop by the site and see what's new!  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/index.htm>.

### **WorldCat: Best Thing Since Sliced Bread** By Dale Talkington

For the kind of FUN hobby work that I do, Google and the brand-new beta WorldCat have become my most important aids to research.

Google is easily accessed, but WorldCat's locations of 1.3 billion items in 10,000 libraries around the world previously have been available only through institutional access.

It's become available to the public here and now. It's FREE and simple to use. Just type in a book name or author and it shows which library holds that book. <http://www.worldcat.org/>

Try it -- you will like it!

Previously published in RootsWeb Review: 16 August 2006, Vol. 9, No. 33.

**Huntington Library's Early California Population Project** - Until now, baptisms, marriage and burial registers of California's historic Spanish missions were inaccessible to all but a few scholars. The original records, scattered in archives across California, are too brittle to handle, and microfilm copies are poor quality and hard to find. Interpreting the registers' 18th-century Spanish script demands rare skills.

Now you can take a look at these registers thanks to the San Marino, Calif.-based Huntington Library's Early California Population Project <http://www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPmain.htm>. This online database contains transcribed information on the Indians, soldiers and settlers of Alta California (roughly, where the state of California is now) from 1769 to 1850. Records include more than 101,000 baptisms, 27,000 marriages, and 71,000 burials from 21 missions plus the Los Angeles Plaza Church and Santa Barbara Presidio.

Information gleaned from the Aug. 17, 2006 issue of the Family Tree Magazine email.

**USGS Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)** – This site has been around quite some time but it is very helpful when trying to locate the county for any city/village. Various types of searches can be made by making a choice from the "Feature Class" drop down menu. Find this helpful site at <http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnispublic>.

If you have a helpful website that you would like to recommend to other members, please email the website address to Paula at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

## TOWNSHIPS OF WAUPACA COUNTY

As per information from histories of the county done by Wakefield and Ware  
(Occasionally sources varies as to the year the township was organized - both years are noted)  
Compiled by JJ Johnson

Waupaca County is located in the central portion of Wisconsin. It consists of 756 square miles and has 483,840 acres. Shawano, Outagamie, Winnebago, Waushara and Portage Counties border it. Ware states, in his 1917 history of Waupaca County, that the civil organization of the county began in the spring of 1851. At that time there were only about 50 permanent settlers. The land was incorporated by the Wisconsin legislature on February 17, 1851 as Waupaca County and consisted of one town that was also designated at Waupaca although the Menominee did not fully surrender the land until June 1, 1852. Settlers in the "Indian lands" prior to that time were considered "squatters". On November 13, 1855 Alban, New Hope, Lanark, Amherst, and Belmont were admitted by the Waupaca County Board but were later included in Portage County.

The Waupaca county seat was temporarily set in Mukwa. Many communities initially sought the removal of the county seat to their locations but the final debate for the permanent location came down between Waupaca and Weyauwega. Election frauds caused the location of the county seat to be decided by a decision by the State. The State ordered representation at county meetings to be changed from the township method to a commissioner system that created districts within the county. This was accomplished July 9, 1861. One last attempt to move the county seat from Waupaca was made by Manawa in 1914.

At the town meeting held on March 5, 1852 it was determined to divide the Town of Waupaca into six townships. These were named Lind, Weyauwega, Mukwa, Waupaca, Centerville and Embarrass. Because Lind was the first named of these six divisions it is often referred to in area histories as the first township of the county. Today Waupaca County consists of 22 townships and contains 6 villages and 6 cities.

**TOWN OF LIND** – Lind was organized into a township on March 5, 1852. Simon C. Dow and Colonel John W. Chandler made its first settlement in the spring of 1849. It was given its name by George Taggart.

**TOWN OF WEYAUWEGA** – The first settlement in this township was by Henry Turtellott, Amos Dodge, and M. Lewis in 1848. It was organized into a township on March 5, 1852.

**TOWN OF MUKWA** – Mukwa was first settled by J.G. Nordman in the spring of 1848 through a soldier's land warrant for his service in the Mexican War. It was organized into a township on March 5, 1852.

**TOWN OF WAUPACA** – Waupaca was organized as the original township by state legislative act on February 17, 1851 but is considered having been organized on March 5, 1852 when it was divided into six separate townships at a meeting of the county board. It was first settled in June 9, 1849 by the "Vermonters" William Hibbard, Joseph Hibbard, and Erastus Sessions with the help of their cousins, Martin Burnham and William Pratt to decided to move elsewhere.

**TOWN OF CENTERVILLE** – Centerville was organized on March 5, 1852. It was first settled by William Goldberg in 1848. It was later renamed, becoming what is now known as the township of **LITTLE WOLF**.

**TOWN OF EMBARRASS** – Embarrass was organized on March 5, 1852. Note: As near as could be determined from records on hand, this section of land was later claimed by Shawano County. While in that county it was organized and named as a township in honor of its first settler, Roswell Matteson, and when re-admitted to Waupaca County it retained the name of Town of Matteson.

**TOWN OF DAYTON** – Was created on December 7, 1852 from land detached from the township of Lind. It was the first township to be created individually from the original designated six. The first settler was Mr. Hitchcock who built a shanty in April of 1850 but he left that same fall because of sickness in his family. By then, a number of other settlers had located in the area including Lyman Dayton who arrived in July and for whom the township is named.

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON** – The Town of Farmington was first settled in September 1849 by Ambrose Gard(e) and was joined shortly thereafter by Roswell Hicks, Granville Jones and C.O. Brown. It was organized into a township April 15, 1853 and was given its name by a Mr. Beardsmore.

**TOWN OF CALEDONIA** – Caledonia was organized in 1853. James McHugh first settled it in 1849.

**TOWN OF ROYALTON** – The township was organized in 1853 from lands detached from the township of Little Wolf. Hicks, Leuthold and Gill first settled Royalton in 1848.

**TOWN OF SCANDINAVIA** – The Town of Scandinavia was organized in April 15, 1853 (1854). The first settler in the township was Mr. Eleason in 1851.

**TOWN OF IOLA** – The Township of Iola was organized in 1854. It was first settled by John Gundersen Heishold and Knut Erikson Tveitan in 1852 (1853). In November 1856 land was detached from Little Wolf Township and annexed to Iola Township.

**TOWN OF LEBANON** – The Town of Lebanon was first settled in 1850 by Samuel Kerr, Jeremiah Eagan and Smith's. It was organized into a township in 1854.

**TOWN OF ST. LAWRENCE** – The Town of St. Lawrence was first settled by Erick Hermansen, G. Hermansen and M.A. Oleson in 1852. It was organized into a township in 1855.

**TOWN OF BEAR CREEK** – This town was first settled by Welcome Hyde in 1854 (1855) and was organized into a township in 1856. The township was increased in size when land west of the Wolf River was annexed to it in November 1857.

**TOWN OF UNION** – The Town of Union was first settled by Isaac Ames in the fall of 1855 and was organized into a township April 6, 1858 from lands detached from the Town of Little Wolf.

**TOWN OF HELVETIA** – The Town of Helvetia was organized in November 1860 from land separated from the Town of Union. Its first settlers, Andrew Paulson and Nels Jacobson, settled in the area in 1853.

**TOWN OF LARRABEE** – The Town of Larrabee was organized in November 1860 from land detached from Bear Creek Township. Norman C. Clinton is listed as its first settler.

**TOWN OF MATTESON** – This township was organized in November 1860. Roswell Matteson, for whom the town is named, first settled it in July of 1855. The town received its name while it was part of Shawano County in November 1859 however it was afterward learned that this township belonged to Waupaca County.

**TOWN OF DUPONT** – The Town of Dupont was organized on November 17, 1864 from land detached from the Town of Union. The first settler in this township was O.A. Quimby in 1857.

**TOWN OF FREMONT** – Fremont township was organized in 1865 from lands detached from Caledonia and Weyauwega townships. Most records say was settled in the spring of 1849 by D. Gordon, Mr. Crosby, Ira Sumner, Harman Mumbrue, Mr. Hill, Frank Millett, Riley Eastman and his two brothers although there is a reference that Fremont was first settled by Alphonse Hicks in 1847.

**TOWN OF HARRISON** – The Town of Harrison was organized in 1890. Ola Olson Wrolstad was its first settler.

**TOWN OF WYOMING** – The Town of Wyoming was organized in 1890.

## Can You Help??

Looking for an interesting afternoon or Saturday morning? Do you like to meet new people or enjoy genealogy and want to help fellow researchers? If you answered yes to either of the above questions and have a few free hours once a month or every other month – we have the place for you! Join the WAGS volunteers at the Holly History and Genealogical Center in Waupaca. The center is open Wednesdays & Fridays noon to 3:00 p.m. (Sept - May) or noon to 4:00 p.m. (June – Aug) and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon and is manned by volunteers.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Darlene Ryan at [daryan@dwave.net](mailto:daryan@dwave.net) or through the WAGS email at [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

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## Translating Solutions!

Having trouble finding someone to translate those old letters from Germany or Norway? Did you find a great website but it's in French?

There are many language dictionaries and translators now available in both written and electronic form.

Check your local library or bookstore for foreign language dictionaries now in print, which include:

- Merriam-Webster's French-English Dictionary by Merriam-Webster
- Norwegian Dictionary: Norwegian-English English-Norwegian by Routledge
- German Pocket Dictionary Langenscheidt Editorial (Editor

Or try the following translators now online:

- Syntran - <http://www.systransoft.com/index.html>
- Poltran.com - <http://www.poltran.com/pl.php4>
- Langenberg. Com - <http://www.translation.langenberg.com>
- On-line dictionary - <http://www.freedict.com/onldict/nor.html>

## October - Family History Month

What a great time to share your childhood stories, old family photos and tall tales from the past. Many times we might feel our children or grandchildren are not interested in those "old things" – but you just might be surprised if you take a little time to share.

The following is a list of simple things you might do during the month of October.

- Family quiz – Make a list of your ancestors or descendants with their characteristics. State the characteristic and see if the family members can match the person with the characteristic.
- Road trip – Take a drive around your home town pointing out the places you used to go, things you used to do, etc.
- Take time to jot down the most memorable times in your life. Your children and grandchildren can do the same.
- Family movies – what better way to spend an evening - home movies and popcorn!
- What's in a name? Spend time looking up the meanings of your given names. Were you named after someone in the family?
- Teach your children or grandchildren some of the songs or games you used to sing and play as a child.
- My favorite things – each family member can make a list of his or her favorite things. Does your favorite thing match someone else's?
- Visit the local library. Find books that tell about the times past when your ancestors may have lived.
- Share the different holiday traditions your family celebrates and tell why the traditions are important to you.

Your family will not only remember the thoughts and things you shared with them – but they will remember that special time in October they spent with you.

## Calendar of Events & Meetings

(Check the WAGS online calendar for updates or changes  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>)

<b>August 11 - October 14, 2006</b>	<p><b>Holly History &amp; Genealogy Center</b>          321 South Main, Waupaca, WI          "Remembering Whispering Pines"          Exhibit of mementos &amp; photos</p>
<b>September 7, 2006</b> Thursday, 6:00 p.m.	<p><b>Fox Valley Genealogical Society</b>          Primer on Preservation, how best to preserve those heirlooms, documents and photographs presented by Joshua Ranger, archivist at the UW Oshkosh ARC. This meeting will be held at the Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI, Room F108.</p>
<b>September 8-9, 2006</b>	<p><b>Weyauwega Horse and Buggy Days, Weyauwega, WI</b>          An old-time parade, hay rides, live music, lost arts demonstrations and more! For more information, call 920-867-2500.</p>
<b>September 14, 2006</b>	<p><b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b>          "National Genealogical Conference 2006 Overview by attendee Susie Freistedt"</p>
<b>September 23-24, 2006</b> 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.	<p><b>Wade House - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil War Weekend</b>          The biggest Civil War reenactment in Wisconsin which includes a full-scale battle scenario between the Union and Confederate armies. Obtain further information by calling (920) 526-3271 or emailing <a href="mailto:wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org">wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org</a>. Or you can visit their website at <a href="http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse/">http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse/</a>.</p>
<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<p><b>Parfreyville United Methodist Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>          Celebrate the 150th Anniversary open house and dinner at the church. Former pastors, families and friends of the church have been invited, so please come and join in our celebration. For further information call (715) 258-8615 or email <a href="mailto:parville@execpc.com">parville@execpc.com</a></p>
<b>October 12, 2006</b>	<p><b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b>          Show &amp; Tell - October is Family History Month</p>
<b>November 11, 2006</b> Saturday, 10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Veterans Day Program</b>          Wisconsin Veterans Home (Marden Center), King, WI</p>
<b>November 9, 2006</b>	<p><b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b>          Election of Officers &amp; By-law revisions</p>
<b>December 7, 2006</b> Thursday, 7:30 a.m.	<p><b>Pearl Harbor Day Program</b>          Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Cty. Hwy. QQ,          Guest speaker and performance by the Waupaca high school band. For more information call (715) 258-4247</p>
<b>December 14, 2006</b>	<p><b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b>          Ethnic Potluck. Bring your favorite family dish to pass and a donation for the food pantry.</p>

**NOTE:** All Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meetings are held 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogical Center, 321 South Main St., Waupaca, WI. (Unless otherwise stated.)

**Officers**

President: Darlene Ryan  
 Vice-President: Nancy Helbach  
 Secretary: Nancy Oman  
 Treasurer: JJ Johnson

**Committees**

Newsletter Editor: Paula Vaughan  
 Accessioning: Paula Vaughan

Membership: \$10.00 Individual \$15.00 Library, society or family (two people living at the same mailing address). When submitting membership, please include surnames you are currently researching. The membership year runs January 1 through December 31 and includes the quarterly newsletter. (March, June, September and December) Newsletter established October 1993. See form below.

Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must reach the editor by the following deadlines or the item will be held over for a future newsletter. All items submitted for publication will be published as space permits. To contact officers, please send to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email to [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com). Items submitted for publication can be sent directly to: Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI or email to [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

## Newsletter deadlines:

Issue: March	Deadline: February 1
June	Deadline: May 1
September	Deadline: August 1
December	Deadline: November 1

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI. Meeting times, locations and activities may vary so please check the activity calendar in this newsletter or WAGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>. Meetings are open to the public.

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.

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**Membership Form**

Individual  Library, society or family (2 people living at same address)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

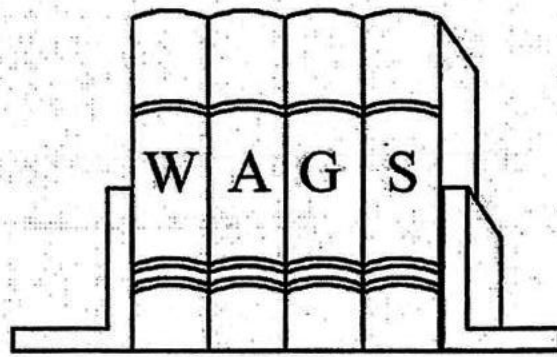
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Make check or money order payable to WAGS and mail to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042

# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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Hello again...

With the Holidays just around the corner and 2006 almost over, did we really accomplish the goals that we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year? Perhaps the many things that happen in our lives sidetracked some of our planned projects and we took on other things that become more important.

Thank you to our volunteers this past year, those of you who give of your time and talents in many areas to help make WAGS this wonderful organization that promotes family and history.

The Cemetery Walk has been completed and will be done next year in September for the Waupaca Sesquicentennial. The book with the cemetery tours and the history of Lakeside and St Mary Magdalene will be finished and available for sale early next year. We are also planning a Pioneer/Century Certificate workshop early next year, especially for those who have Waupaca Ancestors. Even if you do not live in Wisconsin, but have ancestors who settled here, you might apply for a certificate.

November was a review of our By-laws with no changes made and our Election of Officers, with the same Officers re-elected for another year. Paula Vaughan will continue as Newsletter Editor and Susie Freistedt has again volunteered to remain as Refreshment Chair.

In this busy Holiday Season, don't forget the most important things in your life, family and friends and may you enjoy spending time together as one-year ends and a new one begins.

*Darlene*

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## November Elections

Another successful year is coming to an end and I would like to thank the 2006 board members for their dedication throughout the year. At the November meeting the previous board members were re-elected for the coming year. The 2007 board members are: President, Darlene Ryan; Vice-President, Nancy Helbach; Secretary, Nancy Oman; and Treasurer, JJ Johnson. Susie Freidstedt will continue as the Refreshment Chair and Paula Vaughan will continue as Editor of the newsletter. The 2007 board has already been hard at work setting the 2007 calendar of activities (see page 11 of this newsletter). I look forward to another year of new ideas, great programs, and successful activities. Please show the board members and society your support throughout the year by assisting with activities, programs, or volunteering whenever possible. Thank you! Paula Vaughan, Editor

William Henry Hanscom  
By his great grandson, Michael P. Bouchette

William Henry Hanscom (Bill) was born in Orono, Maine, on April 15, 1844. He was the fifth of seven children born to John and Nancy (Hubbard) Hanscom(b). His Hanscom family in New England goes back to the 1600's and includes a patriotic genealogy. John Hanscom, Bill's father, served (and died) in the Civil War, having enlisted as a Private in Company C of the 7<sup>th</sup> Maine Regiment on 21 August 1861. Uriah Hanscom, a grandfather of Bill's, served in a skirmish with France in 1799 during the French and Indian Wars. Ebenezer and Gideon Hanscom, both great-grandfathers of William were brothers and both served in the Revolutionary War – Ebenezer in Capt. Thomas Bragdon's Co., and Gideon as a Corporal in the 16<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regiment. Another Uriah Hanscom, a great-great-grandfather of Bill (and the father of Ebenezer and Gideon) served in Captain Peter Stapleton's Co. at Fort Louisbourg in 1745. The original Hanscom immigrant for this family was Thomas Hanscom, who came to Salem, Massachusetts in 1629, on the ship "Talbot", and is mentioned in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Bill followed in the patriotic footsteps of his ancestors, and enlisted as a Private on September 10, 1862, in Company I of the 28<sup>th</sup> Maine Regiment. He saw active service with the enemy at Port Hudson, Louisiana from May 26<sup>th</sup> to July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1863, and also at Donaldsonville, Louisiana on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1863. Bill received a "work" injury while at Port Hudson, that he best described in his own words on his military pension application: *"At Port Hudson, I was building a battery. Got my back hurt. Was taken with chronic dihirria (sic) and ague (sic). Was sent to Baton Rouge hospital under medical care two months. Was sent home to Maine and discharged by Dr. Fisher of Orono, Maine. Six months got better. Enlisted in the 16<sup>th</sup> Maine (Sept. 5, 1864, Co. E). Went to City Point. Served 3 months. Taken with diarrhea again and injury of back. Was sent to the Emory (sp?) Hospital Washington City 4 months. Sent home to Maine. Was discharged and treated by Dr. Fisher of Orono, Maine for 15 months and have never fully recovered."* The 16<sup>th</sup> Maine ultimately had the honor of taking part in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., at the end of the war. Unfortunately Bill did not participate as he was still at home on convalescent leave. Bill was formally discharged with the rest of the unit on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

Bill moved to Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin in 1867 where he engaged in the lumbering business. Bill later stated that he had been associated with that industry since he was 11 years old, working as a logger, lumberman, and sometimes being responsible for obtaining provisions and driving cattle to feed the men at their lumber camps.

Four years later, on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1871, Bill married Julia Etta Warren from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Julia was the daughter of John G. Warren, and had also been born in Maine, but moved to Wisconsin with her family prior to the Civil War. It is believed that Bill and Julia moved from Oshkosh to Iola, in Waupaca County, in 1875. At nearby New London, Bill worked with Sam Stout provisioning lumber camps and some meat markets. Bill handled the money end of the business and Sam would drive the stock to the designated location. Later, Bill entered into a partnership with Winfield S. Bemis at Iola, Wisconsin. He and Bemis operated six different lumbering camps in Waupaca County, three in Helvetia Township and three in the Township of Union. This was a substantial operation employing 70 men and in 1883 it shipped 6 million board feet of lumber driven down the stream to be sold to the big mills in Oshkosh.

Bill and Etta had one child, Clara Donzella Hanscom, born in Iola, Wisconsin on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1882. Clara was my grandmother. There was possibly another earlier child, George, who would have died as an infant or young child but this is unconfirmed.

The saga of what I call "The rest of Bill Hanscom's life" began on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1882, only three months after Clara was born. On that night, Hanscom was in one of the saloons in the city of Waupaca, when a banker by the name of Henry Mead was brutally murdered and his bank robbed. It was believed that Bill was the mysterious man whom the night watchman (and later murder suspect himself) "Tab" Pryor secreted out of Waupaca in the early hours of October 8<sup>th</sup>. The suspicions of Bill's having seen or heard something that could identify Mead's murderers would follow him the rest of his life.

Before the first trial in the Mead murder case started in 1884, Bill suddenly and unexplainably abandoned his wife and daughter and skipped out of the country. As he left, he absconded with about \$800 belonging to the firm of Ripley and Mead (no relation to the murdered banker) that was supposed to be used to buy cattle for the company, but he abandoned his buying partner, George Cameron, in Clintonville, and ended up in Ashland, Wisconsin, intending to flee to Canada. It was subsequently learned that Bill was in Ashland, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. But by a blunder of the telegraph messenger, it was delivered to a saloonkeeper by the name of Marshall, instead of the city Marshal. Apparently Bill was at the Marshall Saloon when the telegraph arrived, and the proprietor showed it to him. Bill almost immediately got on a boat for Bayfield, Wisconsin, narrowly avoiding the officers seeking his arrest.

He supposedly went to Canada, and then later moved to Washington State, where he is reported to have built the first cabin in Okanogan, and in the process acquired the sobriquet "Okanogan Bill Hanscom". He later sold the cabin and

became a squatter on some land near Ruby, Washington, where he lived until 1893. One source indicates that at least for some period of time he shared the land with a man named Allen. (A Mr. G.H. Allen was one of two witnesses to Bill's September 20, 1890 Civil War pension application as an invalid while he was living in Ruby.) Nothing much is known about Bill's occupation while in Washington, but with his background in lumbering and cattle, he would have fit right in the Ruby area. It is known that Bill tried his hand in mining, as he had a claim ready to be filed but it was later "jumped" while he was back in Waupaca for the 1893 Mead murder trial. It has also been proven that Bill was interested in the opium trade while in Washington, and that he supposedly had helped some others bury opium on his property. And it is documented that both Bill and Mr. Allen sold whiskey to native Indians around the Ruby area. He must have been an interesting neighbor!

While all this was going on, Julia subsequently applied for and was granted a divorce in 1891, re-marrying Abrial Starks that same year. Then, in 1893, Julia, who apparently knew where Bill was living, provided information to the Court that Bill knew something about the murder. That information resulted in the April 1893, arrest of Bill in Washington by Sheriffs Andrew Williams (of Waupaca) and M.A. Rush (of Okanogan) and his ultimate return to Wisconsin for trial by Sheriff Williams and a Pinkerton detective. During the trip to Waupaca Bill didn't have a coat to shield him against the cold weather so the stagecoach driver gave him a big blue blanket that the officers pinned around Bill's neck, drawing the curious attention of other travelers.

At Clintonville, Wisconsin, Bill waived an examination and was moved to Oshkosh before being taken to the Waupaca jail, although the officers kept moving Bill as much as possible to keep him from the defense attorneys. They were unsuccessful, however, as a week before the trial Bill asked to go to Manawa/Royalton area to meet his daughter, where instead he met with defense attorney Sanborn of Stevens Point.

The trial ran from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1893, with murder charges against Sam Stout (a local saloonkeeper), Prior (the night watchman), and Bronson (a local businessman). Bill was first indicted as an Accessory After the fact, and jailed pending the trial. Ultimately he agreed to testify for the State of Wisconsin and was released. His subsequent testimony was later proven to be tainted, but whether by the defense or prosecution remains a cause for speculation. However, the outcome of the tainting had a significant effect on the rest of Bill's life. According to some, the district attorney for the trial, Benjamin Goldberg of Clintonville, met with Bill and supposedly struck a deal with Bill if he would agree to testify for the State. Bill was supposedly given a statement actually prepared by Goldberg, and, as Bill later stated under oath in the trial, "*Goldberg told me if I'd swear to that statement he would put me outside the state, would give me half the reward, and pay me \$1.50 per day for wages while I've been here. Goldberg knew that those statements were false before he put them down ... There was a copy of the statement made.*" Goldberg's ambitions could also be seen by statements Bill made while under oath, "*Goldberg said that he had a sinch (sic) on Prior, ... he came to jail, and said, 'Bill, I want you to help me. I am a young man and want you to give me some evidence to link what I've got together ... Goldberg gave me a written statement guaranteeing my safe conduct out of the state after being on the stand.'*" Goldberg later admitted promising Bill during meetings held in New London, Clintonville and Milwaukee, safe conduct outside the state, but denied offering any financial considerations. Goldberg in fact alleged that in the meeting held in Royalton with the defense, Bill had been offered \$5,000 along with an option to sue the county on his behalf for an additional \$20,000 in damages.

The trial ended with acquittal of all three defendants with charges dropped on others held as accessories. Bill apparently returned to Ruby sometime after the trial ended in July of 1893. It was most probably during this time that Bill allegedly buried some \$3,000 on his property in Washington. That amount of money coincides with the amount it was purported that he actually got as hush money or bribe money during the trial. (The legend of that buried money continues today as *The Salmon Creek Pot of Gold*.)

But from all the newspaper articles covering the trial at that time, it appears that District Attorney Goldberg's ambitions were not to be satisfied unless there was at least one conviction coming out of the trial. So he subsequently charged Bill with perjury regarding statements he made about his whereabouts and his actions the night of the murder. It is interesting to note that based on the trial transcripts, Bill was not the only one who perjured himself, but he was the only one so charged. For that matter, it was shown repeatedly that the entire trial was rife with bribes, threats, and other collusions. The word used frequently by the defense was "jobbery". All in all, it was quite a legal nightmare.

So Bill then returned again to Wisconsin in 1894 to stand trial for perjury. His trial in March of 1895 resulted in a conviction with a sentence of seven years in the state penitentiary. (It is also interesting to note that the prosecutor, Goldberg, later went bankrupt and was disbarred from practicing law.) Bill appealed the perjury conviction all the way to the Wisconsin State Supreme Court, where the conviction was overturned on the grounds that the perjury had no "relation to the guilt or innocence of the person then being tried for the murder of Mead". Although Bill was anticipating being released from jail, he died suddenly on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1898 before his release was affected. He is buried in Oshkosh in the family plot of his ex-father-in-law, John G. Warren.

## Website News!

Additions have been added to the Wisconsin Historical Collections (WHC) at [www.wisconsinhistory.org](http://www.wisconsinhistory.org). Over 10,000 new pages of Wisconsin genealogy and history are now available on-line. The additions include:

"The Territorial Census for 1836 [complete list]" - <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.5850>

"The Population of Brown County, June 1830" - <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.6073>

"Register of Baptisms at Mackinac, 1695-1821" - <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.10797>

"Register of Marriages at Mackinac, 1725-1821" - <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.10083>

"Register of Interments at Mackinac, 1743-1806" - <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.10952>

WHC also contains hundreds of pioneer recollections, obituaries, and biographical sketches, as well as printing all the most important documents on early Wisconsin history from French, Canadian, British and American archives. The original detailed index, which traces every mention of every name anywhere in the 10,000 pages, is also online at <http://content.wisconsinhistory.org/u?whc.11374>

### Looking for vital records?

Wisconsin Pre-1907 Birth, Marriage, and Death Index available through the Wisconsin Historical Society at the following address <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/vitalrecords/>.

Massachusetts Death Index 1847-1910 (with archives covered through 1915) is now on-line at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/VitalRecordsSearchContents.html>.

The Minnesota Vital Records Index can be found at <http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/>. This index includes birth certificates from 1900-1924, death cards from 1904-1907, and death certificates from 1908-2001.

State of New Jersey Marriage Index for the years 1666-1779 and 1848-1867 are on-line at <http://www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html>.

North Dakota Public Death Index at <http://www.health.state.nd.us/vital/> appears to cover the dates Jan. 1, 1881 through December 31, 2005.

### Other great finds on the internet –

Cemeteries & Headstone Symbols Blog at <http://cemeteries.wordpress.com/> is a new site with information and availability to exchange information about cemeteries and headstones.

WorldCat Library search at <http://www.worldcat.org/> is a great tool to search in books, articles, etc. on family surnames, places, etc.

Norwegian-Heritage at <http://www.norwayheritage.com/> is a site not to miss for those who are researching their Norwegian ancestors.

At Kindred Trails [http://www.kindredtrails.com/free\\_genealogy\\_stuff.html](http://www.kindredtrails.com/free_genealogy_stuff.html) you will find a listing for free genealogy items including free genealogy software, forms, tools, lookups, and more.

Whether searching an index of vital records, newspaper articles, obituaries, etc., remember it is only a tool and it is always best to obtain a copy of the original record whenever possible. Thanks to Susie Freistedt for her additions to this listing.

## New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

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### REMINDER!

Time to renew your membership! If the 2006 appears on the address label of this newsletter, your membership expires December 2006. Please renew now to avoid missing any future newsletters.

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### Did you know?

In the earlier census records of England the phrase son-in-law was often used to describe what we would call step-son.

## On the Shelf

The following items have been accessioned and are now available at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

### From Kevin Knitt

*The Land Still Lives* by Jerry Apps  
*Norwegians in Wisconsin* by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
*Old World Wisconsin* by Fred. L. Holmes.

### From Marilyn Marquardt

*Atlas of the German Empire - 1892*

### Purchased by WAGS with monies from the Geraldine Trinrud Memorial Fund

*Norwegian Immigrants to the United States*  
*A Biographical Directory, 1825-1850*

Volume 2 - 1844-1846

Volume 3 - 1847-1848

Volume 4 - 1849

*Online Resources* - by the Vesterheim Library

### Unknown Donor

*Fond du Lac - First on Lake*

*Family History of Evan & Else Oltesen & Their Children*

### Donated by Susie Freistedt

*Special Collections Highlight - Everton's Genealogical Helper*

(An index to Pension Files at the NARA.)

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**Thank You Volunteers!**

With deepest appreciation and gratitude to the following members who generously donated their time to WAGS this past year by volunteering at the Holly Center so that others may search for their Waupaca County Ancestors. Without their commitment, the building would not be open on Saturday mornings. Thanks! Kathy Bickford, Chris Driscoll, Kay Ellis, Marjorie Graetz, Nancy Helbach, Merlin Horn, "J.J." Johnson, Mary Jane Lang, Elva Larson, Barb Schuler, Ann Sosinske, Jean Spiegelberg, Mary Sulliff, Jane Taylor, Paula Vaughan, Lawrence Webb and Joyce Woldt.

## What's New at Your Local Library?

With more and more information becoming available through the internet, many family researchers are overlooking one of our greatest resources - our local libraries. Can't find the book at your local library - ask about inter library loan! The following new items can be found in some of the Waupaca County area libraries:

**Marion Public Library**, 120 N. Main Street, Marion, WI (715) 754-5368  
*Descendants of William Schmidt (1857-1921) & Marie Froemke (1865-1956)* Published-c2006.  
Description-42 leaves : ill., ports, ; 28 cm. Call no.- 929.2 MI

**New London**, 406 South Pearl Street, New London, WI (920) 982-8519  
*Colonial American and the American Revolution : the 25 best sites* by Clint Johnson  
Pub: 2006 Description-264 p., [8] p. of plates : ill., maps, plans ; 21 cm. Call no.- 917.3 Jon

*The WPA guide to Wisconsin : the Federal Writers' Project guide to 1930's Wisconsin*  
Pub. 2006 by-St. Paul : Minnesota Historical Society Press (Originally published 1941)  
Description-651 p. : ill., maps ; 21 cm. Call No. - 977.5 Wpa

**Scandinavia Public Library**, 349 Main Street, Scandinavia, WI (715) 467-4636  
*Remember Pearl Harbor : American and Japanese survivors tell their stories* by Allen, Thomas B.  
Pub.. -Washington, D.C. : National Geographic Society, c2001.  
Description-57 p. : ill. (some col.), maps ; 27 cm. Call no. - 940.54

*Remember D-day: the plan, the invasion, survivor stories* by Ronald J.Drez Pub.  
Washington, DC : National Geographic, c2004.  
Description-61 p. : ill. (some col.), col. maps ; 27 cm. Call no. - 940.54 Dre

**Waupaca Area Public Library**, 107 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI (715) 258-4414  
*Ellis Island [videorecording -DVD]* Pub.-[New York] : Distributed by New Video Group, c1997.  
Summary-Immigrants of every ethnic background recall their extraordinary adventures, historians explore the sometimes insensitive national policies, and the Ellis Island Oral History Project reveals what the immigration experience was actually like. Features rare photographs and film.

*Crazy Horse : a Lakota life* by Kingsley M. Bray Pub.-Norman: University of Oklahoma, c2006.  
Description-xviii, 510 p. : ill., maps, ports. ; 27 cm. Call no. - 978.004 BRA

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### Assuming Relationships - by Cecilie Gaziano

I noticed a reference in a recent RootsWeb Review about assuming that a John Smith, Sr., who lived in the same community as one's known ancestor, John Smith, Jr., is the father of John Jr. In records of parts of the U.S. that I've worked with, the Jr. and Sr. designations distinguished which of two or more men with the same name in the geographic area were older or younger. They may or may not have been father and son or even related.

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## I DIED FOR MY COUNTRY

By Kim J. Heltemes

The photograph below shows the headstone of Charles Collier, Town of Belmont (Portage Co.), Wisconsin (near Waupaca). He fought in Company A, 8th Wisconsin Infantry.

He enlisted in the 8th Wisconsin, the Eagle Regiment, on August 25, 1861. The Regiment was named after their mascot, Old Abe, the war eagle. Collier died in Madison, Wisconsin on July 15, 1864. He was brought home and was buried in the Parfreyville Cemetery on Hwy K, south of Waupaca.

The graveyard was researched for Civil War veterans and crossed referenced against the cemetery records and the "Roster of Volunteers". Where it was needed, a new marker was ordered through the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. Seven new markers were ordered. They were installed on Sunday, October 29, 2006, by Old Abe Camp #8 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The gravesite of Collier was a broken headstone with the upper part out of sight and the lower section lying down. When we started to dig out for a new headstone and came across something like a rock, I mentioned that it was the top to the old marker. It was dug out with care and it was indeed the top section. As we cleaned it up it became apparent that this was something special. As the marker top became clean, the hair on our arms began to rise. The ribbon type banner on the very top of the marker says it all - "I DIED FOR MY COUNTRY".



I have had the honor to replace or install markers on unmarked gravesites for many Civil War veterans. We have never seen a marker so patriotic as this one. Many that are in the area have a similar motif as an engraved scene but none were so blunt in meaning.

In the photograph above are Alan Petit, Camp #8 Commander, Kurt Kirk, Vince Barker, and Don Jager. The photograph was taken by Kim J. Heltemes.



In the photograph to the left, the new marker for Jonathan W. Lawrence is shown with Camp #8 members. They are kneeling, l to r, Vince Barker, Kurt Kirk, Alan Petit, and Don Jager. Standing l to r are: Don Blaney and Kim J. Heltemes.

Lawrence died during the Civil War too. He was the SGT in Company A, 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin. Lawrence enlisted in the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry on August 7, 1861 and rose to the rank of SGT. He was discharged for disability on January 6, 1863. He died in 1863 – another soldier from the area to die during war time at home. Both are buried in the Parfreyville Cemetery.

The above story illustrates only one aspect of the

work and dedication of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (S.U.V.W.) . Now, a little about the S.U.V.C.W. We are the heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

The men of the Civil War began to look for help as they dealt with all sorts of disabilities. In 1866, that help was organized in the G.A.R. and it became open to the veterans. At first, there was a rush to join. Men needed help in getting the government to assist them. It became the first veteran's organization in the nation and there was power in numbers. Many modern people feel it was more of a fraternal and social club. To some it was. But it also started to become a political influence. After all, if the soldiers wanted some form of legislation passed, no better than an inside seat. As a result, there were ups and downs in the membership roles.

As time wore on, the members had their reunions, their campfire talks, and memories. But they knew that it was only a matter of time and those memories would fade from the public's eye. The heroic deeds and the honor the men held as saviors of the Union, would be gone. Then in 1881, the Sons of Veterans was formed as a branch of the G.A.R. The purpose was to keep the honor alive after they were gone. Thus, our organization was formed. It was later changed to the Sons of Union Veterans so there would not be any confusion with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Meetings were held with the G.A.R. and S.U.V.C.W as one and then the S.U.V.C.W began to meet alone.

Although our membership is small, we accomplish much. One of the tasks that we have taken on is the grave registration of all of the Civil War veterans. We even record the Confederates and have found several of them while searching through cemeteries. When a grave is found, the condition of the grave is recorded. It might need a new marker or flag holder. The grave is not properly marked if it doesn't have the name, date of birth, and the date of death. As we compare the cemetery records in actually walking the cemetery, many graves that appear vacant contain a Civil War veteran. In the Oakwood Cemetery, in Weyauwega, for instance, 10 unmarked graves of Union veterans were found. New headstones are being ordered as the paperwork gets filled out. The paperwork comes from the Veterans Administration for the purpose of getting a military marker for the veteran.

One of the hardest parts to do in filling out the paperwork is finding birth and death dates. Remember, that as the west opened up, the rush was from the east. Many easterners came to Wisconsin after the war. Sometimes the style of the headstones in the family plot will give the researcher a method that narrows down dates. But the Register of Deeds is the best place to start the research. Another friend to many of us is the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) at the courthouse. They do not always have a complete listing and data but it is a good place to start. When done, the V.S.O will be glad to accept your research for others to use in their family research. You might have to scrounge through old newspapers on microfilm. The cemetery sexton will be your new best friend. His signature is needed on the order form. Once the paperwork is submitted, there is about a 6-week wait before the new markers arrive.

A team is made up from our group and the new markers are installed. We have the honor to do this work and it is held in the highest regard. All the work done for the veteran is done with reverence at his gravesite. And sometimes we find buried markers like the one photographed at the beginning.

The highest honor that we can bring to a Civil War veteran is the dedication ceremony that we do over a new marker. Our Camp duplicates a G.A.R. funeral service at the gravesite with the family, if they can be found. Many grown ups have walked away with a wet eye from the service.

Our Camp has participated in almost all of the area parades, memorial services, and patriotic councils. Many of our members are active in historical societies, veteran groups, and community organizations. Most of the area 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations used members as a way to show their Civil War history. Although a

member does not have to be a re-enactor, there are some that enjoy portraying an ancestor or military unit's soldier. Some members have been instrumental in restoration projects of a community Civil War monument. We may do different things as a single person but we all agree that when it comes to honoring our ancestors - that comes first.

We can be found at most Civil War events in Wisconsin. Getting the word out to the public is a never-ending task. We will answer any questions, if possible, about your ancestor veteran. When we can, we will send you in the right direction to find answers to your questions.

We can be found at [www.suvcw-wi.org](http://www.suvcw-wi.org). Our website contains many links to related sites. The Department information as far as officers and duties can be found here. It also has different pages for the different "Camps" in the state. Each Camp has their own newsletter to enlighten their own members and website visitors. The National website, [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org), has links to the state departments, national stations of officers, and the Deed of Conveyance which empowered the S.U.V.C.W in its beginnings from the G.A.R.

If anyone would like information about joining, visit the website. It contains the right people to contact in Camp #8's newsletters. Most members are direct descendants of a Civil War Union veteran but we also offer an Associate membership. All we ask of you is that you want to honor the Civil War veteran. Some members have joined just to be part of the cemetery work that we do. For them, and the rest of us, that is enough. Another new member has registered over 2000 veteran's gravesites in the couple of months. That is a tremendous amount of work. We all have found our little niche that we like and the best work done is when you like what you are doing. Hopefully, you like what we are doing too.

In closing, please honor the flag, the soldier, sailor, and the country.  
By Kim J. Heltemes

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**NOTE from the editor:** If you would like to submit an article or read about another local group, area location, etc. please email Paula at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com) or mail to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 Attention: Newsletter Editor.

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## Queries

Seeking information on Julia Adelaide **DYE SIMMERMAN/ZIMMERMAN**. Julia was b abt 1848 in Henderson, Jefferson Co., NY and moved to WI with her parents Calvin and Roxana (**NUTTING**) **DYE** and settled in the Northport area. Her marriage license states she married Frank **SIMMERMAN/ZIMMERMAN** (his parents Burnett & Mary Ann **SIMMERMAN**) Oct 11, 1878 in Chippewa Falls, Chippewa Co., WI. She disappears after this marriage. Does this couple connect with your family? I am willing to share information. Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI 54902 (920) 233-6409 or [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

## Finding Females

In areas whose legal systems derive from the English common law – such as the United States, much of Canada, and the United Kingdom -- a name change usually does not require legal action, because a person can choose to be known by any name (except with intent to defraud) without taking any legal action.

In many jurisdictions whose legal systems derive from the civil law -- such as France, Spain, the province of Quebec, and the state of Louisiana -- however, the default position is for a woman's "legal name" to remain the same throughout life. Women there who wish to change their names legally usually must apply to do so via the same formal procedure as any other citizen who wishes to change a name.

When searching ship passenger lists, especially for your Italian, Dutch and French female ancestors, look under their maiden names. That's how they may be recorded even though they were married at the time.

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## Christmas Traditions

Christmas traditions have continued to change across the years, but did you know:

\* If your ancestors came from Poland they may have celebrated with a Christmas eve supper of fish.

\*Or if your ancestors were Irish they may have taken their decorations down on Little Christmas (January 6th.), as it would have been bad luck to take them down earlier.

\*That when your German ancestor was a child he/she would have left his/her shoes or boots outside the front door on December 5, so St. Nicholas could leave nuts, chocolate, or oranges for them.

Whether keeping with an old tradition or starting anew have a very merry holiday season.

## WAGS Publication for Sale

*Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County, 2002 Edition* (BOOK) Updated by Susie Freistedt, Sally Wollangk, and Kermit Peterson Presented by the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society \$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage

*When Then Was Now - A Series Presented by The Waupaca County Post July 1990 through February 1995* (This is a CD) Consists of articles written by Wayne A. Guyant and transcribed by June Johnson. Made available by the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society \$10.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

Great gifts for any holiday. These items can be purchased by sending a check or money order in the correct amount to: WAGS, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946. Make check/money order payable to WAGS.

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## New Genealogy Center to Open

Does your family have connections in the Missouri or Kansas area? If so, your research may become a little bit easier.

The Mid-Continental Library is building a new 52,000 foot facility in Independence, MO, which will replace their present 12,000 foot facility. Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2007 with completion of the facility in spring 2008.

This center is expected to become the "Allen County" library of that region. The library's holdings are not just limited to Missouri and Kansas, but also contains a large national and international collection as well.

Many of you may not be familiar with this library, as I was not, but I look forward to the completion of this facility.

Thanks to Susie Freistedt for bringing this facility to my attention.

Paula Vaughan

## Calendar of Events & Meetings

(Check the WAGS online calendar for updates or changes  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>)

<b>December 14, 2006</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Ethnic Potluck. Bring your favorite family dish to pass and a donation for the food pantry.
<b>January 13, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> "Black Sheep" Research by Mike Bouchette.
<b>February 10, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Roundtable
<b>March 10, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> "Chase Away the Winter Blues" - Problem Solving
<b>March 17, 2006</b> Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>The Blue Hills Genealogical Society-Barron County, Inc.</b> "German Genealogy Seminar" Barron County Courthouse SE Auditorium 330 E. LaSalle St., Barron, WI For further information see the website at <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Ewibhgsbc/announcements.htm">http://www.rootsweb.com/%7Ewibhgsbc/announcements.htm</a>
<b>April starts the summer meeting schedule!</b>	
<b>April 12, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> "Show & Tell" & Homemade Genealogical Gifts
<b>April 13 &amp; 14, 2007</b> Friday & Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - Gene-A-Rama</b> Olympia Resort and Conference Center, Oconomowoc, WI
<b>May 4-6, 2007</b> Friday, Saturday & Sunday	<b>City of Waupaca Sesquicentennial Opening Celebration</b> Watch for further details in the March newsletter.
<b>May 10, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Pioneer/Century Certificate Applications & Roundtable (If not interested in certificates.)
<b>June 14, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Digital Restoration of Old Photos - Presented by Karen Hebbing
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>NO MEETING! Enjoy &amp; Attend Family Reunions!</b>
<b>August 9, 2007</b> Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Research & Potluck at Nancy Helbach's home.
<b>September 13, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Roundtable
<b>September 15, 2007</b> 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Fall-A-Rama Cemetery Walk - Lakeside Memorial Cemetery</b>
<b>October 11, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Family History Month-Nominating Committee & By-Laws Review
<b>October 12-14, 2007</b>	<b>City of Waupaca Sesquicentennial Closing Celebration</b> Festivities to be announced.
<b>October 27, 2007</b>	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar</b>
<b>November 8, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Election of Officers - Roundtable
<b>December 13, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Ethnic Potluck & "Pound Party" (Donation to Waupaca Food Pantry)

**NOTE:** The month of January begins our winter meeting schedule, so please be sure to check the above calendar for dates and times of meetings. All meetings are held at the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogical Center, 321 South Main St., Waupaca, WI. (Unless otherwise stated.)

**Officers**

President: Darlene Ryan  
 Vice-President: Nancy Helbach  
 Secretary: Nancy Oman  
 Treasurer: JJ Johnson

**Committees**

Refreshment: Susie Freistedt  
 Accessioning: Paula Vaughan  
 Newsletter Editor: Paula Vaughan

Membership: \$10.00 Individual \$15.00 Library, society or family (two people living at the same mailing address). When submitting membership, please include surnames you are currently researching. The membership year runs January 1 through December 31 and includes the quarterly newsletter. (March, June, September and December) See form below.

Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must reach the editor by the following deadlines or the item will be held over for a future newsletter. All items submitted for publication will be published as space permits. To contact officers, please send to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email to [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com). Items submitted for publication can be sent directly to: Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI or email to [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

**Newsletter deadlines:**

Issue: March	Deadline: February 1
June	Deadline: May 1
September	Deadline: August 1
December	Deadline: November 1

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI. Meeting times, locations and activities may vary so please check the activity calendar in this newsletter or WAGS website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>. Meetings are open to the public.

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.

**Membership Form**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$10.00)    \_\_\_\_\_ Library, society or family (2 people living at same address) (\$15.00)

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