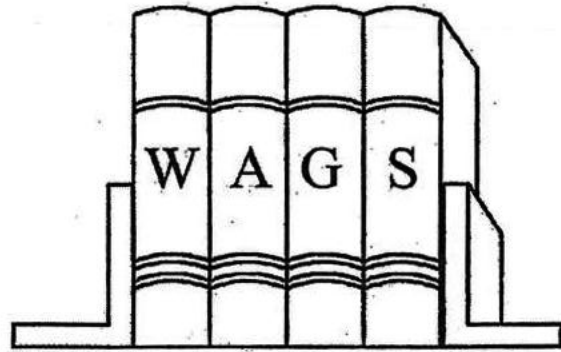


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Waupaca County Divorce Records

About four or five years ago I contacted the Waupaca County Clerk of Courts to see about viewing the divorce record of my husband's Great Great Grandfather. I knew he had been divorced September 18, 1877 in Waupaca from a previous search of the divorce index. When asking to view the actual record, I was told the Waupaca County divorce records (up to a given date) had been transferred to the Wisconsin State Historical Society in Madison, WI. Wanting to see the divorce record, I contacted the archives in Madison. You can imagine my reaction when I was told it may take years for them to get the records accessioned and once they got to the records they were only going to keep a random sampling of them and the rest would be discarded. (because Madison or the Area Research Center did not have the room to store the 40 boxes of records.)

In several more conversations across the next few weeks and months, I asked if the records could be donated to another group – NO. I asked if they would contact another society to see if they wanted to scan or copy the records – NO. I asked if The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) could be contacted to see if they would film the records – NO. Although I was turned down on all suggestions, the conversations were always pleasant and open. So that is where the records stood for the past four or so years.

Often I would think about those records hoping they would not be destroyed before I could figure out how to get them filmed or copied. I would talk/discuss this problem with fellow genealogists and wonder what could be done?

While working with a local LDS representative who was digitizing the Waupaca area church records, I wondered whether they would consider digitizing the Waupaca County divorce records IF the records still existed and IF I could get the representative in Madison to give her ok. To my surprise, the LDS representative knows the representative well, has worked with her before, and he would contact her directly to see if the records were still available and to get permission to digitize the records. I was thrilled! And I am even more thrilled to be able to tell you the divorce records will be digitized and available through the LDS some time this year!

I am so glad I never gave up and very thankful that my fellow genealogist, Jean Spiegelberg, kept encouraging me to keep trying!

Watch for updates on the progress of this project in future newsletters.

President's Letter-

This past December and January my husband and I spent time with our daughters in Tennessee. It was the first time in fifteen years we have all been together for the holidays and I am sure, like many other families that are spread out over the United States, you find that you will spend holidays with one or the other but can never quite get everyone together. After the wonderful time and weather in Tennessee and coming back to Wisconsin in January, it may be a few years before we attempt this again.

We presented a short family reunion program at the January meeting and a roundtable discussion at the February meeting. The presentation for the March meeting will be on "Organizing Your Genealogical Materials." Because Gene-A-Rama is held in April and some of our members attend, we will have a roundtable meeting with a program in May presented by Dr. Marvin Lang on a Norwegian emigrant frigate, "The Hannah Parr."

Our revised and updated genealogical research guide "Searching for Your Ancestors in Waupaca County" is now available for sale. See the information in this newsletter and also on our website. Our appreciation and thanks to Glenda, Susie, Mary and Paula who have put in many hours on this project.

Starting in April we will be staffing the Holly History & Genealogy Center on Saturday mornings and again need volunteers. We are talking about three hours on one Saturday morning and if everyone would sign up, you would only have to work one Saturday a year. You are not expected to do someone's genealogy or research, but we do need you there so the building can be open for others to do their own research on the area and their families. To all of you who so graciously volunteered in 2007, we could not survive without you.

Members at the February meeting voted to donate money to the Waupaca Historical Society to be used to purchase a new copier. I'm happy to report that the new copier has been received and is now in use.

Because the library is a non-lending library and documentation is such an important part of the process, we felt it was essential that a copier be available for researchers and the old copier just hasn't been reliable. The new copier will be the property of the Waupaca Historical Society and they have agreed to be responsible for the maintenance.

Be sure to check out the membership and surnames listings in another area of our newsletter, you never know who may be able to help find that elusive ancestor.

Darlene

Documentation . . . The hardest part of genealogy!

Newsletter Articles

We are looking for area memories and information. Was your ancestor the black sheep of the family, a farmer, gangster, or preacher? Or have you gathered information about a local building, church or organization and would like to share your information?

Share your memories or research by writing a short story for the newsletter. Two pages or a few lines, submit your article now.

Shy about writing or don't know where to begin? I would be happy to give you some direction.

Contact me directly at Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or email me at pajolova@hotmail.com.

On the Shelf

WAGS has purchased an original publication of *The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-made Men. Wisconsin Volume* published by American Biographical Publishing Company, Chicago, Cincinnati and New York 1877. The volume includes an index and is now available for use at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

Cook County Update!

In the December newsletter I reported that the Cook County, IL digitized vital record database would be online by the end of 2007. This date has been postponed.

With my last correspondence with the Cook County Clerk's office, they are now hoping to have this database up and running by July 2008.

You can check their progress by visiting their site at http://www.cookctyclerk.com/sub/vital_records.asp.

New Book

The new book compiled by the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society is on its way to the printers. *Searching For Your Ancestors In Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide* is a research guide that includes updated information that will assist the area researcher in finding information about their ancestors.

This book was compiled by Susie Freistedt, Glenda Rhodes and Mary Sutliff with computer support by Paula Vaughan. It includes information and contact addresses for area churches, libraries, funeral homes, cemetery sextons, etc. It also includes cemetery information, new easier to read maps and updated cemetery locations.

Order a copy now by sending a check or money order to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. The book is \$15.00 with postage of \$3.00.

The Weyauwega Chronicle

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society is currently working with the Weyauwega Public Library on a project to save original copies of the *Weyauwega Chronicle* newspaper.

The library presently holds originals for the years of 1906-1930. The newspapers have not previously been microfilmed and are not currently available at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library in Madison as many other newspapers are. These newspapers are fragile and our goal is to raise \$5,000 to microfilm the complete collection before there is further deterioration.

We are actively looking into obtaining grant monies, while also contacting other groups in the area that may be willing to join the project. Fundraising is also under discussion.

If you can help in any way or would like to donate toward this worthwhile project – please send your check or money order to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. Please state clearly that this a donation for the Weyauwega Chronicle microfilming fund.

Reverend Doctor Cutting Moody Marsh

By JJ Johnson

Cutting Marsh was born 20 July 1800 in Danville, Vermont to Samuel White and Sally (Brown) Marsh. He was named after his father's grandfather's maternal grandfather, Cutting Moody. His early days were spent on his father's farm and spent the years from 1819 to 1822 preparing to attend college at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He attended Dartmouth College where he took medical courses, graduating in 1826. Marsh then entered the Andover Theological Seminary. On 22 April 1829, he was licensed to preach by the Andover Association of Congressional Ministers, finally being ordained as a foreign missionary on 24 September 1829 at the Park Street Church in Boston, Mass. He was selected by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to fill an open position due to the death of the missionary working among the Stockbridge Indians in Michigan Territory, on the lower Fox River near what is now Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

Marsh left for his post in October 1829, arriving at Detroit on 1 November 1829, only to find the last boat of the season to Green Bay had left two months earlier. He decided to winter with a missionary working with an Ottawa tribe in Maumee, Ohio. In the spring he continued his journey, reaching Green Bay on Friday, 30 April 1830. The next day he was able to get passage to the Stockbridge settlement on a boat that was going up the Fox River. Despite arriving late that Saturday night, weary from his long travels, Marsh preached his first sermon to his new congregation the following morning, May 2, 1830.

His ministry was sponsored through the auspices of the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge out of Edinburgh, Scotland and he served them faithfully, sending regular reports of his progress. When the Blackhawk War erupted in the summer of 1832, the mission received alarming reports daily of the atrocities occurring around them. Marsh stayed at the mission doing all he could among the Stockbridge despite many families in the area, and all of the assistant missionaries in the settlement, leaving to seek protection at Fort Howard. Later that summer he traveled as part of a group seeking a better site for the Stockbridge settlement. During the excursion the group spent a night hidden while listening to a nearby Indian camp believed to be celebrating a recent victory in battle. A suitable site was eventually agreed upon and in 1834 the mission settlement moved to the eastern shore of the Lake Winnebago Reservation in Calumet County. From this base, Marsh made trips through communities such as Green Bay, Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Milwaukee. He established a church in Milwaukee on April 11, 1837 and in September of 1838 he dedicated a church building for the congregation in Green Bay that had formed in 1836. Despite the reports he sent in of his many activities and the good results he was having among the Stockbridge, when the tribe split with a majority choosing to retain their native culture by moving to the Menominee Reservation rather than remaining at Stockbridge living in a white, Christian manner, the Scottish Society felt the mission had failed and in 1848 terminated their support. He preached his final sermon there on 29 October 1848.

During his years at the Stockbridge settlement he met Eunice Osmer of Buffalo, New York. She taught among the Ojibway Indians at Fort Gratiot from 1821 to 1824 and from 1824 until her marriage she taught at a mission school at Mackinac. Eunice and Marsh were married at Stockbridge on 2 November 1837. They had one child, Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1838. (Eunice Marsh died 27 December 1855 in Waupaca. Sarah never married. She died in Chicago on 19 March 1927. All three members of this family are buried in Waupaca, Wisconsin.)

With the termination of his position at Stockbridge in 1848, Marsh moved to DePere, Wis., where, under the sponsorship of the American Home Mission Society in Boston, he set up a base for serving as a home missionary to white settlers in northern Wisconsin. He stayed there a year before moving his family to Green Bay. For three years he worked as an itinerate preacher, establishing Presbyterian churches and Sunday schools in Neenah, Appleton, Fond du Lac, Beaver Dam, etc.

He first visited the new settlement at Waupaca Falls in the autumn of 1849 and preached the first Presbyterian sermon there in May of 1851. When the situation arose in Waupaca in the autumn of 1851 over the controversy of the parentage of a child thought by settlers to be Casper Partridge (a four-year-old child lost in town of Vinland, Wisconsin in the year 1850), Wilson Holt wrote to Williams in Fond du Lac County

requesting an interpreter immediately to help avert the danger of a war (Indian emissaries had already been sent to speak to their head war chief about declaring war on the whites). Williams remembered Marsh's missionary work among the Stockbridge Indians and sent for him. Marsh arrived at Waupaca about 7 o'clock p.m. on December 15, 1851. Marsh went to see the boy and agreed the boy more appeared to be of white descent than Indian. Based on correspondence to his sponsors, he appeared to truly believe the boy was white, but in his journals he did note that to disagree with such would have been suicidal. During his time spent in Waupaca on this matter, he decided to move there and make it his base for his circuit-riding missions. His family remained in Green Bay until the summer of 1852. In the meantime, Marsh was subpoenaed to testify at the custody hearing in Oshkosh on 12 February, 1852. Marsh stayed to watch the case through the six and a half days of testimony, comparing it afterwards to the judgment of Solomon. Despite the court's ruling, when he went home on the 20th he was still firm in his belief that the child was the missing Partridge boy.

From his base at Waupaca he served Waupaca, Poysippi, Winneconne, and Stevens Point, sending notices by mail to let the community know when to expect him. He made trips through the area surrounding Wausau and once made an eleven-day trip that took him nearly to Madison. On his rounds he preached sermons, stopped at houses, and passed out leaflets. When circumstances called for it, he would board his horse and continue his circuit by canoe. Through it all he seldom complained about the hardships or dangers and for all he might be concerned about monies to provide a home for his family; on the road he was fearless. He sometimes preached to one congregation in the morning and a different community that same afternoon. Despite the tiring schedule, he was additionally often called out in the middle of the night to tend someone who became sick or to deliver a baby.

Marsh was unswerving in his belief that most people are spiritually dead and that one must profess Christ to be saved. He was strongly opposed to disorder and was adamant that people needed to forego work or play on the Sabbath. When hearing of killing accidents by lightning strikes or ruined crops by rains or fire, he attributed such to breaking the Sabbath or blasphemy towards God, noting, "the way of transgressors is hard." If someone's house burned down, he clearly saw the hand of God punishing the person for breaking the Sabbath, yet when his own stable burned he held it to be merely a test and trial of his faith, as he had done nothing for which God should punish him. When his only cow died in 1852, he reasoned that the Lord only took away what he had first seen fit to give.

On one of his circuits he encountered a chain of prairie fires over a mile long with flames shooting ten feet into the sky. Its light for a good two miles of travel guided him before he saw the actual fire. Rather than feeling any fear, Marsh gave thanks to the Providence of God that it did not molest him but rather afforded him light to find his way on a dark night – especially over bad spots on the trail.

On March 3, 1852 a small group convened in Marsh's home to organize a Presbyterian congregation in Waupaca. Present at this meeting were Lyman Dayton, Winthrop C Lord, Samuel Pinkerton, Mrs. Mary B. Dan, Harriet H. Baldwin, Betsey Moore, Eunice Marsh, Elisabeth Lord and Margaret Pinkerton. Meetings were held in various locations for several years, one of the more noted places being Gothic Hall. (Marsh also organized a church in Pine River.)

He received a letter from his brother on 8 June 1852 containing \$50. The letter left him praising the goodness of God for he had been in a strait, not knowing what to do as he was low in provisions, and needed nails and glass for the addition to his house. Marsh writes he wept for joy and blessed God for His great goodness and mercy to him and his family. By September of 1852, workers were quarrying stones to build on a cellar. Again, he gave praise to his heavenly Father for providing friends and means to continue work on the place. September 14, they started framing the house. He borrowed \$71 from Mr. Bartlett, using fifty of it to establish his land claim. Grateful for the funds he was nonetheless anxious about owing any debts when he died. Also, relations with Bartlett apparently did not remain friendly as on 4 June 1853 a trial was held for a suit brought by Bartlett against Marsh. Marsh was dismayed, and wrote to M. Chamberlain, the justice of peace hearing the case, "suffered Bartlett bring false testimony against me" and to refused admit the written contract Bartlett gave him. In fact, Chamberlain reportedly refused to admit any testimony on Marsh's behalf. Marsh again rejoiced at God's grace, when the jurors brought in a decision of "no cause of

action". On 3 October 1853 he borrowed \$100 from Mr. Edwards – an answer to his prayers despite the hard payment terms. The money was needed and used to obtain his warranty deed.

It was Marsh's ambition to have Waupaca to become an educational center and to have its own Presbyterian Church building. In 1855 (one record gives date as the Fall of 1856) Wilson Holt, Marsh, Winfield Scott and others opened a Ladies' Seminary. Part of the time it was conducted from Marsh's house, and for two terms it was held in Gothic Hall, a building that served as courthouse, school, and church. The board of trustees purchased a large supply of scientific apparatus consisting of a globe, a tellurian, a magnifying glass, a horseshoe magnet and one or two other articles. This was put into a case with a glass front that was kept locked lest the instruments should become harmed. A Miss Steele was hired as principal with Miss Hattie Ashmun as her assistant. During the time it was open they also hired a Miss Hebard from Attica, New York (she left due to extreme illness), and later a Miss Steade to carry on seminary work.

Marsh's efforts to establish a church building for his congregation was more successful. On 15 June 1863 he and Robert and Mary Hampton transferred lot 90 to the congregation for \$1.00. On this site at South Division Street a building was erected. The church was formally dedicated 12 April 1865.

When Marsh finally stopped preaching, he resumed his medical practice.

The Reverend Cutting Marsh died 4 July 1873. His property was disposed of to settle his estate and pay for funeral costs. He was a man, who although his hands and heart were continually full, he was sometimes overwhelmed with cares, responsibilities and a sense of his own unfitness and unworthiness. In fact, a few days before he died, he told his daughter that he was less than the least of all Christ's children and that all he could say was that he was a sinner saved by grace. Others described him differently. They saw a man of intense sympathy who found it impossible to see any suffering without trying to alleviate it, whether through the word of God or his medical practice. Ware, in his history, stated, "no one was more widely known or more deeply beloved than this tireless Christian worker".

Why Post An Internet Query?

Like messages in bottles tossed into the ocean or notes tied to balloons left to float on the wind, you never know who, when, or where your message will be seen and answered.

Some 18 years ago, I began researching my grandmother's family. Her immigrant ancestor married Eva Klein, daughter of another German immigrant with the very common name of Johannes. In German, Klein means "little," so trying to find Eva's father in Germany was as hard as looking for John Little in England.

Imagine my surprise last month when I received an e-mail from Volker Rosenkranz of Daaden in the Rhein-Pfalz area of Germany. Volker's genealogy hobby is tracing emigrants from his home town. He spotted my Johannes Klein on an Internet family tree, and wanted to know if it were the same man who left Daaden for America in 1753.

Luckily, my Johannes Klein kept a notebook in which he entered his children's names and birthdates. His notebook entries matched perfectly with the Daaden Church Register. The church records also showed births of three older children who did not come to America before Johannes started his notebook.

Johannes' father and grandfather were also recorded in Daaden. Volker found in the German archives a letter to the local count requesting permission for Johannes, his family, and the families of six neighbors to emigrate from the area then known as the Westerwald. Permission was granted. Three months later, the Daaden group made their way to Rotterdam, where they boarded the *Edinburgh* for America. Four months later, they landed in Philadelphia.

This is not the first time that an Internet posting has triggered a response years after the listing. It is the longest, however, in my experience. Regardless of the delay, it was very welcome news; and completely cleared a nagging dead end.

Dave Baker

Waupaca Area Post Office and Postmaster Listing
(continued from the December 2007 newsletter)

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.

Ogdensburg, Waupaca County

J.R. Moses	March 7, 1866
Lorenzo Moses	July 15, 1867
Richard Radcliff	June 24, 1868
Warren Williams	April 21, 1873
Carolyn M. Owens	April 27, 1880
Ambrose Shambeau	October 1, 1883
Horace Cleaves	August 4, 1886
Edward Lyons	March 30, 1887
Alexander Feragan	January 14, 1889
Chas. Christianson	April 28, 1896
John E. Moore	July 31, 1897
Alexander Feragan	August 17, 1905
Arthur Feragan	September 26, 1910
Edna O. Knutson	January 16, 1917
Effie Hanna	August 3, 1918
Relegated	July 1, 1929
Relegated	August 7, 1929
Bertha Peterson	September 1, 1940
(Assumed charge)	

Readfield, Waupaca County

John Littlefield	May 11, 1855
John A. Holmes	October 15, 1858
Charles W.H. Cross	January 9, 1867
Theodore Spengler	February 13, 1867
William H. Spengler	May 3, 1870
Herman Spengler	November 29, 1876
George Mader	January 19, 1886
Herman Spengler	March 27, 1889
Francis D. McHugh	October 20, 1893
August C. Borchardt	August 22, 1896
Peter Jung	November 30, 1897
Ernest Kiesow	December 16, 1902
Frank Kiesow	March 28, 1913
Albert A. Kalbus	October 16, 1935
(Acting)	
Selma A. Steckling	March 4, 1936

Royalton, Waupaca County

Bradford Phillips	December 22, 1854
John P. Moore	September 1, 1856
Chester D. Combs	June 29, 1857
George E. Moore	November 10, 1860
Chester D. Combs	January 7, 1863
James H. Leonard	November 4, 1869
Charles Peters	June 22, 1886
Smith Lu Dawley	March 30, 1889
Linna M. Combs	November 25, 1891
Michael Sullivan	January 12, 1894
Walton R. Craig	January 27, 1898
Edward G. Moore	February 11, 1902
Bernard M. Sullivan	April 27, 1915
Cyril P. Martin	January 8, 1941

Scandinavia, Waupaca County

Ole Reine	January 11, 1856
Hans B. Pouse	April 6, 1857
Monroe Blandin	April 27, 1865
Hans B. Pouse	December 8, 1865
Thomas Knoph	October 5, 1869
Nels L. Nelson	May 31, 1870
Elias Eliason	January 20, 1873
Nels L. Nelson	September 11, 1873
Carl L. Peterson	May 8, 1890
Charles H. Anderson	October 16, 1893
Temam A. Peterson	December 19, 1895
Alvin L. Olson	May 28, 1920
Gunnil S. Peterson	November 1, 1920
C. Amelia Khudson	December 19, 1922
Mrs. Gunnil S. Peterson	May 1, 1924
Curtis R. Hanson	July 13, 1933
(Acting)	
Curtis R. Hanson	August 1, 1933
(Assumed charge)	
Curtis R. Hanson	June 12, 1934
(Confirmed)	

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Scandinavia, Waupaca County (Continued)

Obert Engebretson (Assumed charge)	August 1, 1942
John Gertsch, Jr. (Assumed charge)	April 1, 1943
John Gertsch Jr. (Confirmed)	May 10, 1943

Waupaca, Waupaca County

Erastus Sessions	July 5, 1850
David Scott	March 27, 1851
Wilson Holt	February 17, 1852
David Scott	May 7, 1853
George Strickland	December 15, 1862
Winfield Scott	November 14, 1866
George Strickland	February 13, 1867
Elias B. Thompson	July 5, 1867
George Chamberlain	December 11, 1884
Evan Coolidge	July 2, 1889
Henry Mumbroe	July 13, 1893
Albert M. Penny	September 14, 1897
S.P. Godfrey	April 24, 1914
Charlotte Ware	December 22, 1921
Walter Nelson	January 21, 1926
James W. Carew	May 15, 1934

Weyauwega, Waupaca County

Albert V. Balch	April 10, 1861
Lelah Cornwell	October 8, 1867
Francis A. Brackett	January 17, 1872
Alfred L. Hutchinson	September 25, 1882
William H. Weed	July 24, 1885
Joshua R. Ennis	March 20, 1889
David Wafler	August 29, 1889
Wilder W. Crane	August 10, 1893
Etrada Brown	September 9, 1894
Freimont Corbett	June 24, 1902
Hans S. Olson	October 4, 1905
William Weed	October 4, 1913
Theodore R. Peterson	April 13, 1922
George T. Classon	March 3, 1927
Irvin Rieck	May 18, 1934

Helpful Internet Sites

If you have a great site you would like to share, please email the address to pajolova@hotmail.com or WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com

- Portage County Historical Society of Wisconsin Malcolm Rosholt Online Archives <http://www.pchswi.org/archives/archives1.html> Contains information about local churches, schools, Polish history and many other subjects.

- Wisconsin County Formation Map http://www.mywisconsin-genealogy.com/wi_maps/wi_cf.htm is a great site that shows the development of Wisconsin Territory and the State counties from 1790 through 1960. This site is a work in process and includes many other states.

- O'bits of Nebraska <http://www.obitsofnebraska.com:80/> is a great site to find Nebraska area obituaries.

- Oak Hill Cemetery, Neenah, WI. <http://www3.ci.neenah.wi.us/BurialInquiry/entry> This is a searchable site for burials in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

- Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Vital Statistics Index <http://www.fdlpl.org/vital.html>. This is also a searchable database.

- Marshfield Library Genealogy Index <http://engagedpatrons.org/database/mplgenealogy> searchable database for Marshfield area birth, marriage, and deaths.

- Northern New York Historical Newspapers <http://news.nnyln.net/>. Search from newspapers listed – view actual newspaper page.

- GenTracer <http://www.gentracer.com/pow.html>. Among other things on this website – this is a great site for finding information on POWs and the POW camps within the USA during World War II.

- Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society <http://www.dodgejeffgen.com/> This site includes a searchable database for newspaper clippings and divorce cases.

Calendar of Events & Meetings

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

March 8, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting "Organizing Your Genealogical Materials" If you have a great tip or organizational materials you would like to share, please bring them to this meeting.
March 18, 2008 Tuesday, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin Swedish Genealogy - Tracing Your Swedish Heritage Using the Swedish Church Books - Free to the public. No registration necessary. For further information go to http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/
March 29, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin Canada's A Foreign Country! Tracing Your Ancestors To, Through and From Canada For further information and fees involved go to http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/
March 31 , 2008 Monday, 7:30 p.m.	Iola Historical Society Meet the last Monday of the month February through October. For further information contact Clifford Mishler by phone 715-445-5050 or email mish@athenet.net .
April 12, 2008 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable
April 11-12, 2008 Friday & Saturday	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Gene-A-Rama 2008 Plaza Hotel & Suites, Conference Center, Eau Claire, Wisconsin For further information check their website at http://wsgs.org/ .
April 19, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin Mapping Your Ancestors and Their Neighbors For further information and fees involved go to http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/
May 10, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 pm.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting <i>The Hannah Parr</i> by C. Marvin, Ph.D. A discussion of the epic voyage of a Norwegian emigrant frigate.
May 14-17, 2008 Wednesday-Saturday	The National Genealogy Society Conference – Kansas City. MO Show Me The Nation's Records For complete information go to http://www.eshow2000.com:80/ngs/
May 31 & June 1, 2008 Saturday & Sunday	Historic Trades Weekend - Wade House, Greenbush, WI For complete details go to http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/wadehouse/
June 14, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable
July 2008	NO MEETING! Tour – Ferg's Bavarian Village Date and time to be announced in the next newsletter!
July 26, 2008 Saturday	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Headstone Dedication Parfreyville Cemetery dedication for all Civil War veterans will be held at 11:30 a.m. and the Lakeside Memorial Park, Waupaca, WI dedication will be held at 1:30 p.m. dedicating the new Civil War headstone that was placed for David Axtell, Corporal in the 47th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. The public is invited to attend.
August 14, 2008 Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	NO MEETING! Research and potluck at Nancy Helbach's home. Bring a dish to pass.
September 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable

NOTE: 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: Dawn Kiefer
 Treasurer: JJ Johnson

Committees

Refreshments: Susie Freistedt
 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 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.

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

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

Membership Form

_____ \$10 Individual _____ \$15 Library, society or family (2 people living at same address)

Name _____

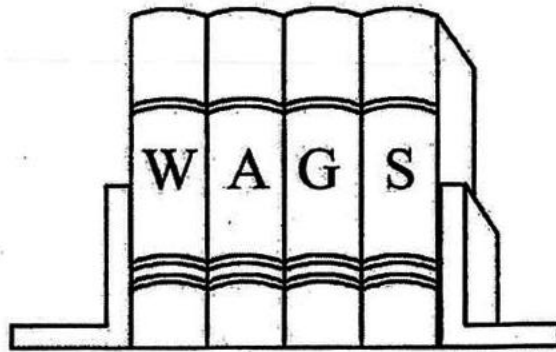
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Telephone No. _____ Email _____

Surnames researching _____

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President's Letter-

June is here with reunions, weddings, graduations, and a few anniversaries and birthdays thrown in as well. Does this become a genealogists dream or nightmare trying to attend all the activities in one's family? We never want to miss an opportunity to learn more about our families and their history. My perspective is that it's an individual's concept and how they look at the opportunities presented to them at each function they attend. So attend and enjoy the activities with your families at all the opportunities presented to you.

At our last meeting we held a "roundtable" discussion and one of the items brought up and discussed was "what happens when a distant relative dies". This person may have been the last one living in a family and because of this he/she may have had the old pictures, letters and other memorabilia that we as genealogists/family historians would love to have but to find out to late that everything had been thrown away.

We were all pretty much aware of the fact that as genealogists we can or have put something into effect to help preserve what we have so this doesn't happen in our immediate family. Ways to preserve family history can include making copies and sharing everything that we have with other family members or we may have done a genealogical codicil to our Last Will and Testament. For the genealogists in the family, often there are articles either in newsletters, magazines, or on-line reminding us to preserve the materials that we have, but what about those who are not genealogist and are the ones who have materials in the attic or the barn? How do we reach and try to keep these genealogical "goodies" from being destroyed?

Some ideas that were brought up included making a serious effort to locate those in the family that may have materials or pictures relating to your family and check to see if they would be willing to let you come and scan the materials or use a digital camera to make copies. Suggest that they accompany you when taking pictures or materials and treat them to lunch or dinner as a thank you. It was suggested that someone could write an article for the local newspaper on how important it is to preserve family history and memorabilia.

Please remember that the July and August meeting times and dates have changed. For further information about these changes visit the calendar on page 11 of this newsletter. Come and join us, bring family and friends, but remember you **MUST** sign up for Ferg's Bavarian Inn by June 14th to be included.

Darlene

Website News!

Please Note! The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society's website has moved and the new address is <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm>. The Waupaca History and Genealogy WIGenWeb site has also moved and the new address for this site is <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/>. If you have saved the sites in your favorites or bookmark you may need to update those links.

Thanks to members Joyce Woldt and Chris Driscoll for bringing the following site to my attention Encyclopedia of Genealogy <http://eogen.com/>, this site includes various topics such as: Acadian "Dit" Names, nuncupative will, white plague, and much more.

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913 website <http://www.oldbaileyonline.org.uk/> is a fully searchable database that contains over 197,745 criminal trials held at London's Central Criminal court.

If your area of research includes Slovak/Czech then It's All Relative <http://www.iarelated.com/> site is for you. This site contains various resources for Slovak and Czech family research.

At the Missouri Digital Heritage <http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/> website you can view actual death records, phone books, newspapers and more in the following databases: Missouri Death Record Database 1910-1957; Polk City Directories 1859-1925, Hannibal, MO; Missouri Land Records 1820-1969; and Missouri Newspapers.

Sacred Heart Court No. 1139 Women's Catholic Order of Foresters

This order was organized November 9, 1919 with a class of 51 initiated. The following officers were elected:

1. Chief Ranger – Mrs. K. Kinsman
2. Vice Chief Ranger – Mrs. S. Smith
3. Rec. Sec. – Norma Scott
4. Fin Sec – Fern P. Peterson
5. Treasurer – Mrs. Agnus Scanlon
6. Trustees – Mrs. Josephine Duffey, Mrs. Anna Garritt, Mrs. Melvina Bozile
7. Conductors – Gladys Dalms, Charlotte Dalms
8. Sentinels – Mrs. Ella Wood, Mrs. Mary Patricks

After the installation of officers guests were admitted to the hall for the concluding program.

A very interesting talk was given by Miss Downes of Chicago, High Chief Ranger and organizer of the Court, who explained the work for the Order and its advantages.

Other talks were given by Mrs. Niland and Mrs. Moguin, who assisted in organizing the court, and our pastor Father McGinley.

It was decided that the regular meetings of the court would be every first and third Monday of the month, the date of the next meeting being November 17, 1919.

The meeting was concluded by refreshments served to all.

Recording Secretary Norma Scott

This is the first page of the record book of the Sacred Heart Court No. 1139 Women's Catholic Order of Foresters transcribed by Paula Vaughan from the original record book. This book was found by Art Vaughan and is presently in the possession of Paula.

Request From Our Neighbors

We have received word from a neighboring group, the Waushara County Historical & Genealogical Society and they are asking for your help. The society is currently gathering information about the Waushara County country schools to be used in a future publication. They are seeking information and photos on the following schools:

Town of Aurora:

Davenport School
Rose School
Record School

Town of Bloomfield:

Willowville School
Wendt School
Sunny Brooke School

Town of Coloma:

Coloma Corners School
Oak Prairie School
Pleasant Lake School

Town of Dakota:

Sonora School
Raymond School

Town of Hancock:

O'Conner School
Portage Road School
West Hancock School
Humphrey School
Fish Lake School

Town of Leon:

Caster Corners School
Centerville School
District #6 School
Pine River School
Emeimgh School

Town of Marion:

North Glen Rock School

Town of Mount Morris:

Brownlow School

Town of Oasis:

South Oasis School
West Oasis School
Brown School

Town of Plainfield:

West Plainfield School
Whing School Butt School

Town of Poy Sippi:

West Island School

Town of Richford:

Forest City School
South Richford School

Town of Rose:

Smith School

Town of Saxeville:

Chase School

Town of Springwater:

Pine Lake School
Christiansen School
Kaminski School
Oak Grove School
Campbell School

Town of Warren:

Clover View School
Warren Center School
French School
Fargoville School

Town of Wautoma:

White River School

If you have information you would like to contribute please contact the Waushara County Historical & Genealogy Society directly by writing to P.O. Box 616, Wautoma, WI 54982. You can also contact them through email at wausharamuseum@yahoo.com or by phone at 920-787-7584.

Queries

Seeking information about Hosea **DUNBAR** b CT and his family.

James **DUNBAR** was b April 27, 1819 in NY, d Nov 29, 1893 in Town of Royalton, Waupaca Co., WI, bur in Baldwin Mills Cemetery.

In 1849 James 1st married Louisa **HAINES** in Greece, Monroe Co., NY. On Feb 23, 1867 he married 2nd wife, Melissa **HARRIS**. On the 2nd marriage certificate it states James' father's name is Hosea **DUNBAR**.

I have found a Hosea **DUNBAR** family listed in the 1820 Fort Ann, Washington Co., NY fed census and the 1830 Northeast, Dutchess Co., NY fed census. Without knowing what siblings James had, I can not determine if either of these families is the one I am looking for. Census records that I have found listing James Madison's family state his parents were born in CT.

I greatly appreciate any help you might be able to share with me. Thank you in advance for all your help. Sue **DUNBAR**, 336 S. Morton St, Waupaca, WI 54981 or email smd777@att.net

Send your query directly to Paula Vaughan, Newsletter Editor at pajolova@hotmail.com.

Along with the newsletter reaching our membership, we also exchange newsletters with the following groups:

- Chippewa County Genealogical Society, Chippewa Falls, WI
- Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society, Inc., Watertown, WI
- Fox Valley Genealogical Society, Appleton, WI
- Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- LaCrosse Area Genealogical, LaCrosse, WI
- Langelade County Genealogical Society, Antigo, WI
- Marathon County Genealogical Society, Wausau, WI
- Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society, Stevens Point, WI
- Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, Sheboygan Falls, WI
- Winchester Area Historical Society, Winchester, WI
- Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, Oshkosh, WI
- The Iola Historical Society, Iola, WI (recently added to the exchange list)

You will also find copies of the newsletters from the groups listed above at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

We send complimentary subscriptions of our newsletter also to the Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, IN; Everton's Publishers, Inc., Logan, UT; and the Wisconsin State Historical Library, Madison, WI.

Why place a query in the newsletter? You can see from the listing above that the newsletter is reaching 1000s of people throughout the United States as well as other countries through membership, newsletter exchanges and complimentary subscriptions.

Past Print

From the *Monroe Weekly Times*, Monroe, Wisconsin – July 20, 1899 – Page 3

Destructive Storm – A destructive storm passed about four miles south of Clintonville and the following farmers were losers: Fred Hansen, house and barn destroyed with six head of cattle and two horses; Henry Schroeder and Oscar Lindts, houses and barns; Chris Nelson and A. Gorgeson, barns. Many others lost live stock and outbuildings. The path of the storm was about 100 feet wide.

From the *Daily Northwestern*, Oshkosh, Wisconsin – May 24, 1892

W.H. Stacy, who is well known for his suits against the Lake Shore road, was seriously injured at his home in Clintonville. He was cutting wood near a clothesline. The axe struck the line and flew against his head cutting a deep gash.

IOLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OVERVIEW

Established in 1953, the Iola Historical Society (IHS) is dedicated to preserving the heritage and historic artifacts of the Iola community and the greater Iola area. The organization presently boasts an active membership of approximately 50. It maintains an Iola Historic Village complex of five buildings and a railroad caboose, which is open to the public on Saturdays from May 3 through September 27, 2008. This year a quarterly member and activities newsletter, the *Window*, was inaugurated. The *Window* promotes the current activities of the organization while interspersing historical tidbits.

The five buildings that comprise the Iola Historic Village complex include a trio of historic structures. The complex is oriented on the original 1892 depot of the Iola & Northern Railroad, which the Society acquired in 1979. In 1996 the Old Helvetia Town Hall built in 1919, which served the township for 75 years, was moved onto the site. The third historic structure is a restored 19th century log cabin moved from the Town of Harrison in 1992.

The complex also includes a pair of historic reproductions. The most recent addition to the complex in 2007 is a replication of the original Iola firehouse built in 1901, which displays historic Iola firefighting apparatus. The other structure is a reproduction of a turn of the 20th century one-room schoolhouse. The complex also includes a vintage caboose that is displayed alongside the depot.

All of the buildings in the complex are open for public viewing every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., May 3 to September 27 with member docents present to share the history of the buildings and artifacts on display. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. Group and individual tours may also be arranged at other times by calling 715-445-IOLA (4652) for appointments.

Members of the IHS also invite interested visitors to join them on Sunday, June 22, for the organization's 24th annual Strawberry Festival, a traditional community mixer and fundraising event. This event is scheduled from noon to 4:00 p.m., with homemade strawberry shortcake, ice cream, coffee and lemonade served. In addition to all of the buildings being open for public viewing on that day, this year a special *Whatzit Day?* feature has been added. A panel of experts will be available to give their insight on the origin and value of mystifying or unusual collectibles. Visitors are encouraged to bring along their "whatzit" items for viewing.

Monthly meetings of the Iola Historical Society are scheduled for 7:00 pm. the last Monday of each month from January through October, with the exception of May when the meeting is held on the Tuesday following Memorial Day. The January, March, May, July and September meetings are designated as board meetings; and the February, April, June, August and October as membership and program meetings. The public is invited and encouraged to attend any of the meetings.

The IHS office is located at 310 Depot Street, Iola, WI across the street from the Iola Historic Village complex. You can contact the Society by writing to P. O. Box 412, Iola, WI 54945 or iolahistoricalsociety@tds.net or phone 715-445-IOLA (4652).

Thank you to Clifford Mishler for providing this information.

Family Search Pilot Site

You may remember the article printed in the September 2007 newsletter about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints indexing program. Well take a look at the following website. <http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html#p=0> ! The Record Search – Pilot Site is just part of what this indexing project will be doing. Because this is a pilot site check back often as there may be a lot of changes and additions as this site develops. This site also has a section where you can find out more about the indexing project and obtain information about how you can help. This looks like it may a very worthwhile project to get involved with

Order Now!

Order a copy of the new book *Searching for Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide* Compiled by Susie Freistedt, Glenda Rhodes, Jean Spiegelberg, Mary Sutliff and Paula Vaughan.

Order this book by sending check or money order to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. The cost is \$15.00 per book and \$3.00 postage. Please add \$2.00 postage for each additional book ordered at the same time.

On The Shelf

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

From Karen Christiansen, Larsen, WI
Moore/LaPoint Family and many others

From Dick Bidwell
The Family Heritage Book by Beatrice Bayley
Guide to the Draft or Manuscripts by Josephine L. Harper

The *Reunions* magazine is now available on the shelf.

Membership Additions

We would like to welcome our new and returning members. Please make the following additions to your March membership list.

New members:

Darlene R. **CZESKLEBA** #217
600 Dewey Ave.
Wild Rose, WI 54984
Phone: (920) 622-3700
Surnames: **BLOEDE, CZESKLEBA, KING & KOENIG**

Susan **ROBERTS** # 216
239 Euclid Ave.
Manawa, WI 54949
Phone: (920) 419-2955
E-mail: leosusan1@yahoo.com
Surnames: **CHRISTENSEN, DEMPSEY, DUPONT, ERICKSON, JEPSON,**

HUTCHI(N)SON, KIEKHOFER, KRAKE, LeDUC, LORGE & ROBERTS

The following members are renewing members there were not included in the March newsletter listing:

Donald & Naoma **ANDERSEN** #192
N6667 E. Long Lake Rd.
Wild Rose, WI 54984-6739
Phone: 715-258-7492
Surnames: **ANDERSEN, DeSMIDT, SAMSE & WHIPPLE.**

Courtney & Wanda **COFFING** #187
PO Box 154
King, WI 54946
Phone: (715) 258-2422
Surnames: **COFFING, LIEBIG & MILTON**

Surname additions:

Member Sue **DUNBAR** smd777@att.net would like to add the following surnames to her surname list: **GRIFFITH & TESTIN**

Family File Additions

Information has been added to the following family files at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

ENGEL, Marvin
GABRIELSON, Reuben
GOMOLL Family
JENNER, Raymond & Ruby
KEATING, Joseph Jr/Sr
KLEMP Family
KLUTH Family
LOZIER, Wm. Sr.
LOZIER, Isaac
MALOTKY Family
ROLOFF Family
TITZKOWSKI, Edward & Amelia
TITZKOWSKI, Wilhelm
TORBENSON, Andrew
TORGENSEN, Swend
TURNBULL, Andrew
PRAY Family

Edward LeRoy Browne, aka EL Browne

By JJ Johnson

Edward LeRoy Browne (generally known as E.L. but called Ned within the family) was born 27 June 1830 in Granville, NY to Capt. Jonathan and Elvira (Everts) Browne, the tenth of twelve children. Around 1845 Jonathan Browne lost his farm after signing a note for his brother-in-law. Some of his older sons had moved into the Illinois and Wisconsin Territories about ten years earlier, and it was decided that Jonathan and the children still remaining at home would join them. They had started their journey with a team and wagon, sold them to travel by railroad part of the way, and lastly boarded a steamboat that took them the final distance to Chicago, arriving in May 1845. According to the Browne genealogy, the fifteen-year-old EL was watching over the family's remaining belongings at Chicago when a man walked up and asked EL what he was doing with "all that luggage". EL reportedly snapped back, "Minding my own business, and you had better mind yours." Just then one of EL's brothers came up, and stated, "Why Charles, don't you know your brother Edward?" Once everything was sorted out, Browne's family headed toward Milwaukee where the elder Browne was able to claim 80 acres of land in the Town of Granville through a Bounty Land Warrant issued to him as a veteran of the War of 1812. EL Browne often said the strongest lesson he ever learned from his father was not to sign notes for any one unless you could afford to lose the amount of the note.

In Wisconsin, EL attended Professor Buck's Institute, a private school located in Menomonee Falls and read law with Finch & Lynde in the evenings. Once he graduated from the Institute he obtained a teaching position and continued his studies with the law firm. Apparently Browne was not as robust as his brothers and they often teasingly called him "puny". In fact, they worried about his health and encouraged him to move from Milwaukee/Fond du Lac area where he was likely to be more susceptible to consumption from the damp air, so in 1850 Browne moved to Fond du Lac where he continued his law studies with Graham & Davis. He was admitted to the bar in 1851. Eventually he moved to Waupaca where the climate was drier. He walked to the settlement with three law books under his arm and \$10.00 in his pocket. One source stated Browne first came to Waupaca in November 1852, liked the community and decided to settle there. These sources list his law office building as having been constructed in 1853. Most sources list his moving to Waupaca in September 1854 and having his law building erected that same year. It appears he actually came in 1852 as local stories note that he gave a speech at the 1853 Fourth of July celebration.

Once at Waupaca he formed a close friendship with George Loren Lord, who in partnership with his brother ran a gristmill in the small settlement. While the two men were attending church services one day in 1855 at the Sessions' home the men saw Abigail Chandler Parish Sessions' two sisters (Mary Ann and Anna/Hanna Converse Parish) who had arrived in Waupaca from Vermont just days earlier to open a select school. (The sisters had traveled by train to Chicago where they transferred to a boat to Milwaukee. At Milwaukee they took a stagecoach to Oshkosh where they boarded a steamboat to take them up the Fox and Wolf Rivers to Gill's Landing. During the trip the steamboat struck a snag, submerging the lower deck with all their trunks, and the boat caught on fire. From Gill's Landing they completed their journey to Waupaca by stagecoach with wet luggage but physically unharmed.) According to family legend, while attending the service Lord said, "I'll take the blue-eyed one!" to which Brown responded, "I'll take the brown-eyed one!" Losing no time, the two men called upon the ladies that same afternoon.

The Parish sisters' school was planned as a private institution. Parents paid only for the classes they wanted their children to attend. Mary had taught school in Vermont at the age of 16 years and later continued her education, graduating from Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Her father once wrote her, "Few callings, in my judgment, are more responsible and where more good may be accomplished than that of a teacher. In the schoolroom, a wise and efficient instructor can make a mark as lasting on the mind as an artist's chisel can upon marble. I trust that you, with your two senior sisters are all now making those imperishable marks for good that will add to the aggregate of human happiness." Their curriculum included: English, Latin, French, drawing in the mediums of pencil, crayon, and monochromatic, watercolor painting and music. They opened the school on 5 December 1855 but it was short-lived as by the end of December they accepted marriage proposals from Browne and Lord.

Always wanting to do things properly, EL wrote to Judge Jacob Kimball Parish on 9 January 1856 requesting permission to wed Mary Ann Parish. Permission was obtained, although the Judge asked the couple to consider returning to Vermont for the wedding. Meanwhile, Lord had proposed to Anna Parish and a double

wedding ceremony was planned. Judge Parish accepted their decision to wed in Waupaca and arranged for Episcopal Bishop Jackson Kemper to go to Waupaca to perform the ceremonies. The double wedding took place on the morning of 4 March 1856 in the home of their cousins, Chester and Susannah Hutchinson, the largest and fanciest home in Waupaca at that time. The house, built in 1854, is now a museum located at South Park in Waupaca. Bishop Kemper's arrival was the moving factor for the establishment of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Waupaca. Of the marriages, Judge Parish remarked, "Well, Anna will always have bread!" Immediately after the ceremony the couples left for Berlin and Racine to visit with some of the Browne friends and relatives. During the journey the sleigh tipped over in the deep snow dumping the occupants into a deep snowdrift that prevented the couples from being injured.

Mary Parish Browne was born 30 December 1835 in Randolph, Vermont to Jacob Kimball and Mary Ann (Converse) Parish. She was the tenth of seventeen children born to Judge Kimball, the fourth child by the Judge's second wife. To distinguish her from all the other Mary's in the family she became known as "Mary Ned", following the then accepted practice of having her husband's name added to her own. The Brownes had five children: Paul, Daniel Parish, Jennie B., Edward Everts and Clarence. Sadly, Clarence died as an infant. Once, before the birth of Edward and Clarence, when three Indians showed up at her door shortly after she had finished making doughnuts and baking bread, Mary quickly passed them the pan of doughnuts hoping they would take a few and leave. The men surprised her when they dumped the entire pan of doughnuts into a large sack and then asked for bread. The bread was saved by EL arriving just then and sending them on their way. When he asked his wife if she would give them anything they asked for, she promptly replied, "Yes, everything but our three children!"

EL had great faith in the future of Wisconsin and early in life began investing his spare money in the timberlands along the borders of the Wolf and Waupaca Rivers. These purchases laid the foundation that later made him a comfortable and independent life.

Browne became noted for his abilities as a trail lawyer and had cases throughout Wisconsin. He was an able counselor, learned in law, but it was as a jury lawyer that he was at his best. He had an uncanny discrimination on the legal points of a case he was interested in, and his appeals to the juries were logical and convincing. One of his contemporaries described him as being a close reasoner with sound, discriminating judgment on legal points and as an advocate was always strong with a jury. His style of address was very earnest, his appeals often eloquent while his clear, candid statement of facts and deductions from them were always convincing, as shown by his almost invariable success in jury trials.

In the early years there were few roads and no regular stagecoaches, so Browne frequently traveled the rough Indian trails on foot to attend cases, even to points as far away as Oshkosh, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee. He would often carry his shoes and walk stocking footed because his feet hurt from walking and being wet. For his first case in Berlin, Wis., EL walked 32 miles. He won the case and was paid \$32.00. Browne often remarked that after that case he was never without money.

One time he was returning home after a hotly contested case in Wautoma, for which he had earned \$10.00 and when he finally reached the Chain O' Lakes region late in the evening the calls of wolves in the woods around him caused him to speed up on the final miles to Waupaca. Regarding the case, he later remarked that he considered he had been well paid for his efforts. On another evening, far from any habitation, he was forced to spend the night in the woods. He related how he slept in a tree with wolves howling all around.

Once when EL Browne was called out of town for a week, he stopped by the Mead Bank to instruct Mead to give his wife whatever money she needed while he was away. Mead questioned if he should do so even if she asked for \$100.00. Browne calmly said to give it to her. Mead then asked if he should give her \$500.00 if she asked for it and Browne again told him to give her the money she requested. When Mead asked about what to do if she asked for \$1000.00, Browne told him to give her any amount she wanted. Mead remarked that not many men would do that for their wives but Browne simply stated that if he could trust her with his children, he could trust her with his bank account.

Browne was involved very actively in politics and was originally a member of the Democratic Party. With the organization of the Republican Party, he changed affiliations and became a staunch Republican. EL was a delegate to every Republican convention for more than 35 years and was always in demand as a campaign speaker. He served two terms in the State Senate (1861-1862 and 1867-1869). During the time he was in the Legislature the family spent their winters in Berlin as the St. Paul Railroad went to Berlin so it was easier to travel between Madison and Berlin than to try to get to Waupaca. While serving in the State Senate, Browne

was on a number of important committees and was Chairman of the State Judiciary Committee. He had been nominated to run for Congress in 1862 but was defeated by less than 500 votes. Browne received 90% of the votes that came in from soldiers but most of the voters from his district were unable to cast a ballot as they were serving in action in the Civil War.

After 1869, Browne returned to his law practice. Through the years he was identified with most of the important litigation in this section of Wisconsin. Around 1887 EL developed problems with his throat that eventually resulted in his purchasing a winter home in Biloxi, Mississippi and semi-retired from his law practice in 1890. After Mary's death in 1920 he moved in with his daughter and continued to go to the office every day until a week or two of his death in 1925.

In her own right, Mary had been one of the most influential women in Waupaca. She had been an active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union that was organized in 1880, an organizer of the Monday Night Club, the Woman's Club of Waupaca and Chautauqua Circle. She was the first woman elected to Waupaca's school board and one of the first women in the state to serve in such a capacity. According to her obituary, "she was a woman of wonderful capabilities, methodical, and intensely industrious. Her domestic and home lives were ideal. Her cheerful, happy disposition held her family together." EL once wrote a sister, "Old age has many advantages. We get a better estimate on things, and we have a hope which no obstacle or trouble can defeat. I am contented and happy and thankful. I have had more real happiness in my life than I expected. I have been blessed in my home and children. I have had a real good time!"

Can You Identify These Women?

Who are these women? This picture was taken circa 1890-1905 in Embarrass, WI on what is now South Grand Street. Is the woman sitting in the chair (second from left) the mother of the three other young women? Is she Mary Pane Shipman Webster and her daughters? Could the woman second from the right be Ella Capitola Webster Allender?

If you can identify these women, please contact me at: Paula Vaughan, 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or email pajolova@hotmail.com.



Calendar of Events & Meetings

(Check the WAGS online calendar for updates or changes
<http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS2.htm>)

June 14, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable
July 4, 2008 Friday, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Historic Hutchinson House - Waupaca, WI Free admission
July 16-19, 2008 Wednesday - Saturday	Land Logging Legends – 7-Lag Stevne Ramanda Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI For complete information visit http://www.landingslag.org/
July 17, 2008 Thursday, 5:00 p.m.	NO REGULAR MEETING! Tour – Ferg’s Bavarian Village - N8599 Ferg Road, Manawa, WI German Cuisine – Contact WAGS for reservations – reservations must be made for the meal. For full details about meal or car-pooling contact Darlene at WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com Directions and map provided on page 6
July 25 – 27, 2008 Friday - Sunday	Symco Thresheree & Tractor Pull – Symco, WI For further information visit http://www.symcouth.com/indexa.php
July 26, 2008 Saturday	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Headstone Dedication Parfreyville Cemetery dedication for all Civil War veterans will be held at 11:30 a.m. and the Lakeside Memorial Park, Waupaca, WI dedication at 1:30 p.m. dedicating the new Civil War headstone that was placed for David Axtell, Corporal in the 47th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. The public is invited to attend.
August 2 & 3 Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Heritage Days & Rail Fest - New London, WI A pre-1840’s buck-skinners’ encampment will be open to the public and features hawk, knife, and saber toss with public competitions on Sunday. For more information visit http://www.historicalvillage.org/heritagedays.html .
August 14, 2008 Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	NO REGULAR MEETING! Research and potluck at Nancy Helbach’s home N2924 Smith Lane, Waupaca, WI. Bring a dish to pass. Directions and map provided on page 6.
August 23-24, 2008 Saturday & Sunday	Civil War Encampment Pffiffer Pioneer Park, Stevens Point, WI Period artillery, infantry and medical. Cooking & crafts too.
September 5 & 6 Friday & Saturday	48th Annual Horse & Buggy Days – Weyauwega, WI Visit http://www.weyauwegachamber.com/chamberevents.html for further details.
September 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting <i>The Hannah Parr</i> – by Dr. C. Marvin Lang, Ph.D. A discussion on the epic voyage of a Norwegian emigrant frigate.
September 20, 2008 Saturday, 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.	North Central & Northern Wisconsin Genealogical Soc.- Joint Gathering For further information contact them at: P O Box 1512, Wausau, WI 54402 OR http://www.geocities.com/mcgsociety/ .
October 11, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Family History Month – Show & Tell Bring a story, quilt, scrapbook, etc. to share.
November 8, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Election of Officers, by-law review and roundtable.
December 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Christmas Brunch -Bring a dish to pass or treat to share. Bring a non-perishable food item for donations to the Food Pantry.

NOTE: 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: Dawn Kiefer
 Treasurer: JJ Johnson

Committees

Refreshments: Susie Freistedt
 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 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.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm>. Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

Membership Form

_____ \$10 Individual _____ \$15 Library, society or family (2 people living at same address)

Name _____

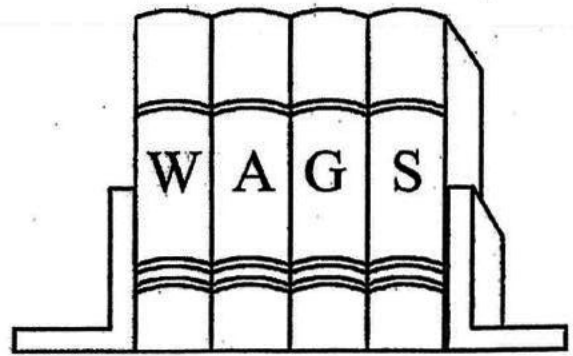
Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

Surnames researching _____

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

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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Meeting Highlights & Other News

Although there were no regular meetings held in July and August the special gatherings were well attended. Seventeen members and guests enjoyed the German meal and tour of Ferg's Bavarian Inn near Manawa. Lloyd and Shirley Ferg were wonderful hosts and served a delicious traditional German meal. This farm is setup to resemble a quaint little village in the Alpine-Bavarian style which includes a Bed & Breakfast, Gift Shop, Village Hall, Lloyd's workshop/Edleweiss Beirgarten, and a village square. A small church and cemetery, attributed to the Ferg family, complete this village.

The August potluck was held at Nancy Helbach's home. This potluck is always a great time for members to share good food, great conversation and research. We would like to thank Nancy and her husband, Bruce for hosting this yearly gathering.

With summer coming to an end the meetings will again be on a regular schedule. Dr. C. Marvin Lang, will present a discussion about an epic voyage of a Norwegian emigrant frigate, *The Hannah Parr*, at the September meeting.

October is Family History Month. The October meeting will be a Show & Tell. Bring a quilt, a scrapbook, story, or anything you would like to share with the group.

The November meeting will include a roundtable discussion, by-law review, and elections. Elections will be held at this time for Vice President and Treasurer only with each officer serving two years. Elections will be held the following year for President and Secretary. The elections of officers will continue to alternate there after so there will always be two present officers on the board at any given time serving with the two newly elected officers. All officers will serve a two year term.

December rounds out the year with the annual Christmas Brunch. Members are asked to bring a dish or treat to share and a non-perishable food item for donations to the Food Pantry.

Volunteers are needed. Do you have three hours to give helping at the Holly History and Genealogy Center? Can you help by serving on the Nomination Committee or as Membership Chairperson? For further information or to volunteer please contact one of the current board members. (See contact information on back page.)

Thank You!

Each year the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society tries to reach out to the Waupaca area communities by assisting with or conducting projects to educate the public about family research and to assist with the preservation of our history. This year was no exception. The current Weyauwega newspaper microfilm project as well as other projects are moving forward because of the hard work and efforts of our President, Darlene Ryan. We would like to thank Darlene for all of the time she has given and continues to give to preserving the history of the Waupaca area families.

President's Letter-

Many of you know that we exchange newsletters with other Wisconsin societies, as well as the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The article "I used to have a Life...then I started doing Genealogy" from the Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society's, *Out On A Limb* covers what my summer was about, not just my with my family but helping others as well.

I don't know about you, but I can't resist a challenge when it comes to solving a puzzle. My first was a request from a person living in Rainy Lake, Canada with ties to our area. It was fascinating that we were both related to many of the same people (Bauer) in this family, but not to each other. We spent an enjoyable afternoon locating cemeteries and taking pictures.

Next was a request from Illinois to locate information on a party (Oyen) who died in New York but was buried in Lakeside Memorial Cemetery in Waupaca. The person with this request wanted to surprise his father on his birthday with a write up from the local paper as he was a local boy who wrote books that were even made into movies.

My last challenge was to connect two families buried in the same lot (Hansen and Anderson) and to try and find the person who is still putting flowers on their graves along with the writing on the very old stones. I still don't know who is placing the flowers on the graves, but I did find a Texas contact for this party.

I know many of you have heard of different ways to read old headstones, but when the stone doesn't belong to your family and there may be a chance of doing damage, you have to become creative in your thinking. By pouring plain water on the stones and taking pictures at different times during the day, from early morning to dusk I was able to make out all but a couple of words. Too bad I am unable to read Swedish or Danish!

WAGS, along with the help of donations from the Fremont and Weyauwega Historical Societies and private parties, has started a new project - microfilming the *Weyauwega Chronicle* for the years 1906 through July 1930. Until recently it was thought by many that these papers had been destroyed. You might ask "Why microfilm the *Chronicle*"? Because of the area it covered and the historical information that can often be found in small town newspapers about the local families. Filming of the 1906 and 1907 papers has been completed. Once the microfilm becomes available one copy will be donated to the Weyauwega Public Library and one copy will be held at the Wisconsin Historical Society for inter-library loan. The 1908 and 1909 papers are presently being filmed.

Donations are still needed to complete this project. Our membership has voted to pledge all profits from the sale of our new research guide to the microfilm project. The Fremont Historical Society is donating the profits from the historical 2009 calendar that is currently on sale. Please remember - WAGS is a non-profit tax-exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code therefore all donations to WAGS are tax deductible. All donations are greatly appreciated. When making donations to this project please designate the donation is for the "Weyauwega Chronicle Project." The estimated cost for completion of this project is \$2,500 and at this time a total of \$1,650 has been raised.

Darlene

Marion Area Historical Society

During the fall semester of the 1987-1988 school year, ten Marion High School seniors produced a videotape of Marion's history from its early settlement to 1930. The process of gathering information for the videotape had two specific effects: 1) it served to generate a renaissance of awareness and interest in the local heritage of Marion and the Marion area, and 2) it resulted in the collection of over 700 pictures and countless items of information that went far beyond the original intent of the videotape. This groundswell of support and enthusiasm eventually led to the creation of the Marion Area Historical Society. The first annual meeting of the Marion Area Historical Society was held on November 28, 1988.

Since that time, the Marion Area Historical Society has grown to over 110 members and has taken on many new challenges. They have created a park which includes the Marion Area Historical Society Museum, a two-story log cabin, a smaller log cabin, 1935 windmill, depot, switch house, and caboose.

The log cabins were dismantled, moved, and reassembled with repairs. The 2-story cabin is presently furnished as an 1890 home and the smaller cabin as a country school. The depot houses the museum, a depot reconstruction, and a room that holds the large tool collection. The caboose has been restored to its original condition and color. The buildings are open every other Saturday during the months of June, July & August. Special tours can be arranged by contacting Bruce Hofman at 715-754-2118.

The society is currently in the process of constructing a larger building to hold the many items presently in storage as well as larger donated items. Funds are raised through an annual auction, book sales, and fund raisers.

The joint and cooperative efforts of the Marion High School Local History students, the Marion Area Historical Society, and the Marion Advertiser have created a historical society and a web site that are a credit to Marion and the Marion Area.

The Board meetings are held monthly along with two yearly membership meetings. For further information please contact the society directly at Marion Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 321, Marion, WI 54950. Or visit their website at http://www.marion.k12.wi.us/mhs_web_page/site%20Pages/Home/home.htm.

Pomeranian Research

The Pommern Regional Group of Minnesota has published a great book, *Pomeranian Genealogy, Culture, and History* by Paul Sternberg, Janice and Jerry Savage. This is a wonderful book for anyone doing research in the area. It contains 268 pages and 733 black and white photos from the area.

For further information visit their website at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mnp7rgm/PRG.html> and then click on "Our New Pommern Book".

They are currently working on a new book *County Regenwalde* which is scheduled for a December 2008 release. Information about this book can also be found on their website.

FamilySearch

FamilySearch is changing! Stop by and check out their new website format at <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>. I can't say enough good things about the indexing projects being conducted by the LDS.

It appears they have put forward a huge effort to get people involved with their indexing projects and many are volunteering. Genealogy and historical societies are encouraged to volunteer for the indexing projects also. They have made it easy so anyone volunteering can do the work right from their home.

When visiting their site check out the lists of which projects are currently being indexed, which indexes have been completed, and which projects are scheduled to be indexed next. This is a great effort to become involved with.

**Oakwood Cemetery Civil War Headstones
Installation and Dedication
Submitted by Kim J. Heltemes,
Commander, Camp #8, SUVCW
Junior Vice Commander, Wisconsin Department**

Eight new headstones for Civil War soldiers have recently been installed at the Oakwood Cemetery in Weyauwega. These headstones were installed as an Eagle Scout project for Troop 634, Boy Scouts of Waupaca under the guidance of A.J. Gans and help of Kim J. Heltemes, Camp #8, Sons of Union Veterans. These eight headstones join the six previously installed new headstones. Kim Heltemes took on this project four years ago in pursuit of getting the unmarked Civil War soldiers graves marked.

The following photo of Luke Gates' headstone was taken during the recent installation.



(Shown l to r) Camp #8 members: Vince Barker, his son Seth, and Kurt Kirk. Scouts: A.J. Gans, Eli Zemke, Anthony Knoeck, Logan Elandt, and Chris Gans. In the back row is Mike Knoeck. Photo by Kim J. Heltemes.

New headstones installed			
Name	Rank	Unit	Notes
Dewitt C. Green	Private	13 th Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked
George W. Teal	2 nd Lt.	37 th Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked
Andrew J. VanEpps*	Orderly SGT	22 nd Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked
	2 nd Lt.	52 nd Wis Infantry	Mayor of Waupaca - Mason
Henry Crane	Private	42 nd Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked

Christian Onker	Private	6 th Wis Infantry	
Phillip Waterson	Private	44 th Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked
Luke Gates	Private	21 st Wis Infantry	Replaced
Mathias Kobiske	Private	14 th Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked
Volney Shelley*	Private	14 th Wis Infantry	Previously unmarked Mason
Andrew Chambers	2 nd Lt.	14 th Wis Infantry	Weyauwega G.A.R. Post 180 named after him
Wesley Messenger*	SGT		Replaced Mason
Jacob Sipher	Private	44 th Wis Infantry	Replaced
John C. Whitney	Private	1 st Wis Calvary	Replaced
Charles Vincent	SGT	14 th Wis Infantry	Replaced
* means there has been a photo of that person found. Anyone having a photo of any of these other soldiers, please contact Kim J. Heltemes at 920-987-5911 or cell 920-841-5911.			

The Sons of Union Veterans will take part in the Horse and Buggy parade Saturday, September 6th in Weyauwega. Following the parade, a procession will be held from the fairgrounds to the Oakwood Cemetery (across the street) where the dedication of the new headstones will take place. The dedication will take place approx. 2:00 p.m. with assistance of the American Legion.

Past Print

From *The Weyauwegian* - Weyauwega, Wisconsin - Friday, January 6, 1858 Page 1

NOTICE: My wife Jane having voluntarily and with out any reasonable cause abandoned me and left my house, I therefore notify all persons that I will not pay any debts which she contracts after the date hereof. Dated Jan. 8th, 1858 William Martin

From the *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* - Oshkosh, Wisconsin - Saturday, September 1, 1877 Page 4
During a thunder storm last Saturday Mrs. Starks, of Royalton, Waupaca County, Wis., was struck by lightning while standing in the door, and instantly killed.

From the *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* - Oshkosh, Wisconsin - Friday, August 31, 1888 Page 5
STATE NEWS- May Moore, of Manawa, having been caught in the act of robbing a clothesline, her house was searched and a large lot of stolen clothing brought to light. A woman who lived with Mrs. Moore for some time past managed to elude the officers and is still at large. Part of the stolen stock was from Royalton, Waupaca and other neighboring towns.

From The Marshfield Times - Marshfield, Wisconsin - Friday, January 8, 1891 Page 4
On Christmas, John K. Hayward received a present through the mail that served to remind him of days long past. It was an apple from the seed he had planted in the spring of 1850 Royalton Waupaca County. The land was then a part of the Menominie Indian purchase and was planted long before the land was surveyed. The seed came from St. Lawrence County, New York. - *Spencer Tribune*

From the *Stevens Point Journal* - Stevens Point, Wisconsin - February 7, 1891
A. J. Smith and H. H. Hoffman instituted a Grand Army Post at Royalton, Waupaca County, last Thursday. It is called the Brad Phillips Post No. 265.

Publications

Order a copy of the new book *Searching for Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide* compiled 2008 by Susie Freistedt, Glenda Rhodes, Jean Spiegelberg, Mary Sutliff and Paula Vaughan. The cost is \$15.00 per book plus \$3.00 postage

Copies of *At The Graveside*, compiled 2007 by JJ Johnson, Darlene Ryan, Nancy Helbach, and Jean Spiegelberg are still available.

This book contains information about Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery and St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery of Waupaca, WI. The complete index (included within the book) is also available on-line. The cost of this book is \$25.00 plus \$3.00 postage

Books can be ordered by sending a check or money order to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042. . Please add \$2.00 postage for each additional book ordered at the same time.

Membership Addition

We would like to welcome, Linda Gardner Phillips as a new member. Please add the following information to your membership list.

Linda **GARDNER PHILLIPS** #218
26403 N. Farwell
Mettawa, IL 60045
Phone: 223-433-6683
E-mail: linda@gardnerphillips.com
Surnames: **EDWARDS, GARDNER, HOLMAN, LANDT, MARTIN, PETERSON, WARD, and WOHLT.**

Scandinavia Book

Doug Watson and Mitch Miller along with the Friends of Scandinavia History group are presently working on a book which will include history and photos from Scandinavia and surrounding areas.

For more information contact Friends of the Scandinavia History directly at P.O. Box 15, Scandinavia, WI 54977. Email scandinavia@tds.net or phone 715-467-2729.

Correction

In the June newsletter the donator's information for the following book, *The Family Heritage Book* by Beatrice Bayley *Guide to the Draper Manuscripts* by Josephine L. Harper, was incorrect. This book was donated by Barbara Schuler. Thank you Barb.

Family File Additions

BEHM, Herman
ERICKSON, Ingebret & Fred
LEE, Francis
SCHMIDT, August

Queries

Seeking information about my great grandparents Christian **NELSON** b 2-15-1858 in Denmark d 6-24-1936 Appleton, WI. On 6-18-1878 in Little Suamico, WI, he married Mary **RUBENSTEIN** b 5-5-1862 Buffalo, NY d 1-6-1948 Appleton, WI. Children were Thora, Anna, William, Edward, Altha, Ella, Mildred, Ruth, Mary, Robert, and Mae.

Contact Christine **DRISCOLL**, E1879 Dayton Road, Waupaca, WI 54981 or email grandmacd70@gmail.com.

Seeking a list of all rural schools in Waupaca County and their teachers. I am particularly interested in the Dayton, Farmington, and surrounding township areas.

I am also looking for persons who have attended the Post Corners School in Dayton Township in preparation for a possible 2009 reunion.

Contact Ray **WILDE**, 1595 Propwash Bay Rd, Woodruff, WI 54568-9201 or email rfwilde@juno.com.

Seeking the parents and birthplace of Samuel **GIRARD** b 1816 NY and d 1889 Clintonville. He m 1835 to Esther Mae **DAVIS** b 1818 MA d 1902 Clintonville. Their children were: Esther, Louisa, Samuel, McQuire, Emily, Wm., Mary, Jane, Ambrose, Napoleon, James, Amelia, George, Margaret, Wm. H., Peter, Cynthia, and Albert. Contact Paula **VAUGHAN**, 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or email pajolova@hotmail.com.

*Patron's Directory of
Waupaca County, Wisconsin 1889*

Transcribed from the *Plat Book of Waupaca County, Wisconsin* by C. M. Foote & W. S. Brown 1889

BEAR CREEK			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Borchardt, Henry	Farmer	Bear Creek	23
Casey, Timothy	Farmer	Bear Creek	35
Hackman, C	Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots, and Shoes, Groceries and Hardware, Manufacturer of Cheese, and Saloon Keeper.	Bear Creek	25
Hoffman, John	Farmer	Clintonville	2
Hoffman, R	Farmer	Nicholson	9
Hyde, FM	Dealer in General Merchandise; Highest Cash Price paid for County Produce	Bear Creek	--
Korb, Louis	Farmer	Clintonville	2
Mulvey, P	Farmer	Bear Creek	23
Munsert, ML	Dairy Farmer and Stock Grower	Clintonville	11
Nelson, CL	Farmer and Manufacturer of Lumber; Highest Market Price for Logs	Union	18
Ohm, C	Farmer	Bear Creek	23
Raisler, JW	Farmer Manufacturer, and dealer in Lumber	Bear Creek	23
Röhl, Christ	Farmer	Nicholson	32
Roloff, Robert	Farmer	Clintonville	4
Russ, August	Farmer and Town Assessor	Bear Creek	35
Schoepke, CF	Farmer and Chairman Town Board	Nicholson	29
School District No. 3		Nicholson	20
Witt, CG	Dairy Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Manufacturer of Cheese	Symco	31
Zehren, N	Farmer	Clintonville	2

CALEDONIA			
Carver, DN	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	7
Fehrmann, Carl	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	11
Fredrick, Joseph	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	3
Jacob, Theo	Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill; all kinds of custom work done	Readfield	35
Klemp, Albert	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Readfield	35
Klemp, Gustave	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Readfield	35
Knoke, Louis	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Chairman Town Board	Readfield	27
Krenke, Aug	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser, and Ex-Supervisor	Readfield	34
Mader, Geo	Dealer in General Merchandise and Country Produce; Notary Public and Conveyancer; Secretary of Caledonia Fire Insurance Company, and Postmaster	Readfield	23
Otis, M	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Readfield	23
Porath, Carl	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	12
Riemenschneider, Wm	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Readfield	21
Spengler, Th	Proprietor of Waupaca House, Farmer, and Saloon-keeper	Readfield	23
Strewlow, William	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Readfield	3

Tews, Aug P	Farmer and Stock Raiser, Town Supervisor, Clerk of School District No. 5	Readfield	35
Town of Caledonia		Readfield	--
Trambauer, H	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Readfield	23
Vohs, Christ	Farmer and Thoroughbred Stock Breeder; Treasurer of School District No. 2	Readfield	4
Yong, Peter	Boot and Shoemaker	Readfield	23
Zeichert, Aug	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Readfield	14
Zeichert, William	Farmer and Stock Raiser, Carpenter and Joiner	Readfield	14

DAYTON			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Allen, MT	Breeder of Holstein Freisian Cattle, and Proprietor Spring Hill Cheese Factory	Waupaca	6
Ashmun, J & CS	General Merchants, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and Crockery, Patent Medicines, Drugs, Chemicals, Paints and Oils, etc. Dealers in Cattle and Meats	Rural	10
Ashman, J	Physician and Surgeon	Rural	10
Barlow, WC	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	10
Barrington, SA	Farmer Stock Raiser and Supervisor	Crystal Lake	35
Bagg, LH	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	11
Bowers, Mrs HS	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Crystal Lake	32
Button, S	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	25
Court, Thomas	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	15
Dake, Jr. JF	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	10
Darling, TC	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	10
Day, Martin V	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	14
Ham, PA	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Thresher, Chairman Town Board	Crystal Lake	33
Hardern, Wm	Breeder of Short-horn Cattle, Pleasant Valley Stock and Dairy Farm	Rural	7
Holman, CE	Farmer	Waupaca	22
Holman, MP	General Blacksmith and Horseshoeing done. Shop at Parfreyville.	Waupaca	11
Kast, Jr. JD	Proprietor of the Excelsior Flouring Mills. Manufacturer of Choice Brands of Flour and Fancy Cornmeal a Specialty. Mill at Parfreyville.	Waupaca	11
McLane, Harbison	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	25
McLane, JS & RJ	Threshers and Clover Hullers	Waupaca	25
Munger, PL	Farmer	Waupaca	6
Murray, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	16
Mynard, TI	Dealer in Cane Mills, Evaporators, Clover Hullers, Rock Island Spring Tooth Seeders, Cultivators, and White's Sewing Machines		
Pinkerton, Jane	Farmer	Crystal Lake	26
Pinkerton, SJ	Farmer and Dairyman	Crystal Lake	26
Potts, AR	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and ex-Chairman Town Board	Rural	10
Quint, WP	Dealer in General Merchandise, Postmaster	Rural	10
School No. 3		Rural	27
Shoemaker, LF	Farmer and Holstein Breeder, and Town Clerk	Rural	15
Sipes, John	Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Medicines, etc. People's Remedies. Store at Parfreyville.	Waupaca	11
Suydam, GM	Farmer and Dairyman	Rural	31
Stinemates, Edgar	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Crystal Lake	34

Stinemates, GW	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Crystal Lake	34
Stratton, W	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Crystal Lake	33
Summers, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Crystal Lake	35
Trull, TL & EL	Farmer and Stock Raisers	Rural	18
Wilcox, LC	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	11
Wilde, John	Farmer and Wool Grower	Rural	29

FREMONT			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Arndt, Wilhelm	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder, Carpenter and Joiner	Fremont	36
Behnke, Carl	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder. Treas. School No. 5	Bloomfield	31
Brown, James M	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder. Sorghum Mill. Custom work done.	Fremont	35
Dagle, Ephraim	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder, Lumberman, and Manufacturer of Sorghum.	Fremont	27
Degner, August	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	33
Eaton, James	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	35
Helmes, Geo W	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	19
Isbell, Chas V	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	33
Kester, Wm	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder and Town Supervisor	Fremont	29
Knobla, Chas	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	33
Kramer, Aug	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Fremont	31
Lovejoy, JH	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder, Director for School Dis. No. 1	Fremont	27
Peters, Wm	Farmer and Stock Breeder. Wells and Fountains dug by machinery.	Fremont	31
Potratz, Fred	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	32
Spindler, Henry	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder	Fremont	36
Springer, Wm A	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder. Also Nurseryman.	Fremont	26
Stange, FD	Farmer and Graded Stock Breeder. Town Clerk and Clerk of School Dis. No. 1	Fremont	32
Steiger, Jacob	Farmer and Stock Raiser. Dealer in Horses and Cattle. Town Treasurer.	Fremont	31
Sumner, FB	Farmer and Proprietor of Fremont Cheese Factory	Fremont	30

FREMONT VILLAGE – Fremont P.O.	
NAME	BUSINESS
Barnes, CB	Real Estate and Pension Agent. Attorney-at-law
Bergstreser, Levi	Farmer, Stock Raiser, also Lumberman
Kinsman, IN	Dealer in General Merchandise, Drugs, Paints, and Oils
Kinsman & Sherburne	Dealer in General Merchandise. Produce taken in exchange. Postmaster.
Lucht, AG	Proprietor of Steam Saw Mill; all kinds of custom work done. Also, Steam Threshing done in season.
Smith, Mrs. M E	
Steiger, Albert	Dealer in General Merchandise. Produce taken in exchange.
Whitman, Byron	Proprietor of Whitman House. Everything first class. Good fishing and boating in season.
Whitney, WF	Painter and Decorator.

(The directory is transcribed as printed in the plat map book. This transcription will be continued in the December 2008 newsletter.)

Calendar of Events & Meetings (Check the WAGS online calendar for updates or changes http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS2.htm)	
September 6 Saturday	48th Annual Horse & Buggy Days—Weyauwega, WI Visit http://www.weyauwegachamber.com/chamberevents.html for further details. (See page 4 & 5 for Civil War headstones dedication article.)
September 9-October 21, 2008 Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.	Beginning Genealogy Class-History Museum at the Castle, Appleton, WI For further information visit their website at the following address http://www.foxvalleyhistory.org/default.asp
September 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting <i>The Hannah Parr</i> – by Dr. C. Marvin Lang, Ph.D. A discussion on the epic voyage of a Norwegian emigrant frigate.
September 20, 2008 Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	North Central & Northern Wisconsin Genealogical Soc.-Joint Gathering For further information contact them at: P O Box 1512, Wausau, WI 54402 OR http://www.geocities.com/mcgsociety/ .
September 25, 2008 Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Italian Immigrant Stone Workers in Wisconsin Wisconsin Historical Museum, Madison, WI For further information e-mail museum@wisconsinhistory.org or call 608-264-6555. Or stop by their webpage at http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/
September 27 & 28, 2008 Saturday & Sunday 10:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.	18th Annual Civil War Weekend-Wade House, Greenbush, WI For further information visit the website at http://wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org/
October is Family History Month - Celebrate your family!	
October 1 thru 31, 2008	Allen County Public Library-Fort Wayne, Indiana If you are planning a visit to this library – October is the month to go! A different genealogy workshop is scheduled for each day during the month of October. Check their calendar at http://host5.evanced.info/allenco/evanced/eventcalendar.asp
October 1, 2008 Wednesday	University Archives Session with Ruth Steffen University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point This is a Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society event. What's available for genealogical research - find out by attending this informational session. For more information contact the society directly. http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wispsags/
October 11, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Family History Month – Show & Tell Bring a story, quilt, scrapbook, etc. to share.
October 11, 2008 Saturday	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar-Janesville, WI For more information visit http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wsgs/ OR email wsgs@tds.net .
November 1, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon	Immigration and Naturalization Records-Memorial Library, Madison, WI For further information e-mail Lori.Bessler@wisconsinhistory.org or phone 608-264-6519. Or stop by their webpage at http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/calendar/
November 8, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Election of Officers, by-law review and roundtable.
December 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Christmas Brunch -Bring a dish to pass or treat to share. Bring a non-perishable food item for donations to the Food Pantry.
NOTE: 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: Dawn Kiefer
 Treasurer: JJ Johnson

Committees

Refreshments: Susie Freistedt
 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 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.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm>. Meetings are open to the public.

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

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

Membership Form

_____ \$10 Individual _____ \$15 Library, society or family (2 people living at same address)

Name _____

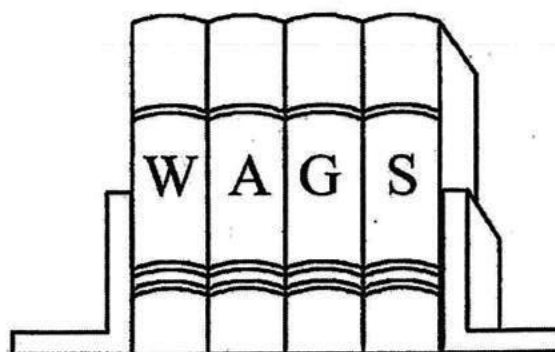
Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Email _____

Surnames researching _____

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

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Where did this year go? How can it be December already and time to enjoy the holiday season with our families and friends? Take time this holiday season to share your past Christmas experiences and stories. What were some of the gifts you received? Which was the most surprising or unusual? What were the traditions in your family? Who shared in your holiday celebrations and traditions? Get out those old Christmas photos and share! Start a new tradition of story-telling around the Christmas dinner table!

How did you bring in the New Year? What were some of those New Year's resolutions you made? And did you keep them?

Take time to remember all of those who you have celebrated with in the past as well as those you are sharing with this season.

To all of you, both family and friends, a Happy Holiday Season!

Welcome Aboard and Thank You!

Elections were held at the November 13th meeting and we would like to welcome new board members Vice-President, Diane Midkiff and Treasurer, Chris Driscoll! Diane and Chris join President, Darlene Ryan and Secretary, Dawn Keifer for the 2009 year. I know we will have another great year under their guidance and I look forward to another successful year.

A big thank you to Nancy Helbach and J. J. Johnson, 2008 retiring board members, and to Darlene Ryan and Dawn Keifer continuing board members. And also a big THANK YOU to the members who have volunteered throughout the past year by staffing the Holly History and Genealogy Center, selling books at various venues, providing treats at our meetings, submitting articles for the newsletter, sharing new websites/information, gathering information for the new research book, and much much more! Our members are a great bunch of people!

Renewal Time!

REMINDER! Renewal time is here! If your address label has 2008 on it your membership will expire December 31, 2008. Don't miss the next newsletter - renew now!

The March issue of the newsletter will include the updated 2009 membership list, so please check your information on the 2008 membership list and make appropriate updates. Check to make sure we have your correct email address and that the surnames you are researching have been listed.

Membership dues are \$10.00 for Individual and \$15.00 for Library, society or family (two people living at the same mailing address). Send a check or money order to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042.



During this 2008 Holiday Season, enjoy memories with your family and friends and my sincere wishes for a New Year that brings you health, happiness, and small daily joys!

This past year, we have accomplished many of the goals that we had set out to accomplish and hopefully we will be able to continue until all are completed. With another very generous donation from the Fremont Historical Society we are nearing our goal and will be able to complete the Weyauwega Chronicle Project. By the time you read this we should have four years available (1906, 1907, 1910 & 1911) at the Weyauwega Public Library and also available for inter-library loan through the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

In September, Vice President Nancy Helbach and I gave a beginning genealogy presentation to a group of about 25 people using a new format. Along with a Power Point presentation we did a "conversation" talking about how to get started in genealogy, which worked out quite well. We also attended the North Central and Northern Wisconsin Genealogical Societies Joint Gatherings hosted by Marathon County. All societies present gave an overview of what they are doing which was followed by a Family History update and computer lab practice. One of the new areas to check out is the Record Search Pilot, which may be found at <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html>.

In October the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society held its annual seminar in Janesville and WAGS had a "book table" that was manned by J. J. Johnson for the day. J. J. also spoke with representatives from Brookhaven Press and made arrangements to have the book *The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-Made Men- Wisconsin Vol. I American Biographical Publishing Company 1877* (one of WAGS possessions) put on CD. This will be done at no cost to WAGS and will make this volume word searchable.

Starting in November the Holly History & Genealogy Center will be open on Wednesday and Fridays from 12 to 3 p.m. and Saturdays by appointment except on the 2nd Saturday of each month when it will be open from 11 until 2 p.m. This is the same day WAGS meetings are held so if you would like to stay and help out at the center please let me know. WAGS will resume Saturday hours again April 4, 2009. Always remember to call ahead when planning a research trip at historical or genealogical libraries. Many of these libraries depend on volunteers and hours may change without notice. November's meeting also included a review/update of our bylaws and election of officers.

December will be our annual get together with members sharing either an authentic or favorite recipe from their family. We ask that you bring non-perishable food items for donation to the "Food Pantry." This is also the time of year that I look back at all the help that I have received and give thanks to the people, especially the Saturday volunteers, who make this the wonderful organization that promotes both history and genealogy. WAGS does not exist because of one or two people, it takes many to have a continuing and successful organization.

My grateful appreciation to Paula Vaughan who has gone out of her way to help. As Editor of the newsletter, we are always kept abreast of upcoming events, meetings, etc. She also headed the Nomination Committee this year – just to name a few. Along with this, she maintains the Waupaca website and that is truly awesome!

Happy Holidays!
Darlene

Wisconsin Pre-1907 Index to Marriage Records

Did you know that 21 of Wisconsin counties are not included in the Wisconsin Pre-1907 microfiche marriage index? Price County and Richland County through Wood County were not included in the microfiche index. Due to lack of money and time only the first 51 counties were indexed.

The 21 counties not originally indexed are now available or are in the process of being indexed and put into book form. The books are hard-bound covered books. The following is a listing of books available along with purchase information:

Richland County Marriage Index	\$40.00	Vernon County Marriage Index	\$47.00
Rock County Marriage Index	\$65.00	Walworth County Marriage Index	\$55.00
St. Croix County Marriage Index	\$50.00	Waukesha County Marriage Index	\$45.00
Sauk County Marriage Index	\$50.00	Waupaca County Marriage Index	\$47.00
Shawano County Marriage Index	\$40.00	Waushara County Marriage Index	\$45.00
Sheboygan County Marriage Index	\$60.00	Combined: Price, Rusk, Sawyer,	\$40.00
Trempealeau County Marriage Index	\$40.00	Taylor, Vilas & Washburn Marriage Index	

Coming soon: Washington and Winnebago Counties

Please remember the indexes only cover Wisconsin Pre-1907 marriages for each county or counties stated. The index includes groom's name, place of birth, place of residence, parents' names, bride's name, place of birth, parents' names, date and place of marriage along with volume, page and document number where the actual marriage license can be found.

Order by sending name, address, phone number and email address along with check or money order to: Judy Vezzetti, 3576 Windsor Woods Drive, Wayland, MI 49348. Please include shipping as follows: 1-3 books, \$5.00; 4-10 books, \$10.00 and 11 or more books, \$15.00. For further information or questions contact Judy at the above address, call 269-792-0412, or email javezzetti@yahoo.com.

Look What's on the Web?

Free-Genealogy Forms - <http://www.free-genealogy-forms.com:80/>. (Submitted by Darlene Ryan.) Along with the US census forms and other types of forms we have probably all seen at one time during our family history research, this site includes forms for Special State Census, Irish Census, Canadian Census, Vital Records Request Forms (for all states), and more. Need a form? Check out this site.

New York Headstones - <http://www.newyorkgravestones.org/>. This site is searchable and posts headstone photos from the state of New York.

Museums USA - <http://www.museumsusa.org/>. A great site to find local museums. This site lists historical and other museums found in the US. It lists over 400 just in the state of Wisconsin alone.

American Life Histories - <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/wpaintro/wpahome.html>. This searchable site (searchable by keyword or state) includes life histories from 24 of our states that were compiled and transcribed by the staff of the Folklore Project of the Federal Writers' Project for the U.S. Works Progress (later Work Projects) Administration (WPA) from 1936-1940.

Cousins in the White House

Submitted by member Dave Baker

Our kids share kinship with at least 34 American presidents. Out of curiosity, I took a quick look at this year's candidates. We can now make it 35 with cousin Barack. The first common ancestors spotted were Joseph HOLWAY and his wife, Rose ALLEN, of Sandwich, MA. How many other WAGS members will have a relative in the White House? There must be a lot with names on their family tree like Armour, Childress, Clark, Conyers, Davis, Dunham, Kearney, Payne, and Smith.

Cousin Barack Obama

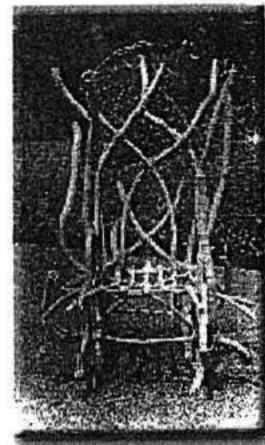
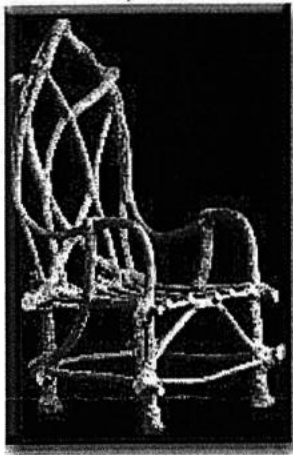
JOSEPH HOLWAY of West Anglia, England and Sandwich, Massachusetts

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13.	7081. Experience Holway = 7080. John Goodspeed	13. Mary Holway = Nathaniel Fitz Randolph
12.	3540. John Goodspeed = 3541. Remember Jennings	12. Samuel Fitz Randolph = Mary Jones
11.	1770. Samuel Goodspeed = 1771. Rebecca _____	11. Prudence Fitz Randolph = Shubael Smith
10.	885. Eunice Goodspeed = 884. Capt. Abner Comstock	10. Mary Smith = Jonathan Dunham
9.	442. Anselm Comstock = 443. Elizabeth Jewett	9. Samuel Dunham = Hannah _____
8.	221. Elizabeth Comstock = 220. Daniel Comstock	8. Jacob Dunham = Catherine Goodnight
7.	110. George Selden Butler = 111. Elizabeth Ely Gridley	7. Jacob Mackey Dunham = Louise Eliza Stroup
6.	55. Amy Gridley Butler = 54. George Manney Ayer	6. Jacob William Dunham = Mary Ann Kearney
5.	27. Adele Augusta Ayer = 26. Levi Addison Gardner	5. Ralph Waldo Emerson Dunham = Ruth Lucille Armour
4.	13. Tannisse Ayer Gardner = 12. Clarence Haskins James	4. Stanley Armour Dunham = Madelyn Lee Payne
3.	6. Gardner Ayer James = 7. Mary Ann Farmer	3. Stanley Ann Dunham = Barack Hussein Obama
2.	3. Virginia Ann James = 2. David Allen Baker	2. Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. 44th United States President
1.	1. The Baker-James Siblings	

Ripley's "Believe It or Not" by Paula Vaughan

Did you know that one of Waupaca County's very own was listed in Ripley's "Believe It or Not"? The Krubsack name may be a familiar name to many of you as Gerhard Krubsack was the founder of Noritage Inc., a furniture company in Embarrass. But it wasn't Gerhard who made Ripley's list – it was his grandfather, John Krubsack. John was well known to his neighbors as "the man who grew a chair". Yes, John Krubsack was placed in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" for growing a chair.

Over an 11 year time span he grew saplings into a chair. John's chair was viewed throughout the US at museums, fairs, and conventions. The following was obtained from John's great grandson, Steven G. Krubsack.



THE CHAIR THAT GREW

This is a story about a chair that took 11 years to grow. It is also about a man and his dream. The man is John Krubsack, grandfather of Gerhard A. Krubsack, founder of NORITAGE INC.

In 1908, John Krubsack, central Wisconsin farmer-banker, started out to grow this chair. He secured twenty-eight box elder seeds, laid them out in a well-planned diagram, watered them each day and treated the soil carefully. After three years all the trees had sprouted and grown considerably. He then started to graft the trunks together so that he would have the properly shaped legs, a suitable back, a comfortable seat, and restful arms. It was necessary to nurse each tree with great care and graft each one to its fellow tree so that later growth would enable nature to give his predicted chair the correct form. The grafting and nursing was an extremely delicate piece of work. Several times, some of the trees showed signs of dying. He worked diligently to preserve life in each one. He guarded against winds and storms knowing that one broken tree would destroy his idea of some day having a chair he grew by himself. In ten years, he cut all the trees except four (the four legs). The eleventh year he cut the last four, trimmed the trees, put on the final touches and then breathed a sigh of great relief. His dream had come true.

IN 3 YEARS A TANGLED GROWTH

THREE years after John Krubsack planted twenty-eight box elder tree seeds in a small plot of ground on his farm in Embarrass, many of his neighbors and friends, viewing the tangled growth of tree trunks, paused to inquire into the seemingly fantastic idea which this lover of nature had in mind.

"You must watch" was the only reply Krubsack cared to give, "for some day you will see a beautiful piece of furniture standing on this spot." His answer was received with much skepticism.

IN 7 YEARS ASSUMING SHAPE

FOUR years later, or seven years from the date of planting, those neighbors and friends and many more, again paused to learn whether or not Mr. Krubsack's prediction of a few years back had materialized. These people saw the above development gradually taking the form of a large chair. Satisfied that progress was being made, but still dubious of the final result of this experiment, they maintained an air of doubt and again settled down to patient waiting for future developments.

IN 11 YEARS A NATURAL GROWN CHAIR

ELEVEN years had elapsed. Again these friends came to view what was by that time termed as a freak of nature. Instead of a tangled growth or a network of tree trunks and branches, these visitors were shown what Mr. Krubsack had predicted, eleven years prior, would some day be a wonderful, naturally grown chair.

IN YEARS PAST

THIS unique wonder "The Chair That Grew" which is listed in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" has toured the country making its stops at museums, conventions, and world fairs. (End of article from Steven G. Krubsack)

John's chair remained on view at the Noritage Inc. offices in Embarrass until this year when after 67 years of business making upholstered furniture Noritage Inc. closed its doors. The chair along with an album of articles remains with the family today. I think John would be proud to know that his chair is still a cherished part of his family and that others are still interested in "the chair that grew".

In preparing this article I found several articles about John's chair not only in local newspapers but also in newspapers from California, Iowa, Texas, Michigan, and more. To view these articles please visit the WIGenWeb Waupaca County History and Genealogy website at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/FamCon/waupreseat.htm>.

Epidemics in the US

1820	Nationwide	"Fever"
1831	Nationwide	Asiatic cholera (Believed to have been brought by English emigrants)
1837	Philadelphia	Typhus
1841	Nationwide	Yellow Fever (Particularly severe in the southern areas.)
1852	New Orleans	Yellow Fever (Between 7, 000 & 8,000 died in New Orleans from this epidemic.)
1865-1873	Philadelphia, New York, Boston, New Orleans	Small Pox

Condolences and Well-Wishes

Our condolences to members Peggy Babino for the loss of her long-time partner and Chris Driscoll in the recent passing of her brother.

Well-wishes to members Robert Spiegelberg for a speedy recovery following surgery and a speedy recovery to J. J. Johnson following a recent automobile accident

Iola Lumber Company

Seeking information about the Iola Lumber Company. If you have any information, that you are willing to share, please contact J. J. Johnson at catunga@sbcglobal.net.

Family Files Added

Information on the Fred and Emil WALBRUCH/WALBROOK/WOLBRUCH families has been added to the vertical files at the Holly History and Genealogy Center.

Past Print

From *The Marshfield Times*

Marshfield, Wisconsin – September 30, 1892
As Henry Pope, a prosperous farmer of Lind, Waupaca County was attempting to catch a bull on Tuesday preparatory to taking him to the fair at Weyauwega the animal suddenly became enraged attacking Mr. Pope and throwing him to the ground. The bull had been dehorned; else Mr. Pope would have been gorged to death. As is it, he is suffering two fractured ribs and is seriously bruised in various parts of the body. It is not known yet whether he is injured internally or not.

From the *Oshkosh Weekly Courier*

Oshkosh, Wisconsin – August 3, 1853 - Page 3
M. Chamberlain, Justice of the Peace for the County of Waupaca will attend to all business entrusted to him in his line. Also, Deputy Clerk for all the county of Waupaca, for executing Naturalization papers. Waupaca, Sept. 16, 1852

Christmas Giving

Don't know what to give or suggest this Christmas season? Why not give a WAGS membership or one of WAGS publications? Membership and publication information can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Bylaw Updates

The following bylaw change was presented and passed at the November 13, 2008 meeting.

Previously the bylaw stated:

Article VI: ELECTION: Election shall be held at the November meeting, with the nominees elected by a simple majority. Officers are elected for a one-year term, January 1 through December 31. Officer vacancies shall be appointed by the President. The appointee shall hold office until the next election.

Change approved:

Article VI: ELECTION: Election shall be held at the November meeting, with the nominees elected by a simple majority. Officers are elected for a two-year term, starting on January 1st with the election for President and Secretary being held in alternating years with the Vice President and Treasurer. The President shall appoint office vacancies. The appointee shall hold office until the next election.

Change of Address

Please make the following address changes on your 2008 membership list:

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Patron's Directory of
Waupaca County, Wisconsin 1889

Transcribed from the Plat Book of Waupaca County, Wisconsin by C. M. Foote & W. S. Brown 1889 (Continued from the September 2008 newsletter)

DUPONT			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Bailey, E K	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	23
Bowers, L C	Dealer in Liquors, Cigars, and Temperance Drinks	Marion	2
Binkelman, W R	Dealer in Heavy and Shelf Hardware, Stoves, Tinware and Cutlery, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lime, Bricks, Paints, and Oils, Iron and Wood Pumps, and all kinds of Farm Machinery. Also, Notary Public, and Insurance Agent for a Choice Line of Companies	Marion	2
Brown, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	16
Devaad, Louis	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	26
Doty, James E	Retired Capitalist and Inventor	Marion	2
Farrell, Mat	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	15
Fuss, Michael	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	28
Hangartner, J J	Farmer and Stock Raiser and Apriarian	Marion	8
Helms, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	29
Hofman, G J	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	3
Huetiak, & Hoeft	Dealers in General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Tinware and Agent for Steamship Tickets	Marion	2
Kramer, Ferdinand	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	34
Keuntzel, G	Druggist, and Dealer in Drugs and Medicines, Paints, Oils, Toilet Articles, Wall Paper, Notions, etc.	Marion	2
Laumez, Gus A	Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes, Goods made to order at reasonable rates. Special Attention given to Repairing. A Full line of Custom-made Goods on hand.	Marion	2
Leverence, Fred	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	5
Mans, Ernst	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	29
May, W F	Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Tobacco, Cigars, etc.	Marion	2
McDonald & Ramsdell	Proprietors Ramsdell House, and Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, and General Merchandise. Village Lots and Farm Lands for sale on Reasonable Terms.	Marion	2
McKay, W H	Farmer and Logger	Marion	1
Meyer & Wuik	Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Fresh-cured and smoked Meats. Highest Market Price paid for Fat Stock and Hides. Also Dealers in Horses, Mules, etc. and Shippers of all kinds of Live Stock.	Marion	2
Milbauer, Lorange	Manufacturer of Wagons, Buggies, Sleighs, Cutters, etc. Horseshoeing a Specialty. Shipper and Jobber in Cord Wood, and Dealers in McCormick & Deering Binders, and all kinds of Farm Machinery.	Marion	2
Nohr Co.	Manufacturers and Dealers in all kinds of Hard and	Marion	15

	Soft Wood, Lumber and Square Stock		
Polzin, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	30
Polzin, Chas	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	29
Polzin, F	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	29
Poppe, Fred	Proprietor Farmer's House. First-class Accommodations for the Traveling Public. Terms Reasonable. Dealer in Wines, Liquours, and Cigars.	Marion	2
Quimby, H H	Farmer and Real Estate Agent	Dupont	26
Riesenberg, C F	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Dupont	33
Russell, Ward	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Real Estate Dealer	Clintonville	13
Sawyer, John F	Proprietor City Livery Stable. The best of Rigs Furnished on short notice and Careful Drivers. Telephone Connections	Marion	2
Seller, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	22
Siegert, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Marion	2
Weining, C	Merchant Tailor. Good Work, Good Fit, and Satisfaction Guaranteed	Marion	2

LEBANON			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Dawson, Edward	Dairy Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	36
Gasper, P L Rev	Catholic Priest	Northport	28
Gorman, Michael	Farmer and Chairman of Town Board	Northport	8
Heinrich, C William	Farmer	Northport	16
Laughrin, William	Farmer	Northport	8
Loughrin, Bernard	Farmer	Northport	17
Martin, Andrew	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Manawa	7
Murphy, A	Farmer	Northport	23
Pirner, John F	Farmer	Bear Creek	10
Ruckdashel, Michael	Farmer and Manufacturer of Hardwood and Pine Lumber	Sugar Bush	12
School Dist. No. 2		Northport	21
Thoma, John L	Dairy Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	10

MUKWA			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST-OFFICE	SECTION
Brown, Isaac	Justice of the Peace and Notary Public	Northport	3
Carroll, William	Dealer in Dry Goods and Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, and Shoes, Groceries, etc.	Northport	3
Cass, Fred	Farmer and Lumberman	Weyauwega	30
Horkness, W W	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ostrander	19
Humes, Aldis	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Northport	3
Knudsen, P	General Copper, Farmer, and Stock Raiser	Northport	5
Laasch, A	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Ostrander	18
Lee, Mrs J M	Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc.	Northport	3
Pa??, Wm W	Farmer and Stock Raiser	New London	23
Parfitt, Henry	Lumberman	New London	28
Pettit, Reuben	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Royalton	5
Richard, L	Proprietor of Billard Parlor. Dealer in Liquors and Cigars	Northport	3
Shaw, John	Farmer, Stock Dealer, and Butcher	Ostrander	8
Smiley, James	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Northport	9

Turner, L	Farmer and Small Fruit Grower	New London	14
Witham, H P	Farmer and Stocker Raiser	Ostrander	7

FARMINGTON			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST OFFICE	SECTION
Beardmore, Francis	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	21
Brown, Albert	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	23
Brown, Oliver	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	27
Brundage, Noble	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	29
Caldwell, C	Manger of Wis. Veterans' Home	Waupaca	34
Calkins, V G	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	27
Erickson, Hans	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	31
Ewald, Herman	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	22
Fisher, Fred C	Farmer and Stock Raiser, Chairman of Tn Board	Sheridan	17
Green, C L	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	32
Gunderson, S	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	15
Hambleton, O T	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Sheridan	6
Headlund, Ole	Farmer and Member of Town Board	Sheridan	16
Hearn, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	27
Hicks, M. & Son	Farmers and Stock Raisers	Waupaca	27
Jaquith, E D	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Dairyman	Waupaca	22
Johnson, Ole	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Sheridan	22
Jorgenson, Nels & Son	Farmers and Stock Raisers	Waupaca	25
Krostu, Gunder Olson	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Sheridan	9
McCrossen, John	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Rural	34
McFall, John	Farmer, Stock Raiser, and Assessor	Sheridan	15
Morey, James	Farmer and Member of Town Board	Sheridan	20
Olfson, Han	Wholesale Dealer in Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, and Produce. Also Dealer in Farm Machinery, etc.	Sheridan	8
Olson, John & Son	Farmers and Stock Raisers	Waupaca	23
Penney, Dewitt B	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	23
Ross, J J	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	1
Smith, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Waupaca	28
Soderstein, G	Farmer and Stocker Raiser	Sheridan	3
Taylor, David	Proprietor of Mound Grove Farm	Waupaca	35
Uhrenholdt, Soren Jensen	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Badger	30
Velie, Wm	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Sheridan	18

WEYAUWEGA			
NAME	BUSINESS	POST OFFICE	SECTION
Barker, Mrs. M A	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	21
Carpenter, January	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	9
Hanes, William	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	21
Larsen, L	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	10
Roach, M	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	11
Sanders, Orin D	Farmer, Stock Raiser, Dairyman, and Town Clerk	Weyauwega	7
Sturlin, S W	Farmer and Graded Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	21
Walrath, George	Farmer and Stock Raiser	Weyauwega	16

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Calendar of Events & Meetings

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. Meetings are open to the public. For updates or changes in the meeting schedule please check the activity calendar online at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm>.

December 9, 2008 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	Friends of Scandinavia History Meeting Held at the Scandinavia Community Center in the fire station (behind the Main Street post office). Visit their site at www.scandinaviaboosterclub.org
December 13, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Ethnic Christmas Brunch – Sue Dunbar will speak about Norwegian Christmas traditions. Bring a dish to pass or treat to share along with a non-perishable food item for donations to the Food Pantry. Spouse and guests are welcome to attend and share in the holiday cheer.
December 13, 2008 Saturday	Irish Holiday Dinner – Reservations required. Old World Wisconsin - Learn how Irish immigrants celebrated Christmas. For more information visit http://oldworldwisconsin.wisconsinhistory.org/
December 29, 2008 Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Iola Historical Society Meeting At the Iola Historic Village complex situated at the intersection of Depot and Oak Streets. For further information contact Clifford Mishler by phone at 715-445-5050 or by e-mail mish@athenet.net
January 10, 2008 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable discussion.
January 17, 2009 Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	Hearthside Dinner – Wade House – Greenbush For more information visit http://wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org/
January 19, 2009 Monday, 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)	Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War – “Old Abe” Camp #8 Meeting Held at the Omro Historical Society building, corner of Madison & Main Streets, Omro, WI. For more information visit http://www.suvcw-wi.org/index2.html
February 14, 2009 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting “Determine Family Facts From Fiction” Panel and interactive forum.
March 14, 2009 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Photo Shop Demo by Chris Driscoll
April 3 & 4, 2009 Friday & Saturday	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society – Gene-A-Rama Celebrating 70 yrs! Held in Madison, WI For more information visit http://wsgs.wetpaint.com/
April 11, 2009 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting “Demo of Slide/Negative Computer Attachment” by Nancy Helbach Bring a slide or negative.
May 9, 2009 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Roundtable discussion.

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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. Queries are free to members and \$1.50 per query to non-members. 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 54902 or email pajolova@hotmail.com.

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Other Publications Available

At the Graveside, compiled by J. J. Johnson, Darlene Ryan, Nancy Helbach, and Jean Spiegelberg.

This comb-bound book with laminated cover, is setup in an easy-to-read format, and was put together in conjunction with the cemetery walk which was conducted September 2007. The book contains information about the Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery and the St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery of Waupaca, WI. Information includes plat maps and histories of both cemeteries, complete listings of veterans buried in the two cemeteries, along with information that was used for the cemetery tours. The complete index (included within the book) is also available on-line at:
<http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS6.htm>. Cost \$25.00 per book plus \$3.00 postage.

Searching for Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide
 Compiled by Susie Freistedt, Glenda Rhodes, Jean Spiegelberg, Mary Sutliff, and Paula Vaughan

This comb-bound book with laminated cover includes information and contact addresses for area churches, libraries, funeral homes, cemetery sextons, etc. It also includes cemetery information – new, easier-to-read, maps and updated cemetery locations. Cost \$15.00 per book plus \$3.00 postage. Please add \$2.00 postage for each additional book ordered at the same time.

Publications can be purchased by sending a check or money order in the correct amount to: WAGS, P. O. Box 42, King, WI 54946. Make check/money order payable to WAGS.

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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