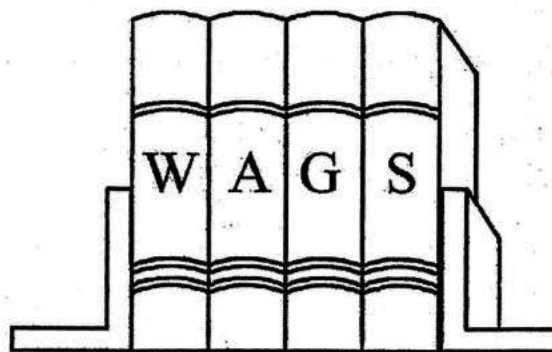


# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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## It's a Celebration – Waupaca is 150!

This year marks Waupaca's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and you're invited to join in the celebration of this milestone. The celebration begins with the opening ceremony May 4-6, 2007, and activities will continue until the closing ceremony October 14, 2007.

The opening ceremony weekend will be a fun-filled time which will include entertainment for all ages. Some of the activities planned include: historical tours, a kiddie parade, an encampment, a carnival, lost arts demonstrations, balloon release, music, and much more.

One of the other many activities being planned by the Waupaca Sesquicentennial Steering Committee is a video recording project - one part of which is to interview residents who are presently living in Waupaca. The committee plans to tape 150 interviews in recognition of Waupaca's 150 years as a village/city. Interviews will be shown on Waupaca's television station and we (Waupaca Area Genealogical Society-WAGS) will be involved in the archival process of this recorded information.

The interview sessions are tentatively set for March 12 (6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.); March 13 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.); March 15 (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.); March 19 (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.); March 20 (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.); and March 27 (10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Hopefully, all WAGS members will contact the Waupaca City Hall to sign up for a short oral history interview session and encourage their friends to do the same. Informational packets will be made available (to those wishing to participant) prior to the actual taping.

If you or someone you know is interested in the interview project, please contact the City of Waupaca, 111 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 or call 715-258-4411. The Waupaca Sesquicentennial Committee can also be contacted at: 221 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 or call 715-258-7343 or Fax: 715-258-7868. A calendar of events and other information about this celebration can be seen online at <http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html>.

WAGS will also be conducting a cemetery walk in Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery, Waupaca on September 15, 2007. Watch for more information about this walk in the next issue of our newsletter.

## President's Letter-

I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring any time now and to me it means "back on the road" to cemeteries to record and photograph tombstones and to the libraries to collect obits.

We try to include information in each newsletter about our organization's projects, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. The following is a summary of what we're doing:

- This summer WAGS will be participating at various events and we need volunteers to staff the tables where we will be selling our publications.
- One of the projects we are currently working on is to have the *Weyauwega Chronicle* newspaper microfilmed for the years of 1906 to 1930, as none of these years have been preserved. With this project we are hoping to prevent the loss of local history contained in these papers. Donations toward this project are appreciated.
- We will be holding a Wisconsin Pioneer/Century Certificates workshop on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. (See page 3 for more information.) You do not have to be a resident of Wisconsin to apply for a certificate on your ancestor. **Please-**If anyone is from out of state and needs help, please contact me at daryan@dwave.net

Because we try to keep newsletter costs at a minimum, we are limited by what we are able to include and at this time of year with publishing the membership and surname lists, it lessens the amount of space even more. Each new member receives a copy of the lists upon joining and the updated lists are also published each year in the March newsletter. I would like to know if you would like to continue to have the membership lists published yearly in the newsletter, or if you our members, would prefer to write or e-mail for an updated list when you wanted one?

Think spring!

*Darlene*

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## We need your help!

Volunteers are needed to assist with handling book sales. Please sign-up for one hour or two - bring a friend or work alone. Help is needed at the following events:

- May 5, 2007 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Waupaca's Sesquicentennial Opening Ceremony. We will be located at the Waupaca Recreation Center.
- June 16, 2007 – Noon to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Strawberry Fest. We will be located near the Library/City Hall.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery walk which is planned for September 15, 2007. Would you like more information about one of these events? Interested in helping out? Contact one of the board members or email WAGS at WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com.

Pioneer/Century Certificate Workshop  
Presented by Jack Brisse with Gini Nichols

Lower Level – Holly History & Genealogy Society  
321 S. Main Street, Waupaca, WI

Saturday – April 21, 2007  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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**Cost:** \$10.00

Workshop is **limited** to the first 30 applicants.

Please make check payable to Wisconsin State Genealogical Society (WSGS)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0224

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The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society issues certificates to persons who are directly descended from Wisconsin pioneer or century ancestors. Applicants must submit evidence to prove direct descent and to prove that the ancestor settled in Wisconsin prior to the year 1851 in the case for **Pioneer Ancestors**, or over 100 years preceding the date of application in the case for **Century Ancestors**.

**The purpose of the Pioneer/Century program** is to recognize families with Wisconsin roots, encourage people to undertake genealogical research, develop a database of information for researchers, and to improve the quality of genealogical research.

Applicants may apply for certificates to be issued to themselves or to other persons. The person to whom the certificate is issued need not currently live in Wisconsin.

(From the WSGS website - <http://www.rootwebs.com/~wsgs/>)

## THE MYSTERY OF JOHN COLRUE

by Annette Smith Rietz

When I began doing research into the various branches of my family, several relatives told me that my great grandmother, Benedicte Colrue Rowe, had a brother who went to live in Chicago. Supposedly no one knew anything about him except that he may have sold pianos. According to my grandmother, he "dressed like a dude" the few times he came home to visit. They implied that the family lost track of him sometime after this move to Chicago, and knew very little about his life before that time.

There is nothing I love better than a mystery, but I was not sure I would be able to solve this one. While looking for obituaries from the 1880s, however, I happened to notice the following advertisement in our local paper: "Watch the '5¢ store' sign near the DeVoin House, and then call on John Colrue, the proprietor." Could this possibly be MY John Colrue? There were five more small ads on the same page, all listing items that were for sale at this store. If he owned a store, perhaps I might find more references to his business in other issues. I began reading microfilm in earnest, beginning in the early 1880s. Fortunately, the Waupaca Republican was a small weekly newspaper, consisting of four pages. The local news was always printed on the same page, which shortened the time it took to check each issue. The first reference I found was in 1883 and the last occurred in 1895. I have used that information to report what we now know about the life of John Colrue.



John Colrue left Norway in 1862 before he was two years old with his parents Mathias and Helene, his older brother, Torger, and his baby sister, Benedicte. They settled in the village of Scandinavia, Wisconsin, for a few years before Mathias purchased land near that village in 1866. John grew up on the farm and worked there as a young man, but according to tradition, his older brother would inherit the property. John would have to make his living in some other way.

In November 1883 John was working for a man who sold agricultural machinery. His job was to "handle" the Domestic sewing machines, which may have meant that he sold them, repaired them, or both.

He was evidently able to save enough money to start his own business in his early twenties. In April 1884 the paper reported that "Johnny Colrue had removed his 5 and 10 cent store to the building north of the DeVoin House." Business was good. John painted and papered the inside of the store in May 1884. By October he had expanded the business and was offering Esty organs for sale.

On January 23, 1885, tragedy struck when a fire broke out at the rear of his store. The DeVoin House, which had forty guests that night, John's store, and a nearby residence all burned. Because of the cold weather, reportedly 17 degrees below zero, neither the steamer nor the hand engine was able to produce enough water in time to save those buildings. Insurance covered \$275 of John's losses, but the paper noted that he should have had more insurance as two Esty organs burned. The article also mentioned that snow on the roofs of the buildings kept the whole town from burning that night.

John was an enterprising young man, however. Two weeks later he had secured space at Poppe's drug store to show and sell organs. He said he "was bound to sell organs if he did get burned out." In May an item stated that John Colrue would soon have a regular music store, and in addition to organs and pianos, would keep sheet music, instrumental and other musical supplies. He purchased J. H. Woodnorth's music business in September and merged the two firms. An ad later that year indicated that he also carried the Whitehill sewing machine.

John Colrue announced in October 1885 that he would sell 100 tickets for a gift concert at his music store Saturday evening, November 7. Ten tickets from that number would be eligible for prizes, which included a New England organ worth \$10, a violin and an accordion. Unfortunately, I was unable to find any item reporting on the success or failure of this venture.

The telephone company installed lines in Waupaca in June 1886 and John Colrue was in charge of the telephone service. The first "Hello" over the line between Waupaca and Weyauwega was a conversation between J. R. Evans and John Colrue.

John remained in the music business until he advertised in April of 1887 that he was closing out his entire stock. There is no mention of him again until an item appeared in February 1890 stating that "John Colrue has a good horse which he will sell cheap." In July of that year a large ad appeared indicating that he was back in business selling pianos, organs and the Love sewing machine in a store next door to the post office.

In January of 1891 the paper reported that R. Bailey and John Colrue are "down [from] the water-reserve for a few days." In June he was again down from his claim on the Water Reserve to spend the Fourth. An item from the Oneida Herald in August reported that a number of settlements had been made between the various squatters on the water reserve land, but that when the final decision was given out, some of the tracts of land would have more than one squatter residing on them.

It would seem that John was one of the unlucky ones and was not awarded any land, because in May 1892 he accepted a position in a grocery store in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. More trouble occurred in November when a fellow stole John Colrue's Sunday coat and vest. The culprit was arrested, convicted, and fined \$85.

John returned to Waupaca and was once again advertising sewing machines in March 1894. He also repaired machines on short notice. His office was located in a tailor shop, so he may not have been as successful at this latest venture.

When John lived in Waupaca he played clarinet in the Waupaca Band. There is a photograph of the band in full uniform that was taken in 1889. Band members' names are written on the back of the photo. He was also listed as a member in an article about the band that appeared in March 1894.

The final reference in the Waupaca paper stated that John Colrue had moved his organ and sewing machine business to the rear of the jewelry store in October 1895. He apparently moved to Chicago sometime during the next few years.

The Chicago city directories list J. M. Colrue as a salesman for Laffargue Pianos in 1912-1913. He worked for the Cable Piano Company 1915-1917.

When I finally located his obituary, I discovered that he died October 6, 1931. According to the obituary he had lived in Chicago for the past thirty years. The most surprising statement was that two nieces (my grandmother's sisters) were with him during his last illness. Sometime during the next fifty or sixty years it became "fact" that the family had lost track of John Colrue.

Submit a story about one of your ancestors either by mailing a copy of the article to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 Attn: Newsletter Editor OR email directly to Paula Vaughan at pajolova@hotmail.com. Please limit the articles to one or two pages.

## NEW PUBLICATION!

The past few months have been very busy for a few of our members. JJ Johnson, Darlene Ryan, Nancy Helbach, and Jean Spiegelberg (who are serving on the Cemetery Walk Committee) have been working tirelessly; and the product of their hard work is going to print.

The new publication, *At the Graveside*, will be available soon! This comb-bound book with laminated-cover, is setup in easy-to-read format, and was put together in conjunction with the cemetery walk which will be conducted in September 2007. (Four tours have been planned for this walk.)

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Orion Capron Harrington was born on 14 April 1851 in Glen Falls, NY to Hosea and Caroline (Vaughan) Harrington. He came with his family to Wisconsin when he was four years old. The family settled in the Maple Lane district of the Township of Waupaca. On 28 December 1875 he married Lucy Hammond, the daughter of Joseph and Aurelia Hammond. They had one child, Alice, before Lucy's death on 2 April 1882. Etc. Etc.

The book can be purchased through WAGS for \$25.00 + \$3.00 postage. Send name, address, phone number and check to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. For more information, contact WAGS through the above mailing address or email at [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

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## Calendar of Events & Meetings

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

<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, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	<b>German Genealogy Seminar</b> Sponsored by the Blue Hills Genealogical Society, Barron Co., Inc. For more information see <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~wibhgsbc/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~wibhgsbc/</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 For more information see <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/</a>
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<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 Hibbing
<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 Park Cemetery</b> Watch for more details in the upcoming newsletter!
<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> For complete details visit <a href="http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html">http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html</a>
<b>October 27, 2007</b> Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar</b> For more information see <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/</a>
<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, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Ethnic Potluck & "Pound Party" (Donation to Waupaca Food Pantry)

**NOTE:** The month of April begins our "spring 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**

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. Items submitted for publication can be sent directly to: Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota St., Oshkosh, WI or email to 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 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Membership Form**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

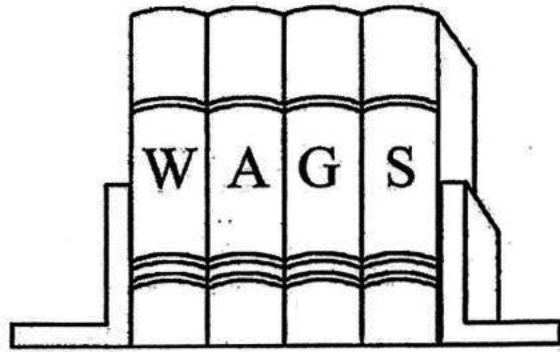
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## Meeting Highlights

Each meeting I attend I learn something new through the sharing of ideas or past experiences. The society not only has what one might call the “seasoned” family genealogist, but we also have those who may have only started their search a few years or weeks ago. If you are one of those who are shy about attending because you are a “beginner”- this is the place to come! You don’t have family ties to the Waupaca County area? Don’t worry – several of our members do not have ties with the Waupaca County area but still find they come away from each meeting having learned something new.

The April meeting was especially fun and interesting. The topic was “Show & Tell” and “Homemade Genealogy Gifts”. Ann Sosinske brought a wonderful family scrapbook/cookbook. Alva Larson shared some of her family genealogy books. Ray & Faith Wilde displayed family quilts that Fay had put together. Nancy Helbach shared several items which included a family book, family photo pillowcase, a grandpa plaque, and more. Darlene Ryan shared several family reunion door prize ideas. Everyone in attendance had a great time learning and sharing.

Karen Hibbing will be the guest speaker for June’s meeting covering the topic of “Digital Restoration of Old Photos”. No meeting in July and the August meeting will be the annual “Research & Potluck” at Nancy Helbach’s home. (For further information about the potluck and research see page 10.)

Come and join us! Bring a friend! We’d be mighty glad to have you!

Paula Vaughan

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## “On The Hunt”

“On The Hunt” is a new section that will be highlighted in each newsletter. This is your chance as a member to share with other members of WAGS. We are asking you to submit something you may have discovered or a question you might have about something you found while “on the hunt”.

Submissions can be the address of a great website, an unusual experience you had, an unusual headstone you found, or other various items that you may want to share. Something you found or learned while “on the hunt” or submit a question you might have. Did you run across something you were unfamiliar with - submit the question and let your fellow members help out.

The submission should be short in length. It can be several lines, one or two paragraphs, or just the website address. Mail submissions to WAGS, Attention: Paula, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 OR email directly to Paula at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

## President's Letter-

Some of you are already aware that we have completed our book, *At the Graveside* - now for sale. The complete index is available on our website thanks to Jean Spiegelberg and Paula Vaughan - take a look to see what's included at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS6.htm>. This September for Fall-A-Rama we will be doing one of the tours from the book and are still in need of volunteers to assist with this project, which also is part of Waupaca's Sesquicentennial events.

Please remember that WAGS is responsible for staffing the Holly History & Genealogy Center every Saturday morning from nine to noon and we are always in need of volunteers. You will always be working with someone who is familiar with the materials and resources that are available, so check and see if you are able to donate one or two Saturday mornings a year. Remember that without volunteers, most research facilities wouldn't be available for researching - so don't forget how much you appreciate other facilities being available.

Gene-A-Rama was very informative as usual with some great speakers and I am always impressed with the networking and the information that you may find. I did my genealogy "happy dance" when after 25 years I located my husband's great-great grandfather, Patrick Ryan's, original land in Washington County. John Von Hayden had compiled a map showing where the original pioneers settled and I mentioned that P. Ryan was my husband's ancestor and the person sitting next to John said; "He is my relative, too!"

A reminder that June's program will be on digital restoration of old photographs and we hope you will join us. WAGS will not meet in July and we will be back in August with potluck and research at Nancy Helbach's. So come and join us for an enjoyable time with your fellow genealogists and friends.

Have a great summer!  
Darlene

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## Waupaca Courthouse & Area Research Centers

### **Holly History and Genealogy Center**

321 South Main Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
Phone: 715.256.9980  
Hours: Wed & Fri Noon to 4 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. to Noon

### **Shawano Family History Center (LDS)**

910 East Zingler Avenue  
P.O. Box 321  
Shawano, WI 54166  
Phone: 715.526.2946  
Hours: Tues, Thurs & Sat 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### **Appleton Family History Center (LDS)**

425 West Parkridge Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54911  
Phone: 920.733.5358  
Hours: Tues 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Wed 5 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Waupaca County Courthouse**

811 Harding Street  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
Register of Deeds-715.258.6250  
Register of Probate-715.258.6429

### **Wisconsin Historical Society Library & Archives**

816 State Street  
Madison, WI 53706  
Phone: 608.264.6534  
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/about/visit/>  
Call ahead or check their website for hours.

### **Nelis R. Kampenga University Archives & Area Research Center**

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
Phone: 715.346.2586  
e-mail: [archives@uwsp.edu](mailto:archives@uwsp.edu)  
Call or email for hours.

## The Importance of Viewing Original Records by Christine Sweet-Hart

Good research involves looking at all of the records available for a particular research project. Great research questions those in secondary or tertiary formats, and quests for the originals. Beware of compilations, indexes, and other secondary sources of information whether electronic or paper, especially those that contain no citation showing where the information was obtained. Although these sources can provide clues to other records, they are themselves not good documentary evidence of relationships.

Often the choice of what information is translated into an electronic database, index, or list format is largely left to the discretion of the organization, project manager, or individual that is creating the compilation. Valuable information may be left out due to space or time constraints, or incorrectly indexed due to ignorance on the part of the individual transcriber. Many times, this information is the difference between a brick wall in research and a clue to solving a family history mystery.

While it is valuable to know when your ancestor died, it is even more valuable to know the circumstances surrounding their death and who was left behind. One database of early town death records eliminated the cause of death and coroners notes. When viewing the originals, it was found within those notes indications that some people had died by drowning or accidental falls. Deaths by epidemic illnesses were also in the original records, along with notes about next of kin and other relations of the deceased. This information is invaluable when searching for pathways to additional records for research, and would have been lost without viewing the originals.

In another example, one compiler's zeal to make information available to the general public for no charge resulted in a large index of vital records from a well known collection being put on-line but eliminated the actual town where the event happened, book and page numbers where the original information was located. It was this information that had made the collection valuable. Researchers using this information at face value could possibly be misled into following an incorrect line with no differentiating town associations for people with the same name.

The "Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850" collection is a great example of why finding original records or supporting documentation for your findings is important. Many people fail to read the "front matter" in these books that explains that the information is taken from a variety of sources, not all from civil records which did not exist officially in Massachusetts until 1841. Many of these records are taken from church, bible, and other family papers. While these original sources may not exist anymore, they provide clues to further records or family members, in the case of the owners of the bibles recorded, that can be pursued.

When using any secondary or tertiary record source, it is important to look for pathways to the original records, read any information that tells what the compilation contains and does not contain, and if the original records are not available, obtain other documentation to corroborate your findings. Viewing the original records can also bring unexpected benefits.... Imagine the surprise of one researcher when browsing microfilmed copies of actual census records and realizing that the enumerator, not listed in the abstracts of the records, was actually a relative! There are many reasons to view original records when researching, but the most important one is that it is just good research practice.

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### USGenWeb Search Us

The USGenWeb Project has launched a new search engine – Search Us. This search engine searches the complete USGenWeb Project 1,379,336+ pages excluding the Archives and Archives Sub-Projects. All states are now available in this search except Tennessee, which will be available soon. For more information or to use the search engine go to <http://www.usgenweb-search.us/>.

## Website News!

The **Wisconsin Historical Museum** shares images of their collections online at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/museum/collections/online/> Browse through the **2,000 articles of children's clothing by gender, decade, or type of clothing in the Children's Clothing Collection. This collection covers the 1800s through 1990s. The Quilt Collection displays over 150 quilts dated from 1750 through the present day. Watch this site for added collections!**

**Ancestor Hunt – Prison Search** - [http://www.ancestorhunt.com/genealogical\\_prison\\_records.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/genealogical_prison_records.htm)  
Not all of our ancestors were the fine upstanding citizens that we may have hoped for. This site has an interesting collection of links to many online databases for prisons, legendary criminals, civil war prisoners, and more. Many states are represented.

**Census of the Scattered Bands of Pottawatomie in Wisconsin and Michigan, 30 June 1915**  
<http://www.jengod.com/genealogy/potawatomi/> This census lists the persons by both their Indian name and English name.

Many local libraries are now offering access to the **NewspaperArchives.com** and the **Heritage Quest** websites. Heritage Quest contains records from over 20,000 books, census records, PERSI (over 1.9 million articles), Revolutionary War files, and the Freeman's Bank (1865-1874). The Revolutionary War database allows you to view the actual documents for a given person. NewspaperArchives.com contains 2,748 newspaper titles which cover the years of 1759 through the present day. These two sites are often searchable directly from your home computer, so ask your local librarian about them.

## Queries

Looking for information on Bodil Kirstine **NIELSEN**, b. 25 Jul 1846 in Østovte Sogn, Maribo Amt, Denmark and her parents. Burial records from Holy Ghost Church, Waupaca give her death as 13 Mar 1874 in Waupaca and a notation that she was buried in the church yard. Holy Ghost Church is no longer located on Maple St and I have conflicting stories on what happened to the people who were interred there. Bodil was married to Niels I. **PEDERSON/PETERSON** (marriage date unknown). Niels was born 12 Apr 1845 in Østovte Sogn, Lolland (Laaland) Denmark. He died 23 Jan 1925 in Waupaca, Wisconsin. From information gathered, Niels and Bodil had two sons: Lauritz Carl "Charles" **PEDERSON/PETERSON**. "Carl" was born 1870 in Denmark according to the 1880 Census - Wisconsin - Wood County - Marshfield. Second son was Marinus Johannes "Hans" **PEDERSON/PETERSON** (my husband's direct relation), b. 08 Dec 1873 - d. 1920 in Ogdensburg, Wisconsin. Willing to share information, including what I believe is Bodil and Niels' wedding picture. Jean Spiegelberg - [jspiegelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspiegelberg@new.rr.com)

Looking for information or family connection to any living relative of Peter **ANDERSON**, b. Abt. 1816 in Østovte, Fuglse, Maribo and Johanne **LARSDATTER/LARSEN**. Peter **ANDERSON** was the father of Niels I. **PEDERSON/PETERSON**. Niels' marriage certificate to his second wife, Johanne Sophie "Sophia" **FREDRICKSEN**, dated September 22, 1876 gives Peter and Johanne **LARSDATTER** as Niels' parents. Willing to share information. Jean Spiegelberg - [jspiegelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspiegelberg@new.rr.com)

Looking for information or family connection to any living relative of Fredrik **MORTENSEN** and Cathrine **CARLSON JOHANDATTER/JOHNSON**, parents of Johanne Sophie "Sophia" **FREDRICKSEN**, b. 28 Jul 1853 in Thisten Sogn, Lolland, Denmark. Johanne Sophie died 28 Jun 1927 in Waupaca, Wisconsin. Willing to share information. Jean Spiegelberg - [jspeigelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspeigelberg@new.rr.com)

Send queries to WAGS, Attention: Paula, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 OR email directly to Paula at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com). Queries are free to all members.

## Rising Costs

Currently under discussion in the Wisconsin state legislature is the proposal to increase the Wisconsin Vital Records copy fees. The increase for birth records (including each copy) would be from the current cost of \$12 to \$20. The increase for marriage, death, and divorce records (including each copy) would be from \$7 to \$20. The current cost for each additional copy ordered at the same time is \$3 per copy.

Also in the works is an increase to the National Archives copy fees for most military/pension records, passenger arrival lists, federal census, Eastern Cherokee applications, land entry records, and land bounty records.

The following chart shows the proposed increases.

Record Type	Order Form	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Passenger arrival lists	NATF Form 81	\$17.25	\$25.00
Federal Census requests	NATF Form 82	\$17.50	\$25.00
Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims	NATF Form 83	\$17.50	\$25.00
Land entry records	NATF Form 84	\$17.75	\$40.00
Full pension file more than 75 years old (Civil War period).	NATF Form 85	\$37.00	\$125.00
Full pension file more than 75 years old (non-Civil War)	NATF Form 85	\$37.00	\$60.00
Pension documents packet (selected records).	NATF Form 85	\$14.75	\$25.00
Bounty land warrant application files	NATF Form 85	\$17.25	\$25.00
Military service files more than 75 years old	NATF Form 86	\$17.00	\$25.00

Let your voice be heard! Write or contact your appropriate representatives! For further information see the Wisconsin Genealogical Society website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/records.htm>

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## Norwegian Library Changes Name

The Vesterheim Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library has undergone a name change. After a thirty-three year association with the Vesterheim, the genealogical center has become an independent organization and is now named the **Norwegian American Genealogical Center**. The center is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting resources relative to Norwegian and Norwegian-American genealogical research.

The Gerhard B. Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication continues the work on the **Norwegian Immigrants to the United States 1825-1850** project. Plans are currently being formed to continue this project to the year of 1865.

The Norwegian American Genealogical Center is located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703-3116 and holds the following resources:

- Norwegian emigration record.
- 1801, 1865, 1876, and 1900 census records
- U.S. and Canada passenger list
- Local histories (bygdebøker) from Norway
- Norwegian and Norwegian-American family histories
- Norwegian and Norwegian-American church records and much more!

## Nancy Oman Passes

It is with great regret that we must inform you of the passing of Nancy Oman on Thursday, May 10, 2007. Nancy had been a member of WAGS since 2003 and was currently serving as treasurer. Nancy loved sharing her interest of family history and was always willing to help. Although Nancy had been ill for several months she kept her spirits high and continued the work on her family research.

A memorial service was held Sunday, June 3, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at the Spencer Lake Christian Camp located at N1385 Cty "E", Waupaca, WI.

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## On The Shelf

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

### From Dawn M. Kiefer

Family files for:  
Foley/Nottleson  
Sarah McHugh Family  
Nelsen/Montgomery  
Foley/Nelsen/Babino Photos

### From Unknown donor

Howard Inderdahl news article

Please remember when making donations to include your name and address.

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From *The Weyauwegian*, Weyauwega, WI  
November 30, 1855 Page 5

MARRIED--On the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, at Gill's Landing, in this town by Wm F. Waterhouse, Esq., Mr. WILLIAM H. CHAMBERS and Miss SALLY GILL, all of Gill's Landing.

February 29, 1856 Page 4

MARRIED—In Weyauwega, by Rev. A. Gardner, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., Mr. J. MACAULAY, of Waupaca, and Miss E. LaDow, of Oshkosh.

## Waupaca County Website Updates

Many new items have been added to the Waupaca County website including:

Obituaries for surnames BARKOW, BUCKMAN, CHLEBOWSKI, FEARSON, FISCHER, HILDEMAN, HILL, JONES, KOELER, KRAUSE, MERKLE, POEPP, SPLITT, STRONG, TANK, TOPP, and ULLMAN.

Three-hundred and eighty-nine headstone photos for the St. John's Cemetery and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery, Caledonia Township; Evanswood (Little River) Cemetery, Weyauwega Township; and the Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont Township.

Other items added include the Little Wolf Cemetery, Little Wolf Township transcription; news articles from the past for the years of 1855, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1930, and 1935; and CORNELL and WAITE family photos.

Submissions for the Waupaca County website can be made directly to Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com). Please keep in mind the copyright laws when making submissions.

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## Volunteers Always Welcome!

Please take a few hours from your busy schedule to help by volunteering. There are many ways in which you can volunteer:

- Holly History and Genealogy Center
- Strawberry Festival June 16 (book sales)
- Cemetery walk September 15
- Board member
- Chairperson
- And more!

Due to the passing of Nancy Oman the secretary position must be filled. If you can help by serving as secretary (until the annual elections in December), please contact Darleen Ryan.

For more information, contact board members at WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 OR email [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com)

## Vereike Murder

By JJ Johnson

In Alfred Hutchinson's 1909 book "Snowbound" you will find many stories from Waupaca County's early days cleverly written in poetic verse with the subject's name disguised. In the seven stanzas given under the name "Willie O'Grady" he tells the tale of the murder of Frederick Vereike (Verieke, Vereke, Verike) in mid-March of 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Vereike were an elderly couple that lived on a farm in the township of Lind, about three miles west of Weyauwega. Mr. Vereike had come from Germany over 25 years earlier. Mrs. Verieke was his second wife. He had one son who was somewhat of a spendthrift and drinker, but had reformed prior to his father's death. Mr. Vereike had a reputation of being an honest, hard-working man and although he was always seen wearing old, everyday clothes, the couple was known to be well off financially through their frugal living. It was also known that Vereike didn't trust banks. He had been in Waupaca on Monday where he sold his clover seed to Louis Stern for \$27. As usual, when he returned home, he turned the money over to his wife for safekeeping.

At midnight, of Tuesday evening/Wednesday morning, Mrs. Vereike noticed her husband had not yet come to bed. She had last seen him earlier that evening when he and a hired hand, Michael James Harris, had gone out to the barn to feed the horses. The moon was bright that night, so she didn't bother to light a lantern to go out to see what was keeping him out so late. As she approached the barn she saw her husband lying on the ground a few feet from the barn door. He was lying across a shovel with a lantern clutched in one hand. The side of the barn and its door, were spattered with blood. Mrs. Vereike saw he had a large gash in his head and the snow around him was covered with his blood and brains. She ran to the Sipher farm for help, almost incoherent in her fear and grief.

Sipher and Ben Slowe went to Arnold Wheeler's, who lived nearby, and they went to the Vereike farm. Together, the three men moved the body into the house. They remained with the body through the night. In the morning, Slowe rode to Weyauwega to report the incident to Justice George W. Taggart. Taggart contacted Peter Van Epps, William Reas, A.B. Hunt, M. Ogden, William Masters and James Devens to serve as a coroner's jury. These men, along with Dr. Corbitt, Dr. Walbridge, Officer Bellinger and Officer Devens, arrived at the Vereike house around 10 a.m. After an examination of the body, the doctors stated they believed the old gentleman had been struck with an axe. The men then headed to the area the body had been found to look for the murder weapon. Van Epps spotted an axe in the area where Mrs. Vereike kept her garden - about three rods to the side of the path between the house and barn. It was covered in blood and where the corner of the blade was broken they found five pieces of skull and some gray hairs.

They found no sign of Harris. For the past two years, Harris had been doing odd jobs around the vicinity, often staying at either the Vereike or Hair farm. Harris had left the house with Vereike, planning to spend the night at Henry Hair's place and then return in the morning to help Vereike cut more wood. Men were sent to Hair's to learn if Harris was safe and what information he might add to solving the murder. It was learned that after spending the night at Hair's, when he left in the morning he told Henry he was going over to Weyauwega. Officer Bellinger found Harris in Knutesen's saloon and based on the decision rendered by the coroner's jury that "the deceased came to his death by being struck with an axe in the hands of some person, with intent to kill and according to their belief one James Harris did the deed", (it appeared that Harris was using his middle name), an arrest was effected. Harris told Bellinger he and Vereike had parted at the gate the previous night, he to go to Hair's and Vereike to go to the barn.

He was taken before Justice Taggart for a preliminary examination. During the examination Harris was noted as being "cool, self-possessed and nervy." He refused to answer anything. At length, it was found that there was enough probable cause to hold him for trial. He was taken to the jail at Waupaca that same Wednesday evening.

District Attorney Dufur spent Friday morning questioning Harris. Harris refused to make eye contact with Dufur, instead focusing his gaze on the walls or staring at the floor. He said little, as he sat cracking and twisting his fingers. Dufur got his first response when he brought up Harris' interest in

reading the Police Gazette, stories of Wild Bill, various dime novels on the desperadoes of the "wild west" and other such yellow journalism of the time that eschewed the glamour of criminal behavior. Harris questioned how Dufur could know such things and was told it showed in Harris' actions and talk. Dufur then told Harris to look him in the eye, and when Harris complied, Dufur came out and asked, "Didn't you kill Vereike with that axe?" After a brief hesitation, Harris admitted he had and went on to tell Dufur just what happened, although he refused to give a motive and seemed to be holding some information back. The general impression was that Harris didn't understand the enormity of what he had done, but was just trying to emulate the heroes of the stories he had read.

Dufur kept quiet about Harris confessing, but when Constable Bellinger arrived with a satchel containing Harris' blood splattered clothes, Harris also told Bellinger what he had done and Bellinger apparently told others for that same afternoon the editor of the Waupaca Republican showed up at Dufur's to confirm the rumors going around town.

According to Harris' confession, on Tuesday, he had gone to Weyauwega to Knutsen's saloon. He went back to Henry Hair's farm about four o'clock and stayed about an hour before leaving for the Vereikes' place. Vereike was outside doing his chores, returning to the house about dark with a pail of milk. They sat a few moments while Mrs. Vereike finished up in the kitchen and then they all sat down to eat. They were all sitting in the house afterwards. Finally, about seven-thirty, Harris reminded Vereike that the horse still needed to be fed. Vereike got up and grabbed a lantern, saying he would be back in a few minutes. When Harris also got up, Vereike told Harris to relax, that he could feed the horse alone. Harris offered to walk Vereike part way as he wanted to head to Henry Hair's for the night, assuring the Vereikes he would be back in the morning to help chop some more wood. As they were walking, Harris picked up an axe that was lying beside the path and as Vereike went to the stable door Harris "struck him a right-handed blow" to the head. He was still holding the axe as he went up the lane to the road and, as he passed the house, he threw the axe into the garden.

After breakfast Wednesday morning, Mrs. Hair told him about Vereike's death. He then went to William Hair's farm to tell them about Vereike having been found murdered by someone. This accomplished, he went Knutsen's saloon in Weyauwega, where Bellinger found him.

Later, when talking to Sheriff OH Rowe and Deputy Ralph Rowe, Harris claimed that Jack Spurgeon had first brought up the idea of going through Vereike's house in hopes of finding Vereike's hidden money. The plan was for Harris to kill Vereike and then go spend the night at Hair's to establish an alibi. Spurgeon would then search the house for the money and would only kill Mrs. Vereike if she caused any trouble. They were to meet the next morning at Knutsen's to divide the money, but when Harris got to Weyauwega he found Spurgeon had not followed through on his part of the deal. Harris also spoke of other plans the two had considered that would have made "the hair of Waupaca people stand on end."

The Sheriff left Saturday night for Spurgeon's brother's place in Dale in hopes of finding and arresting Jack. It ended that Mr. Rose arrested Spurgeon and brought him to the Waupaca jail. A large group from Dale arrived Monday to see that Jack was treated fairly, but when learning about some of the facts of the charge, many of them agreed that if he had anything to do with the murder he should face the consequences.

Under the heading of "Murder Will Out - Pretty Quick This Time" the information received from the District Attorney were made known to the public. An examination was held about a week later. In the meantime, many locals feared a lynching or other violence towards those accused of the murder. With Harris' confession, some people were not wanting to turn the case over to the "quibbling of lawyers or jury disagreements" or paying thousands of dollars to "scheming detectives and their emissaries." All these situations were currently occurring over Harris's jail-mate, Alfred Vandecar, regarding the murder of Banker HC Mead. The newspapers called for citizens to control their emotions and not tarnish the county's reputation by taking matters into their own hands.

At the examination, Harris was bound over for trial. The trial was held in May of 1884 at which time Harris was sentenced to life imprisonment at Waupun.

Understanding England's Strange Burial Customs  
By John R. Chapman (<http://www.jaydax.co.uk/genlinks/>)

Over the years I've come across some strange burial register entries in England. Here's a selection

"1608. Anne Brasse buried at midnyght 26 June"

"1618. Wm pillye wif was bur the 7 Nov at nyght butt wher I can not tell."

"1639. Frances George buried the 11th September at night but by whome it is unknone."

These entries, taken from the parish register of Stokesley, North Yorkshire, indicate that the corpse buried was probably a Roman Catholic and, as such, was not entitled to be buried in the churchyard. The burial service would have been conducted by the Roman Catholic priest by stealth at night.

"1573. Tho. Maule fd hunge on a tree by ye wayeside after a druncken fitte  
April 3. Crowners Queste in churche porche April 5. Same nighte at midd nighte burried at ye  
highest crosse roades wi a stake yn him, manie peopple frome Manesfeilde."

This entry from the parish register of Pleasley, Derbyshire, shows the treatment given to suicides. They were not allowed to be buried in the churchyard. An inquest was held on the death in the church porch. The use of the stake (reminiscent of vampires) and crossroads was to prevent the corpse from being taken over by an evil spirit, since it could not be buried on hallowed ground.

"1659. Aug. 30. Humphrey Dakin, buried about 2 of the clock in the night, fearing an arrest."

This one, from Alstonfield, Staffordshire parish register, records this unusual hour of burial since it was feared that the creditors of Dakin would seize his corpse and prevent his burial until their debts had been paid. There was no legal basis for this process but the practice was common.

August 1-1680. Anne Harrison of Elwick in the parish of Hart was buried in the parish churchyard of Hart.

August ye 8th 1680 Mary Harrison and Elizabeth Harrison of Elwick did duly make before ye worshipfull John Huthorpe Mayor of Hartlepool that the corpse of Ann Harison was at ye time of burial neither wound nor wrapt in any other material but in sheepes wool only According to a late act of parliament

This entry from Hart in the county of Durham reflects the 1678 an act passed making it compulsory for all corpses to be buried in a shroud made of wool only. This was to encourage the wool trade. An affidavit was to be made and recorded that this had been carried out. This was not a popular law since the poor could ill afford the shroud. Some corpses were buried wrapped in hay or sweet flowers which were felt an acceptable way for the poor to get around the act.

Coffins incidentally were not used for burials until after 1797 by any other than the rich. The corpse would be transported to the graveside in a parish coffin and removed from it at the grave.

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## Calendar of Events & Meetings

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

<b>Now through September 14, 2007</b>	<b>Veterans Remembered In New London Exhibit</b> New London Museum, New London, WI For further information contact the museum directly.
<b>Now through October 14, 2007</b>	<b>Waupaca Sesquicentennial Activities</b> For activity schedule see the website at <a href="http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html">http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html</a>
<b>June 5 through July 7, 2007</b>	<b>Quilts of Waupaca History</b> Presented by the Waupaca Historical Society & the Pieceful Hands Quilt Guild, Waupaca Public Library, Waupaca, WI The Opening Reception will be held Tuesday, June 5 from 6 - 8 p.m. A Quilt Program will be given by Carol Butzke, Historic Quilt Specialist & Quilt Appraiser Monday, June 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
<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 Hibbing
<b>June 16 &amp; 17, 2007</b> Saturday & Sunday 1:00-6:00 p.m.	<b>Depot Open House</b> Waupaca's historic depot, under renovation, is open to the public. For further information, contact the Waupaca Historical Society.
<b>July 2007</b>	<b>NO MEETING! Attend a family reunion or take a research trip!</b>
<b>July 7, 2007</b> Saturday	<b>Rousing with the Roosters</b> Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, WI For further information check out the website at Wisconsin Historical Society website at <a href="http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/">http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/</a> .
<b>July 28-30, 2007</b> Friday through Sunday	<b>Thresheree and National Antique Tractor Pull</b> Symco, WI Music, food, antique tractor pull, and thresheree. For further information call (920) 596-2446 or (920) 596-3683.
<b>August 9, 2007</b> Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Research & Potluck at Nancy Helbach's home. (See page 10 for further details.)
<b>September 7-8, 2007</b> Friday and Saturday	<b>Weyauwega Horse and Buggy Days</b> Weyauwega, WI For further information call 920-867-2500.
<b>September 13, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Roundtable discussion
<b>September 15, 2007</b> 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Fall-A-Rama Cemetery Walk – Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery</b> Waupaca, WI Watch for more details in September's newsletter!
<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> For complete details visit <a href="http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html">http://www.cityofwaupaca.org/waupaca150/index.html</a>
<b>October 27, 2007</b> Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar</b> For more information see <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~wsgs/</a>
<b>November 8, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Election of Officers – Roundtable discussion
<b>December 13, 2007</b> Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Ethnic Potluck & "Pound Party" (Donation to Waupaca Food Pantry)
<b>NOTE: All meetings are held in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History &amp; Genealogical Center, 321 South Main St., Waupaca, WI. (Unless otherwise stated.)</b>	

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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.

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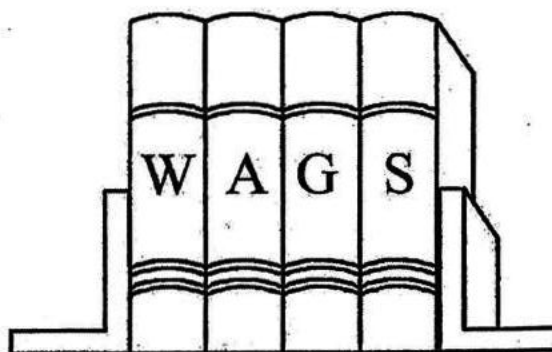
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# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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## Meeting Highlights

The calendar has been a busy one this year and will continue throughout the remaining months. The June meeting brought Karen Hibbing to speak about Digital Restoration of Old Photos. This was an informative night and we all learned something new.

July was a time for family reunions and other family gatherings. In August Nancy Helbach was host of our annual "Potluck and Research" gathering which everyone always looks forward. Nancy holds some of the Guyant cemetery records collection among other research materials and is always willing to share these records with the members and other area researchers. This is a fun time as members from afar and those who may not be able to attend throughout the year try to attend this annual gathering. It is always good to see old friends and new ones as well.

You won't want to miss the upcoming meetings. The September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will be roundtable discussion and Mike Bouchette will be speaking at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. You may remember Mike from his "Black Sheep" presentation at the January meeting. Mike will be speaking about the Battle of Valcour Island which occurred on Lake Champlain during the Revolutionary War.

November and December meetings round out the year with the elections and roundtable in November and the Ethnic Potluck and Pound Party in December.

If you have an idea for a topic or speaker for one of the meeting, please contact one of the officers or email your ideas to <http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>

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## Allen County Public Library

The new Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana is now open! This library is said to have the second largest genealogical collection with the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City being number one.

Much of the Allen County genealogy collection is now on open shelf. The genealogy collection holds:

- 332,000 printed volumes
- 362,000 items of microfilm and microfiche
- 50,000 volumes of compiled genealogies
- Nearly 5,000 genealogies on microfiche and numerous family newsletters

Their holdings include: Native American records, African American records, significant collections of microfilmed local records for many states, military records from all US conflicts and wars, census records, passenger lists, and much more. The holdings also include records from Canada, Germany, British Isles, as well as other countries.

If you have not been to this library this is one of those things to add to your to do list. For further information about the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center visit their website at <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>

## President's Letter -

The Cemetery Walk is fast approaching and will be the last project that WAGS will be presenting in celebration of the Waupaca Sesquicentennial. It should be a fun and informative glimpse looking back on some of our Waupaca ancestors on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. at Lakeside Memorial Park.

It has been a busy and interesting time this year with WAGS having a "book table" set-up in May for the opening sesquicentennial festivities, Strawberry Fest in June, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Hometown Days, the Waupaca Rod and Classic Car Club show at South Park and we will end with the Fall-A-Rama in front of the Hutchinson House Museum on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This has been a great opportunity to interact and inform people about the importance of genealogy, family and local history and to share our publications. Thank you to the volunteers who have helped and especially to JJ Johnson who has been in charge of this project.

Volume I of the 2007 limited edition Waupaca Sesquicentennial History has been completed and is now available from the Waupaca Sesquicentennial Committee, Waupaca Chamber of Commerce or the Holly History and Genealogy Center. Do you have Waupaca ancestors? Check out this two-volume set and enjoy a look into the past 150 years.

Dawn Kiefer has graciously agreed to serve as Secretary and serve out the term left vacant by Nancy Oman's passing until the election of officers in November. Please consider serving as an officer in 2008 or serving on the nominating committee by contacting the present officers at [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com) or phone (715) 258-5627.

Till next time...

*Darlene*

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## Queries

Is there anyone who has found that their family connects to Coon Valley (Vernon County), Wisconsin? The names I'm particularly interested in are **Anderson, Bagstad, Bakkestuen, Dahlen, Hougen, Hogstad, Johnson, Lee/Lia, Mathison, Nerison, Sather, Straumme/Stromme, and Tveidt.**

This group of names has commonality to Barron County (Rice Lake, Chetek, Cameron), Waupaca County (Iola, Scandinavia), and Winnebago County (Winchester) Norwegians. If you are interested in sharing information, please e-mail me at [jspiegelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspiegelberg@new.rr.com) or write to 9504 N. Oakwood Ave., Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-9336. Thanks! Jean Spiegelberg

Looking for information about the Nick & Margaret [Munson] Schlichter/Schlichter family. My grandfather Henry Schlichter & family came by oxen to Fairchild area. (Fairchild is located in Eau Claire Co.) Contact Leona B. Krumholz, PO Box 24, Humbird, WI 54746

Send queries to: WAGS, Attention: Paula, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email directly to Paula at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com). Queries free to members.

## Waupaca Beginnings

By JJ Johnson

America is a country rich in the history of its emergence and growth as a nation. Each state has brought its own special blend of cultures developed through the settlement of its communities by people of diversified heritages and their adaptation to the geographic conditions of the region. Wisconsin became a state in 1848. In October of that year, the Menominee tribe signed an agreement rendering the last of their land in Wisconsin to the United States Government for 600,000 acres of land in what is now Minnesota and \$350,000. The Menominee did not like the land in Minnesota and refused to leave Wisconsin after the agreement had been signed. Thus began an uneasy period in Wisconsin's history as the Menominee proved their statesmanship in stalling their removal from Wisconsin, leaving natives and settlers alike in occasionally potential volatile situations as land disputes arose and cultures conflicted.

In June, 1849 a group of five men (Joseph Hibbard and William Hibbard, their cousins Erastus Sessions and Martin Burnham and Joseph Hibbard's brother-in-law, William Pratt), referred to in Wisconsin history as "The Vermonters", made their way along native trails to what was known as "the falls" or "the Waupaca falls" (currently the vicinity around the north end of Main Street in Waupaca). It is believed they were the first white men to encamp in this area. William Hibbard left the group briefly to retrieve some flour they had cached along the Waupaca River. He met up with six members of the Chandler group who returned to "the falls" with Hibbard. Following pioneer etiquette the Vermonters fed their visitors by making "dough-gods" out of the flour, using up the remaining flour. After this meal, the Chandler group learned the dough-gods were the first food the Vermonters had tasted in two days. Morning showed the larder depleted and the group again temporarily without food.

The Vermonters staked out 83 claims before returning to Sheboygan County where other family members waited. When the clan returned to Waupaca Falls in the autumn with a number of other pioneers, two members of the family did not accompany them. Burnham had become caught up in the stories being circulated of gold found in the West. He headed south to Chicago where he worked approximately a year to earn the money needed to finance a journey to the California gold fields where he hoped to make his fortune. Pratt had found the wilderness lifestyle of Wisconsin not to his liking and decided to remain in more civilized conditions. The remaining family members of the Vermonter party built two log cabins at "the falls" to see them through the winter. Cooper, a young lawyer who had also decided to settle at "the falls" built the first log house in the settlement and his wife was the first white woman to locate in the young community.

Dana Dewey reported that in the Spring of 1852 N.P. Judson had a house (on the southeast corner of Lake and Main Streets), O.E. Dreutzer built on (the northwest corner of Main and Fulton Streets), Jake Dieter built a house back of Lytle's (on Washington Street), Henry Dieter built had built a board shanty on the barrel factory lot back of Hansen's wagon shop, Black and Johnson built house for Rosche and Baldwin, and he had put a one story house on the place later owned by Mrs. Charles Wright. There was a row of buildings on the bank of the river where Bailey's harness shop later was, Vanduzee's hotel on the corner (where Hansen's tin shop later stood) known as the Exchange Tavern and it was a lively place. Main Street south of Beadleson's corner (Main and Fulton Streets) was only a wagon track through the woods and where Coolidge's bank later stood was only bushes and trees. Where Lea's store and other buildings in that block later stood were trees and bushes so thick it was hard for a man to push through them. (Lea's and Coolidge's buildings are thought to have been in the area of the 100 block of Main St.)

In the Waupaca Post of April 26, 1894, Charles Brainard wrote of his arrival to Waupaca on Nov. 1, 1852. "[I] had been six days on horseback, and had driven three cows from Green Bay, the destination of all being Waupaca, 'that new place on the Indian Land'. From New London the road was simply a blazed trail; the autumn leaves effectually covered all traces of any occasional team. ... The woods extended to the river. There were but few habitations, not more than five or six, a rickety saw mill, a worse dam, an unsubstantial bridge, almost interminable piles of pine logs, a chill evening air, a weary horse, a tired boy, and the picture of the eastern side of the river is complete. ... The bridge crossed ... but a bridge the earliest settlers had constructed when money was scarce and men were few. ... To the right ... [was] the pioneer mill built by the Lord brothers. A long flume, built on stilts and holding water like a sieve, led from the leaky dam perhaps fifteen rods upstream. The dam had been built of poles and brush, and even in less than two years existence was yielding to a bad attack of decrepitude. ... [The flumes] twisted and sagged and the water poured out from

numberless cracks and holes and apertures. ... The grist mill, about 30x40 in dimensions was the largest structure in the village. ... A steep hill up to an old shell of a barn built on jutting rocks on the hillside, and an unpainted double house with a quaint sign announcing the Waupaca A. Vanduzee House greeted the vision. ... seeking among the half dozen buildings in sight, a store. ... the storekeeper, who was at the same time the postmaster ... On that place where the old inn stood – it is gone now, burned up – there could be seen from the four-foot-square balcony on the river side as fine a view of wild woods beauty as an artist's pencil could ever desire to sketch. The stream spread out below the falls and rapids, which seethed and bubbled till they reached the bridge, then dashed into the great basin filled with deep pools and eddies, where tradition says the Indians went to enjoy their baths. Just below the eddies, on the eastern side of the stream was an island of about an acre and a half in extent, rich with trees of a century's growth. ... There is not a tree on the island now – only a few shrubs – and a factory has taken the place of a companion grove on the strip of land below. There was no other island. The one now in existence in the stream north of the POST printing office had its beginning in the summer of 1854. The youngsters who were learning to swim drove a barrel stave into the bottom at about the middle of the stream, not daring to venture clear across. Some brush lodged against the stave, silt accumulated, a spray of grass became lodged and .. began to grow ... until the second island was formed."

It was 1852 before the Menominee signed another treaty ceding the last of their land to the United States Government, but their leaders still refused to move the tribe to the Minnesota lands they deemed unsatisfactory to support the Menominee people. The uneasy atmosphere between the tribe and settlers would continue until 1854 when the government deeded them the timbered land around Keshena, Wisconsin for their homes. Settlers entering the lands prior to this were considered squatters and were continually up-braided by Mr. Bruce, the Indian agent. Mumbrue was hired by the government to survey the land and he tried to take these settlers claims into consideration in forming the survey lines.

During Waupaca's 1913 grand homecoming reunion, Mrs. P.J. Nordeen related the story of her coming to Waupaca with her widowed mother, grandmother and siblings on May 10, 1855. In her obituary her arrival was listed as 1854 and another source gives it as 1853. Excerpts of her letter to the homecoming committee give a picture of Waupaca at the time they reached the settlement: "We stopped at a small tavern located [on the southwest corner of Main and Union Streets]. It was called the Tremont House and kept by a Mr. Higgins... In those days our fresh meats consisted of bear steak, venison, pigeons (when they flew) and suckers (when they ran). ... In 1855-56 there were in Waupaca two hotels kept by Messrs. Jones and Higgins, a hardware store owned by G. & C. Chesley, and two drug stores owned by J. Chesley and Dr. Thayer respectively. Wilson Holt and Charley Bartlett each conducted a general store, and two groceries; one belonging to Nathan P. Judson, the other to two brothers, Reuben and Hiram Luce. There were no licensed saloons but liquor could be procured at almost any place of business. ... In case of a death, burial could not take place until a coffin was made to order by Mr. Hampson, a cabinetmaker. On July 4<sup>th</sup> of that year dinner was served on the rocks on Granite Hill. Three church denominations were represented at that time, the Baptists holding services in the schoolhouse, the Presbyterians, with Dr. Marsh as pastor, in the Gothic Hall .... The Methodists had a church up and enclosed. During the summer, services were held in it with seats of plank held up by nail kegs and a workbench for a pulpit. In the fall a little more work was done on the church. Among other things, a pulpit was built which was quietly removed by the ladies of the congregation during the still watches of the night. It was replaced later by one that suited them. ... In the winter of '56 everything was very high. I remember that eggs were fifty cents a dozen and scarce. At that time I was looking for some, to make my wedding cake. After some time I located a lady who owned a few chickens and visited her. Upon making my errand known she said to me: "If you want those eggs to make a cake for the Methodist donation party you can have them; if not, you cannot." The cake was made and frosted without eggs. At a donation party for Elder Hayward the following winter, I remember that everything was taken from sled-length wood to kid gloves. The winter of '57 will always be remembered for its deep snow and heavy crust over the snow. Many times I walked from my home on Division Street to my mother's home on Main Street over the tops of the fences. The men in getting up wood, would have to shovel the trees out of the snow after they were cut down before they could cut them up. Winters were severe, times hard, living high, and wages low. None of the Waupaca people (except the few old settlers) now enjoying the privileges of the prosperous little city, can imagine the hardships of those times, or the ways and means employed to live and enjoy living. I sometimes think that we did enjoy life more under those conditions than the average person of today.

## Society Publications

The following items can be purchased from WAGS:

*NEW -At The Graveside*, compiled by JJ Johnson, Darlene Ryan, Nancy Helbach, and Jean Spiegelberg (Book) \$25.00 + \$3.00 postage  
*A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County*, 2002 Edition (Book) \$5.00 + \$3.00 postage

*When Then Was Now - A Series Presented by The Waupaca County Post July 1990 through February 1995* (CD) \$10.00 + \$3.00 postage

Send order to: WAGS, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946. Make check/money order payable to WAGS.

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## On The Shelf

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

### From Tory Suehs & Pastor Jeffery Smiles

(These records are on cd.)

St. Mary's Church Records (Symco, WI)

Baptism 1893-Present  
Confirmation 1893-Present  
Death/Burial 1893-Present  
Marriage 1893-Present

St. Luke's Church Records (Big Falls, WI)

Baptism 1899-Present  
Confirmation 1903-Present  
Death/Burial 1903-Present  
Marriage 1903-Present

### From Lawrence Webb

*Book - Genealogies* by the Library of Congress

### From Darlene Ryan

Family files  
BRETT, George  
SHAW, George & NIVEN, Jane  
SHAW, Samuel

### From Don W. Hansen of Raleigh, NC

Family file  
WILLIAMS, Harry B.

## When Was That Photo Taken?

The following books by David Strand are now available:

- *The Tin Type View covering years 1898 to 1910* \$12.00 + postage if mailed
- *Through the Years covering years 1911 to 1929* \$25.00 + postage if mailed
- *The Decade of the Thirties covering years 1930 to 1939* \$15.00 + postage if mailed
- *A Snapshot in Time covering the Decade of the 1930's* (a lot of pictures of people and Iola) – New this summer \$12.00 + postage if mailed

Purchase these books by contacting Ruth Lien in Iola at 715-445-3270 or by writing to David Strand, 5600 Montadale Street, Fitchburg, WI 54711 or by phone at 608-273-1057.

(Submitted by Susie Freistedt)

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## Physician's Fees

The Holly History and Genealogy center holds various types of records from the past including one of Dr. Sam Salan's Daily Records dated January 1-December 31, 1928. The following costs were noted in this ledger.

- Appendectomy - \$50 to \$100
  - Complete physical including a urinalysis \$3 to \$5 – depending on length of time
  - Ordinary office visit limiting the exam to the complaint was \$1 plus the cost of med. Total average \$1.50 to \$3.
  - Normal delivery in the home \$25 to \$40 depending on mileage. This included one post partum visit at home and one office visit 2 weeks post partum.
  - Tonsillectomy (& adenoidectomy) \$25 – usually done in office.
  - Urinalysis - 50¢
  - Mastectomy \$50 to \$75
  - Pelvic surgery like removing fibroids, ovarian cysts, infected tubes, or uterine suspension \$100 to \$125
- (Submitted by Jean Spiegelberg)

## The Hales Sisters

Written and submitted by Annette Smith Rietz

In 1856 Robert Hales, his wife Elizabeth Taylor Hales, and their six children embarked upon the six-week voyage from Lowestoft, England to America. His sister (Charlotte Hales Durrant Venner) had left Lowestoft a few years earlier and had encouraged her brother's family to follow her to Wisconsin. They left England on April 15, 1856 and arrived at Castle Garden in New York harbor on May 30. Tickets purchased in England brought them as far as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they arrived with only \$25 in their possession. I am not sure how they traveled north to Fond du Lac, but they probably boarded a steamer there to take them through Lake Winnebago to the Fox and Wolf Rivers, which led to Waupaca County. Although Robert worked as a shoemaker in Lowestoft, he purchased land in the Town of Waupaca from his sister the following year and farmed for the rest of his life. The four oldest children were all daughters and when they arrived in America Martha was 21, Sarah was 19, Harriet was 18, and Katie was 16. Since the family probably lived with Robert's sister until Robert built their own cabin, it is understandable that all four daughters were living elsewhere by 1860.

### Martha Hales Cliss Hugoboom

Martha was working for a family in Winnebago County in 1860, but on Christmas Day that year she married Joseph Cliss, who farmed in that immediate area. Joseph's family originated in Germany and the differences in family background may have led to their divorce several years later. Their youngest child was born in 1867, and they were divorced about that same time. Joseph took their son William to live with him, leaving Martha to raise the two younger children, Carrie and Frank. She was remarried to Hosea Hugoboom in 1869 and they eventually settled in Dorchester, Wisconsin, where it seems they happily remained until Martha's death in 1898.

### Sarah Hales Scott

The steamboat trip must have been quite eventful for Sarah Hales. In 1860 she was living in Oshkosh with her husband and two-year-old daughter, Nettie Jane. Nettie was born in August 1858, followed by a son in May 1862. However, both children died in March of 1863. Robert Scott was a black man, originally from Ohio, who was employed as a chief cook on one of the Wolf River steamers. They may have met when the family was traveling to Waupaca, and they married within the next two years.

In 1870 Robert and Sarah purchased a building in Waupaca and for the next twenty years they were the proprietors of Scott's Hotel. They were accepted as members of the community; only occasionally was Robert referred to as "the colored gentleman who keeps the hotel" in newspaper reports of his activities. The paper even reported that "Robert Scott's pet parrot is home again" in 1885. Robert may have suffered a stroke, as Sarah published a request in 1890 that people refrain from trusting her husband or lending him money. When he died a year later, his obituary stated that he had suffered from partial paralysis for two years. Sarah continued to manage the hotel until she sold it in 1892 for \$4500. Evidently this was a good price; when Sarah purchased four lots for development two years later, their cost was only \$500.

Sarah lived in Waupaca for the remainder of her life. She was able to return to England at least once to visit friends and relatives. When she died in 1912 she bequeathed four different houses to various nephews and nieces.



## Katie Hales Miner

Katie was living in the Oshkosh household of Dr. Seldon Miner in 1860. She was probably helping to care for his two young children, although there is no occupation given on the census form. Two years later Katie married Dr. Miner; she was 22 and he was 51. They eventually moved to Hancock, Wisconsin, where he and Katie's brother Benjamin Ling Hales built and managed a drug store. This marriage lasted until Dr. Miner passed away in 1891. At that time they were planning to move to Waupaca and build a home. Katie completed construction of their home and lived in Waupaca for the rest of her life.



She was the family eccentric; she always referred to herself as Mrs. Dr. Miner. She visited relatives in England with her sister Sarah in 1898. Three years later a cousin arrived from Lowestoft. After a six-month visit, Jane Fletcher decided to remain in Waupaca with Katie. This arrangement was evidently amicable, although in the 1910 census Katie called herself an entrepreneur, while Jane was listed as a servant. Katie died in 1925, and her will contained some interesting bequests and instructions. She originally left her house to her brother Robert, but changed that bequest a few years later. "It would be lots of expence (sic.) and truble (sic.) for you to rent it to strangers." So she bequeathed him \$200 and left the house to her neighbor, Mrs. Davidson, "who has done so much for me." Ultimately, this did not matter, as her brother predeceased her. She left two "cottages" in Waupaca, her best clothes, bedding and table linen to a niece in Oregon. She requested that Jane

Fletcher's casket be moved and placed beside her own. This order was not carried out. Jane's stone is located in the same cemetery lot, but Katie is buried next to her husband.

## Harriet Hales Smith

Harriet is my great great grandmother. She married John Henry Smith January 4, 1860. They had been neighbors since both families arrived in Waupaca County in 1856. John and Harriet lived in the city of Waupaca for a few months after their marriage but soon built a house on land adjacent to his parents. They lived on this farm for the remainder of their lives. (This was the same house where I lived until I was married--a little over 100 years later.) After they had been married about two years, John volunteered to serve in the Civil War. He enlisted on December 1, 1861 in the Eighteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the Battle of Shiloh and skirmishes at Corinth a few days later. Harriet was only alone for about six months with their first-born son, as John was discharged due to disability at the end of July 1862. Although John worked the farm, he usually gave his occupation as a mason. With two sources of income, the family prospered. Another son arrived in 1863, and my great grandfather, E. W. Smith, was born in 1865. Harriet and John's only daughter was born in 1868, but she died early in 1870.

Harriet spent her adult life in the same neighborhood, although she and John traveled to California in 1894 to visit their son Carl and John's younger brother, William. Due to various sets of circumstances, my great grandfather, even though he was the third son, took over John and Harriet's farm. He purchased the farm in 1905, but he had probably assumed many of its responsibilities before that time. Early in 1910 it was reported that Harriet was very ill. Later that year she was treated at the hospital in Oshkosh, but she died in April 1911 of stomach cancer.

I wonder what the young sisters expected as they traveled to the United States, and whether their hopes were realized. After six weeks on the ocean, perhaps all they dreamed about was staying on dry land for the rest of their lives.



## FamilySearch Genealogy Resources

By Paula Vaughan

Many family researchers are aware of or have used the resources made available by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They started microfilming records in 1984 and have accumulated over 2.4 million rolls of microfilm. The most amazing part about this is that this work has been done mainly by volunteers.

Their new project to digitize and index this information is an enormous undertaking and you can help! Information about the FamilySearch Indexing project can be found on their website at <http://www.familysearchindexing.org/en/index.jsp>

This project allows you to volunteer right in your own home...it's all done on your computer. You can index one page or hundreds of pages – one page a day or one page a week – it's your choice. You determine the amount of time you want to spend transcribing. You do not have to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to work on this project. I've received several e-mails with information from others who are already volunteering on this project and they have said the indexing is easy and convenient.

This is a great project well-worth taking a look at. This project may be a wonderful way for those who are homebound (but yet wanting to volunteer) to be able to do so. What a great project to become involved in.

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### Website News!

**Office Online File Converters and Viewers** - <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/downloads/HA010449811033.aspx> Converters allow you to open files created by people using different versions of your Office programs and the viewers provide a means for people who don't have Office programs to see your work. You can provide them with the appropriate viewer along with your Office files. This site also includes converters and viewers for Macintosh users! (Thanks to Darlene Ryan for submitting this great website address.)

**Mayflower History** - <http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/> This site gives the complete passenger listing of the Mayflower along with links to a short biography about each passenger. It also includes letters, wills, etc. written by these pilgrims.

**Fraternal Organizations** - <http://www.exonumia.com/art/society.htm> Have you ever discovered those strange abbreviations in your ancestors biography or on his/her headstone? This site gives a large list of many organizations along with their abbreviations.

**Family Old Photos** - <http://www.familyoldphotos.com/> This site appears to have both free and paid areas. Browsing the site I found many areas to be free. You can search this site by surname, location, etc.

**National Gravesite Locator** - [http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1) This site is part of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website. Locate your ancestors who are buried in one of the National Cemeteries. This site is searchable and also includes any family member who is also buried in the given cemetery.

## Calendar of Events & Meetings

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

<b>September 7 &amp; 8, 2007</b> Friday & Saturday	<b>Weyauwega Horse &amp; Buggy Days</b> , Weyauwega, WI For more information, call 920-867-2500
<b>September 11, 2007</b> Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.	<b>A Glimpse at Online Genealogy Resources</b> with Evan Bend, Electronic Resources Librarian for the Outagamie Waupaca Library System (OWLS) will be held at the Waupaca Public Library. This is part of the Lunch & Learn Sesquicentennial Series: A Look Towards the Past. Reservations please (715) 258-4414. Enjoy a light lunch (prepared by staff and volunteers) and speaker.
<b>September 13, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Roundtable
<b>September 15, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Fall-A-Rama Cemetery Walk – Lakeside Memorial Cemetery</b> Waupaca, WI Tour begins the cemetery just east of tool shed. For further information email <a href="mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com">WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com</a> .
<b>September 15, 2007</b> Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Hutchinson Historical House</b> , Waupaca, WI– Free Admission Day
<b>September 22, 2007</b> Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society</b> is holding their <b>Leadership Workshop</b> at the Comfort Inn in Tomahawk. For further information email <a href="mailto:wsgs@tds.net">wsgs@tds.net</a> or call 608-833-4327 or stop by their website at <a href="http://wsgs.org">wsgs.org</a> .
<b>September 23, 2007</b> Sunday, 5:30 p.m.	<b>Voices From the Past: Floral Hill Cemetery Tour</b> presented by the New London Public Museum. During this two-hour guided walking tour, visitors will pause at eight living history vignettes meeting people from New London's past. The tour is free and open to the public. Please contact the museum after September 4, 2007 to pre-register.
<b>September 29, 2007</b> Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>The British Interest Group of WI &amp; IL</b> presents Sherry Irvine in Rockford, Illinois Email <a href="mailto:pgleich@sbcglobal.net">pgleich@sbcglobal.net</a> for further information.
<b>October 11, 2007</b> Thursday, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> <b>The Battle of Valcour Island</b> presentation by Mike Bouchette. Mike will take us through this battle that occurred on Lake Champlain during the Revolutionary War.
<b>October 12-14, 2007</b> Friday - Sunday	<b>City of Waupaca Sesquicentennial Closing Celebration</b> Festivities to be announced.
<b>October 18-20, 2007</b> Thursday - Saturday	<b>11th Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International Bi-annual Genealogical/Cultural Conference</b> at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall in Madison, Wisconsin. For further details visit <a href="http://www.cgsi.org/">http://www.cgsi.org/</a>
<b>October 27, 2007</b> Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar</b> held at the Stoney Creek Inn, Wausau, Wisconsin and hosted by the Marathon County Genealogical Society. For further details visit <a href="http://wsgs.org/">http://wsgs.org/</a>
<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" (Donations to Waupaca Food Pantry)
<b>NOTE:</b> 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**

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**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.

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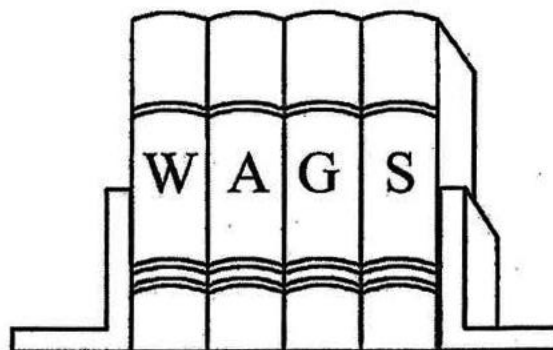
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# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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## Meeting Highlights

Roundtable discussions were enjoyed with information being shared by all who attended. The discussions have been a great learning tool in finding new websites, sharing helpful research tips, and alerting members of new resources.

September's meeting brought a vote to change the date and time of our meetings. The meeting date and time has been changed from 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month to 9:00 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. Please mark you calendar with these changes. The June, July, and August meetings are often held as research gatherings, picnics, etc. so please check the calendar in each newsletter or on the WAGS website for changes or updates.  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>

Mike Bouchette gave an interesting presentation on the "Battle of Valcour Island" at the October meeting.

The following board members were elected at the November meeting: Darlene Ryan, President; Nancy Helbach, Vice President; JJ Johnson, Treasurer; and Dawn Kiefer, Secretary. A big thank you goes to these officers for their hard work in 2007 and for their willingness to serve in 2008.

A membership chairperson is needed. The membership chairperson is responsible in keeping an updated membership and surname list. If you can help in this position or would like further details, please contact one of the board members.

Other items discussed included book sales, upcoming seminars, digitizing of local church records, volunteerism, and much more. Work is currently underway in completing the *Searching for Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: a Genealogical Research Guide*. The publication will be going to print soon.

For upcoming meetings and events, please see the calendar on page 9 of this newsletter.

### REMINDER!

Renewal time is here!

If your address label has 2007 on it your membership will expire December 31, 2007.

.. Don't miss the next newsletter

- renew now!

## President's Letter-

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, and wondrous Christmas with good genealogical hunting in the New Year! It seems as though items for the Christmas season come out a little earlier every year, but I never seem to start on my projects that I give as gifts until I am under pressure to have them finished now!

At our last meeting one of our members mentioned that she was organizing her genealogical materials and I realized how very lax I have become in this department. Somewhere I knew that I had a picture, but was unable to locate it as pictures seem to have accumulated all over with different projects. Yet I have all my negatives categorized by years and families. My husband having watched me work for hours asked what would happen to everything that I worked on if something should happen to me. In some ways, I think we are all quite sure that someone would certainly want all our research, books, and pictures that we have worked so hard to obtain. As I thought about it, most people who are interested in our family already have copies as I share what I find, but would your work go into the "dumpster" because your spouse or children have no interest in what has become your addiction? Our member is in the process of categorizing her genealogies and books making arrangements to donate to the "Vesterheim" so others will benefit from all her hard work. As this year comes to an end, think about the time and money you have spent and look toward preserving your heritage.

By now, many of you know that we have changed our meeting days and hours to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. We may have to adjust during the summer when we do the picnics and we will find out how the Christmas Brunch will go this year. Don't forget that we are doing an old fashioned "Pound Party" to finish off this sesquicentennial year with the donations going to the local food pantry. For those of you who are not familiar with a "Pound Party", this was done many years ago usually for a new pastor or family in the community by neighbors bringing a pound of something to welcome them. The items could include anything from a pound of sugar or flour to a pound of nails. Please remember, non-perishable food items only.

*Happy Holidays,  
Darlene*

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## Local Church Records Digitized by Paula Vaughan

I have been working the past seven months with the First United Methodist Church and the Trinity Lutheran Church, both of Waupaca, and Manuel Reyes, a representative from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in getting the church records digitized. Contact began in May 2007 and the digitizing of the records, by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was completed November 2, 2007. The Trinity Lutheran Church records also include the records from the Holy Ghost and Our Savior's Lutheran churches.

Pat Hollenbeck and Joyce Woldt played an important roll in obtaining the records for digitizing from the First United Methodist Church and Jean Spiegelberg also played an important roll in obtaining the records from Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you Pat, Joyce, and Jean for assisting in this project!

Once the records have gone through the process, each church will receive a copy of their records on cd and the information will be made available through The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints centers.

## New Member

We would like to welcome our new member

Sue **DUNBAR**  
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Surnames researching: **DUNBAR, JENSEN, RADLEY, SMITH & WING**

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## On The Shelf

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

**From Jean Wheeler**  
Gottfred Neuendorf family file

**From the Waupaca Historical Society**  
*Unique Headstones* - Wayne and Alta Guyant (Photos taken by Wayne and Alta of "unique" headstones throughout Wisconsin.)

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## Still Available!

Looking for a copy of *Ghosts Towns of Waupaca County* by the Waupaca County Historical Society? To purchase a copy contact Mary Craig at (920) 596-3467.

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## Past Print

From the *Appleton Motor*, Appleton, Wisconsin June 7, 1860  
The dwelling house of Mr. J.D. Post, between Weyauwega and Gill's Landing, was destroyed by fire Monday 28<sup>th</sup> ult. Part of the furniture was saved. Loss \$2,000. Insured for \$1,000 in the Home Insurance Company.

## Great News!

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and FamilySearch of Utah have joined forces. An agreement has been made between these two organizations which will allow the FamilySearch organization to digitize many of the records held by the NARA. The records being digitized range from 1754 to the 1990s.

Once the records have been indexed and digitized they will be available online. Already underway is the digitizing of Civil War records. FamilySearch will digitize the first 3,150 Civil War widow pension application files (approx. 500,000 pages). These records will be indexed and posted online by Footnote.com and the indices available for free on FamilySearch.org. The plan is to digitize all 1,280,000 of these files.

For more information on what's new at FamilySearch - check their news release page at [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/frameset\\_news.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Home/News/frameset_news.asp). You can find NARA news items on their website at <http://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/>.

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## Cook County is going online!

More great news! Cook County, Illinois has been busy digitizing 24 million vital records and they are going online!

The scanning and indexing was completed in June and they are presenting working on uploading the records. This process is expected to be complete by the end of the year with public access available beginning in January 2008. Documents that will be available are: birth certificates at least 75 years old, marriage certificates more than 50 years old, and death certificates more than 20 years old.

Once you have found the vital record you are searching for, you will be able to download the certificate right to your own computer. A fee will be charged per certificate download. The fee for this process has not been announced yet.

## IDENTIFYING PHOTOS

By Annette Smith Rietz

Is it possible to identify old photographs by using the census?

Earlier this summer my cousin Peg Riemer brought me a collection of photos that Laverne Trinrud gave her. They had originally come from Clara Colrue Dehn, so we knew most of them had some connection to the Colrue family of the Town of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

Many of the pictures were not identified, but several were the old postcard photos that were popular during the early 1900s. Mrs. T. M. Colrue and Mabel Colrue were the recipients of those postcards, and the salutations were either "Dear Auntie Colrue" or "Dear Mabel." Mabel was also addressed as "Dear Cousin". The names of the senders (Anna, Mabel, Iva, Pete) did not match any from our Colrue lines, so it seemed that we needed to find out about the "other side" of the family.



"Best Wishes from Mother": Mrs. Minnie Kjendalen Twetan

I knew that in 1883 Clara Elisabeth Anderson Twetan married Torger Colrue, who was my great grandmother's brother. Their three children were Walter, Mabel and Harvey. Clara was the daughter of Hans Anderson Twetan and Marie Kjendalen. I began by looking for Clara's family in the census and found them using Anderson until 1900, when they began using Twetan. After looking at various census years, I found that Hans and Marie had children named Andrew, Jacob, Ida, Clara, Hannah, Anna, Henry and Oscar.

One of the only postcards that provided a surname was signed by Iva Peterson, which became another important clue. I was able to locate her in the census, too. She was the daughter of Isaac and Ida Peterson, and her siblings included Mabel, Peter, Anna, Clara, Cora and Victor. Finally! Names in this family

matched the senders of those postcards, and they would have been Mabel Colrue's cousins.

There was more proof at the courthouse. In May 1883 Ida C. Anderson Twetan (daughter of Hans Anderson Twetan and Marie) married Isaac Peterson. Later records showed that in 1911 their daughter Anna Peterson married Casper Krostu. Daughter Iva married Ernest Blomquist in 1916.

Other family members found in the census included Clara's brother Henry Twetan, who was living in Waupaca County with his wife Ida and children Bernice, Vernice, Harris, Irene and Raymond. Those children were born between the years 1907-17. Oscar Twetan's obituary in 1963 listed Evelyn Olson, Chester and Orin Twetan as survivors.



"Iva and Pete"



Another postcard was labeled Evelyn Margaret McCloy, age 10 months. She turned out to be the first child of George McCloy and was 3 years old at the time of the 1920 census. The McCloy family also lived in the Town of St. Lawrence, Waupaca County.

One more postcard that included a name said: "In memory of Chester A. Peterson, who died at Great Lakes, Illinois in 1918." I believe he may be the son of Peter (Helmer P. in the 1910 census) and Serena A. Peterson. A WWI draft registration for Chester Arthur Peterson of the Town of St. Lawrence gave his date of birth as 10 October 1888.

We attempted to identify the photographs so they could be returned to family members. If there are interested descendants of any of these families, please contact Peg Riemer, and she would be happy to share the photos. Peg's address is N5044 Elm Valley Road, Ogdensburg, WI 54962. Phone number (715) 467-2748 or email [riemers@execpc.com](mailto:riemers@execpc.com).



## FEES INCREASE

In the June newsletter we announced the current discussions on increasing the fees for Wisconsin vital record copies. The price changes went into affect October 27, 2007. The current fee for a copy of a birth, marriage, or death certificate is now \$20.00 each. The cost for each additional copy ordered of the same certificate at the same time remains at \$3 per copy.

We also announced in the June issue that the National Archives was proposing increases in their copy fees for most of the military/pension records, passenger arrival lists, federal census, Eastern Cherokee applications, land entry records, and land bounty records. The proposed increases went into affect October 1, 2007 and can be seen on the chart that follows.

Record Type	Order Form	Fee (As of Oct 1, 2007)
Passenger arrival lists	NATF Form 81	\$25.00
Federal Census requests	NATF Form 82	\$25.00
Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims	NATF Form 83	\$25.00
Land entry records	NATF Form 84	\$40.00
Full pension file more than 75 years old (Civil War and after), up to and including 100 pages	NATF Form 85	\$75.00
Full pension file (pre-Civil War)	NATF Form 85	\$50.00
Pension documents packet (selected records).	NATF Form 85	\$25.00
Bounty land warrant application files	NATF Form 85	\$25.00
Military service files more than 75 years old	NATF Form 86	\$25.00

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With the Christmas holiday almost upon us many of us will be thinking of past memories and family traditions. While preparing this newsletter and thinking about the approaching holiday, I was reminded of an ornament that takes a special place on our Christmas tree each year.

This ornament isn't the brightest, the biggest, or even the prettiest. This 32-year-old dough art snowman ornament is starting crumble and the paperclip hanger on it has long been lost, but yet each year it takes the prominent spot at the top of tree for all to see. This ornament you see was made by our daughter, yes, 32 years ago. Yet each year when I hang it on the tree I always remember the look on her face when she first brought it home so proud of what she had made at school.

Take time to share a family tradition, a special holiday recipe, memories of times spent with family and friends, or the simple memory of a little "snowman ornament".

Have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with memories and new traditions..

Paula Vaughan, Newsletter Editor

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### Wisconsin Historical Society Events and Classes

Have you had the opportunity to attend one of the Wisconsin Historical Society's events or classes/workshops? This society offers many events throughout the state during the year.

Some of the events scheduled for 2008 are: Hearthside dinners at the Wade House in Greenbush, an 1890s Christmas Holiday at the Villa Louis mansion in Prairie du Chien, Base Ball History Day (1860s game) at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo; and an Old World Wedding (1840) at Old World Wisconsin in Eagle.

Classes offered in Madison have included: Ancestry.com, It's All Online! Or is it?, Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestors: Naturalization Records and Passenger Lists, and Writing Your Family History.

The society offers many opportunities for researchers to participate in or to observe what life may have been when our ancestors passed this way. The classes and workshops

also give us the opportunity to learn more about the research process and resources available.

Learn more about the offerings from the Wisconsin Historical Society by checking their calendar at <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

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### Neighborhood News!

The Waushara County Historical Society has recently purchased land and will be developing the Waushara History Village. They are presently looking for persons to serve on a planning committee. If you are interesting in serving on the committee or have ideas to share write to them at P.O. Box 616, Wautoma, WI 54982 or email them at [wausharamuseum@yahoo.com](mailto:wausharamuseum@yahoo.com).

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Interested in taking a "Genealogy Cruise"?  
Check out [www.GenealogyCruises.com](http://www.GenealogyCruises.com).

## Waupaca Area Post Office and Postmaster Listings

Did your ancestor serve as postmaster? The following information was gathered by Wayne and Alta Guyant and made available by Geraldine Trinrud. This list includes the name of the postmaster and the date of appointment through the year 1950. Watch for the Ogdensburg, Readfield, Royalton, Scandinavia, Waupaca, and Weyauwega listings in the March newsletter.

### Big Falls, Waupaca County

George F. Fox	February 26, 1890
Stephen Mundt	June 23, 1892
Hans P. Sorenson	April 14, 1897
William Polzin	March 16, 1901
John E. Ryan	April 24, 1915
Harvey H. Polzin	June 21, 1921
Alfred I. Skoglund	January 14, 1928
L.C. Arndt	March 2, 1933
Frank A. Rystrom	February 5, 1935
Mrs. Bernadine Zeichert	April 1, 1937

### Clintonville, Waupaca County

Uriel P Clinton	July 17, 1857
Nelson D. Carter	February 21, 1866
Frank M. Guernsey	April 16, 1868
David Beach	November 18, 1870
Rufus M. Way	October 2, 1871
G.S. Doty	February 3, 1874
John Finney	October 16, 1877
A. P. Knapp	February 12, 1878
Henry Geibel	June 20, 1889
John F. Meisner	September 17, 1893
Joel L. Stewart	September 14, 1897
Joseph D. Cotton	July 7, 1910
Julius Prenzlow	June 23, 1915
Selmar J. Tilleson	January 10, 1925
Earl F. Moldenhauer	February 10, 1934
Leland H. Laux	May 1, 1953

### Embarrass, Waupaca County

E.D. Matteson	March 20, 1856
Edward F. Sawyer	October 12, 1859
Charles Maleory	May 29, 1861
John W. White	March 1, 1864
David I. Quimby	December 13, 1866
Miss Mary A. Wiswall	February 16, 1866
Abram C. Palmer	January 15, 1872

Admiral W. Willmarth	October 8, 1882
Abram C. Palmer	March 31, 1886
John N. Palmer	January 15, 1890
George E. Beedle	April 22, 1902
Ann J. Beedle	February 18, 1903
Theodore H. Buntrock	July 23, 1904
Miss Kathleen F. Baker	November 1, 1941

### Fremont, Waupaca County

Ira Sumner	1853
William E. Sherburne	December 1, 1897
George F. Sherburne	March 9, 1921
John Tovey	1934
Russell Toepke(Acting)	1948
Russell Toepke	1949

### Iola, Waupaca County

John Bliss	June 2, 1852
Cyrus Blandon	May 10, 1861
Joseph M. Rowland	June 2, 1865
Ole O. Hole	November 14, 1872
T.G. Staeubly	September 11, 1873
Byron L. Taylor	May 6, 1879
John C. Johnson	June 22, 1883
August Weinmann	January 19, 1886
Austin A. Pierce	August 21, 1889
John C. Johnson	October 22, 1889
Albert Weinmann	April 28, 1893
Buck Williams	June 10, 1897
H.B. Taylor	May 25, 1916
Edwin Weinmann	January 21, 1922
Harris G. Hanson	July 25, 1935
Willard Wright	January 1, 1945
Eugene A. Taylor	October 1, 1949

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### King, Waupaca County

Columbus Caldwell	September 25, 1892
Charles J. Ellis	October 6, 1894
William R. Brown	July 23, 1903
George A. Murray	March 3, 1913
Edward Lowth	January 15, 1915
George A. Murray	January 6, 1919
Edwin F. Smith	July 1, 1938

### Manawa, Waupaca County

Robert Pugmire	December 21, 1874
William Hatton	May 6, 1878
Frank Woodworth	February 27, 1886
Edgar L. Darling	March 27, 1889
Arthur Lindsay	August 17, 1893
Chris Dick	October 6, 1894
John C. Kinsman	June 28, 1907
Herman Lindow	January 11, 1916
Ernest A. Samson	January 1, 1935
John Lindow	August 16, 1941
Wallace Krantz	December 31, 1950

### Marion, Waupaca County

David L. Ramsdell	March 31, 1880
John Mierswa	May 13, 1885
Gustav Kuentzel	August 16, 1889
William R. Pinkelman	January 15, 1891

William Holler	April 20, 1893
Stephen L. Perry	July 24, 1894
Margaret Perry	November 6, 1912
John D. Laughlin	February 22, 1914
Elmer S. Beyers	May 7, 1929
Mrs. Anna Buhr	August 10, 1934
Elmer E. Draeger	December 13, 1941
Mrs. Ann Spiegel	April 5, 1945
Michael T. Foley	June 30, 1946
Mrs. Anna Spiegel	December 1, 1947
Floyd H. Brandenburg	October 1, 1949

### New London, Waupaca County

William McMillan	February 6, 1854
Charles Lipkie	September 6, 1856
Perry Adams	April 13, 1861
Lyman B. Chittendon	October 25, 1862
Ebenezer P. Perry	June 8, 1866
William D. Carr	July 3, 1866
Hezekiah Freeman	February 25, 1869
George R. Bowman	September 18, 1871
M.B. Patchin	January 29, 1883
Adam Millbrath	March 17, 1887
Ferderrick Jacobus	December 20, 1889
Theodore Knapstein	February 1, 1894
Giles H. Putman	April 1, 1925
Jacob Werner	July 10, 1934
Henry T. Knapstein	July 16, 1942
Albert VanAlstine	October 7, 1943

### Book Review:

One of the most interesting books I have is *Wisconsin and Its Territorial and Statehood Post Offices* published by the Wisconsin Postal History Society. The book has maps of every Wisconsin county showing post office locations and a short history of each post office. Many of them are no longer in service, so it's a very valuable resource to genealogists who are looking for location names that do not exist now.

The following post offices were included for Waupaca County: Amhurst, Baldwin's Mills, Bear Creek, Big Falls, Buckbee, Canary, Carmel, Cedar Rapids, Clintonville, Crystal Lake, Crystal River, Dupont, Elbertson, Embarrass, Evanswood, Fremont, Gill's Landing, Grow, Hanover, Hatton, Helvetia, Hobart's Mills, Iola, James, King, Lind, Little Wolf, Manawa (or Elbertson), Marble, Marion (or Perry's Mill), Mukwa, Nepawan, New London, Nicholson, Norske, Northern, Northland, Northport, North Royalton, Nowell, Ogdensburgh, Ostrander, Paradise, Parfreyville (or Nepawan), Perry's Mill, Petersville, Readfield, Reams, Royalton, Rural (or Nepawan), Scandinavia, Sheridan, Sherman, Surat (or Petersville), Symco (or Unionville) Waupaca, Welcome (Bear Creek), Weyauwega, White, Wisconsin Veterans Home (or King).

If anyone is looking for a town in Wisconsin and can't find it, e-mail me and I'll be glad to look it up.  
Jean Spiegelberg (jspiegelberg@new.rr.com)

<b>Calendar of Events &amp; Meetings</b> (Check the WAGS online calendar for updates or changes <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm">http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS/WAGS2.htm</a> )	
<b>December 8, 2007</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Christmas Brunch & "Pound Party" (Bring a pound of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Waupaca Food Pantry) Each member is asked to bring a dish or treat to share for the brunch. Social time begins at 9:00 a.m. with brunch at 10:00 a.m.
<b>January 8, 2008</b> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	<b>Friends of Scandinavia History</b> Municipal Center every other month Everyone interested in the history of the town and village of Scandinavia is invited to attend. Contact Doug Watson 715-467-2729 for further information.
<b>January 12, 2008</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> "Tips for Planning Your Next Reunion"
<b>February 9, 2008</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Roundtable discussion
<b>February 23, 2008</b> Saturday	<b>DuPage County (IL) Genealogical Society</b> "Pathways to the Midwest" Conference See their website <a href="http://www.dcg.org/">http://www.dcg.org/</a> for further information or write to P.O. Box 3, Wheaton, IL 60189-0003
<b>March 8, 2008</b> Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> "Organizing Your Genealogical Materials"
<b>March 31, 2008</b> Monday, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Iola Historical Society</b> Meets the last Monday of the month March through October. For further information contact Murnell Olsen (715)467-2534 or Stella Strand (715)445-3184.
<b>April 11-12, 2008</b> Friday & Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Gene-A-Rama 2008</b> Plaza Hotel & Suites, Conference Center, Eau Claire, Wisconsin For further information check their website at <a href="http://wsgs.org/">http://wsgs.org/</a> .
<b>April 26, 2008</b> Saturday	<b>Illinois State Genealogical Society</b> Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference For further information see their website at <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/">http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/</a> or write to ISGS at P. O. Box 10195, Springfield, IL 62791-0195
<b>NOTE:</b> All meetings are held in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogical Center, 321 South Main St., Waupaca, WI. (Unless otherwise stated.)	

## UpFront With NGS

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The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meets 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday 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.

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