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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

March is here and I am wondering what happened to the last two months. The Board did come up with some ideas for meetings this coming year and if anyone is interested in coming up with programs, please contact any Board member. In January we did a program on "What is a Webinar?" and also shared information from Family Roots that does the Genealogy Newslines (#150) with websites they listed for 2013. February we tried a "Do it Yourself Workshop" with members bringing their own genealogy projects to work on and in March we will be doing a Roundtable sharing tips for upcoming Family Reunions. We do not have the month of October finalized for a visit to the Archives at Oshkosh but WAGS meeting schedule is in our newsletter and also online on our website.

Jonah Jung, Central District Representative joined our group in February and gave a short presentation on some of the upcoming Webinars being put on by WSGS (WAGS is an Affiliate) and also in April, Gene-A-Rama will be in Wausau with Paula Stuart-Warren as the main speaker. We really appreciated Jonah taking the time to come down and visit us. If you have articles or want to contact Jonah as your District Rep., his e-mail is: [JonahJung3233@yahoo.com](mailto:JonahJung3233@yahoo.com).

I am very excited to announce we will be having guests at a "Meet & Greet" in May and everyone is invited! All the information is in this newsletter and some of you may remember Liz Clarke when she visited WAGS some years ago and what an enjoyable time we all had.

You have all probably seen the commercial where the girl says: "They can't lie on the Internet." Please remember that everything that is on the Internet is not always correct and you need the sources for your information or need to see a copy of the actual document. Many of us have learned through trial and error that the Internet is a wonderful tool and should be utilized, but is not infallible on your family genealogies.

*Happy hunting,  
Darlene*

Dear Fellow Members:

One of the most wonderful things I have experienced since joining WAGS is the willingness of members to share information and help others to over-come brick walls in their research. Everyone I have met has been extremely encouraging and I love when I can join a work group or committee as it gives me an opportunity to not only learn more about the subject at hand but to get to know fellow members on a deeper level while we work toward a common goal. I not only feel sorry for those of you who are too far away to be able to take advantage of these opportunities but for our loss in not being able to get to know you better.

There is no way to fill the hole left by Paula stepping down as the WAGS newsletter editor after all these years and I have no intentions of even trying. With your help I am confident that we will be able to put something together that provide something of interest to everyone. It will help immensely if you would e-mail us as to what you do or don't like while we feel our way along or send in information on one of your ancestors that you are willing to share for a possible article in the newsletter.

There was a wonderful response in regards to the WAGS publication "At The Graveside". At the end, there were not enough books to accommodate all the requests for the remaining copies. We did receive a kind response from Mr. Larson for which we thank him. In his response he shared that in the Waupaca area there is another "Real Daughter of the American Revolution", Belinda Jeffers. Belinda is the daughter of Phineas Cadwell of Connecticut. Belinda, the wife of George Jeffers, is buried at Sheridan, Wisconsin and her father, Phineas, is buried in Union Grove, Wisconsin.

According to information gleaned from a newspaper series by Wayne Guyant that ran in the Waupaca County Post (entitled "When Then Was Now"), Mr. Guyant reported that he had learned of 44 known veterans of the Revolutionary War who are buried in Wisconsin. Of these, the one who was the furthest north was Samuel Rogers who died 10 September 1852 in Winchester, Winnebago County and was buried in the Winchester Town Cemetery.

Other "Real Daughters" that he found, who are buried in Wisconsin, are Eliza Hagerman Crandell who died 20 November 1903 and was buried in the Plainfield Cemetery in Plainfield, Waushara County, Wisconsin and Rachel Waldo Rice who died 29 November 1854 and is buried in Waupaca's Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery in Waupaca County, Wisconsin.

If you know of any others we would love to hear from you – or for any other reason you might like to open communications with us. This is your organization and your thoughts are important.

J.J. Johnson

### **John P. Quinlen**

By Joel Wilhelm

10/12/2012

John P. Quinlen was born in Kane County, Illinois. His parents were listed on his marriage certificate as James and Margaret Quinlen. He was 5 foot 7, with brown hair, dark eyes, had a dark complexion, and was a Catholic.

On July 25, 1863 at Gregory, Iowa, he enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil war and was a private in F Company in the Ninth Regiment of the Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. The Ninth Regiment saw action throughout the South and we can assume that Quinlen had his fill of war. Eventually, on February 3, 1866, Quinlen was discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas. Records indicate that he lived in Spooner, Wisconsin after the war.

On November 2, 1874, he married Laura J. Wright, who had been divorced from a Walter Willisroft. They were married in Polk County. They went on to have at least three children, but were themselves divorced some time after 1880. Laura died in 1885 in Stillwater, Minnesota.

John went on to marry Caroline Breithaupt Wilhelm soon after the death of her husband, Merit Wilhelm. What I infer from the spotty evidence we have is that John married her quickly after the death of Merit, fathered Percy in 1889 or so, and left all of the Wilhelm children, Caroline and Percy in his wake when he separated from Caroline.

By 1900, Caroline was living in Amery and John was back in Spooner, about 50 miles away. In May, 1904, he was admitted to the Milwaukee Northwestern Branch of the U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. He was said to be 59 when admitted. Records show him as married but separated. He had health

problems, including chronic stomach problems, and spent his last fifteen years living at this home. On July 29, 1919, he died from stomach cancer and was laid to rest far to the North, in Park No. 1 Cemetery, St. Lawrence Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Caroline promptly filed for his pension as his widow, and received it for the remainder of her life. 1919 was also the year that she moved to Minneapolis.



*The Home for Disabled Soldiers where Quinlen spent his last years.*



Quinlen's children include:

- Irving W Quinlen born Sept. 3 1875
- John Clinton Quinlen born Jan 14, 1878
- James Wilmert Quinlen born August 19, 1879
- Percy Leroy (Quinlen) Wilhelm born March 31, 1889 born to Caroline

## Military Records

Sue Dunbar received the following information in an e-mail from a friend that originated from Charlotte (Smith) Sheldon. We believe it would be of interest to our membership and may be something you, as a genealogist may want to consider contributing toward this cause.

As many of you know, the military records for this area were stored in the St. Louis VA Storage. In the 1970's veteran records were lost in a fire. One woman rebuilt her father's WWI records and got them placed in the WW I files in St. Louis. She had written the St. Louis Veterans' Administration and learned her ancestor's records were among those destroyed in the fire. In the response received the archivist wrote that they would like to rebuilt any missing veteran record and requested COPIES of information that would help them start to reconstruct her father's records. Her father was Lloyd Addison Smith. She knew he was born in 1895 in Cortland, Cortland County, New York State, when he entered the Army in 1917 the family had last lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania but his father was working in Buffalo, New York State, at the time.

Besides this information she was able to provide the Center with the following data:

- 1) A birth certificate
- 2) WW I draft registration (obtained from the county clerk's office in Cortland)
- 3) The two locations from which he might have enlisted (Wilkes-Barre, PA or Buffalo, NY)
- 4) Parts of two pieces of correspondence between his parents that had Washington return addresses but differing from each other as indicated below:
  - A postcard with a Temporary Battalion Address – a U.S. Army Engineering Battalion
  - An envelope (minus contents) with another address that became a semi-permanent U.S. Army Engineering Address during WW I
- 5) A 1919 book entitled "How We Won the WAR" that was found in a thrift shop. The writer of the e-mail said her father had been in a TEMPORARY Army Battalion rather than at a permanent Army Post that would provide a permanent address. The book contained a different chapter on how each branch of the U.S. Armed Services contributed to the war being won by the Allies. Her family

legends indicated her father had been a Private who helped make airplanes and that "his Engineering Unit was responsible for cutting the spruce trees from which the wooden wings were made". The book contained information on the Army's logging operations and their importance to our country's success in the war. With the information gleaned from that chapter she was able to pinpoint the Washington State Engineering Battalion Location. She copied that complete chapter along with the title page, publication date, etc.

About five to six weeks after sending this information to the Archivist she received a notice that they were able to rebuild her father's folder and then locate his Service Number which was also added into the folder. The Archivist then issued a signed 'parchment' showing his time of honorable service, etc. which she sent to the writer "with a MOST unusual DATING of 2000".

The writer had also requested any WW I medals for which he was eligible and for those he would have been awarded she received a re-issue of the medals out of Philadelphia at a later date.

The writer closed with the following message to genealogists: "This is an investment in the future of Veteran History. I encourage ANY Veteran's survivors to look around in your papers, write the V.A. to see if there is anything left, or nothing left on YOUR veteran, and then get busy. Genealogists are ideally suited for this kind of Project-Search and they/you all have big hearts for tracing unfinished business. And wouldn't this be a marvelous gift to the memories of all these fine Veterans?"

## **The Story Continues**

In a follow-up e-mail from MyRootz2 came the following information:

"Before my father's passing in 2003 I helped him apply for some of his WW II medals that had been stolen from him years before. I learned that the National (Military Personnel?) Archives also had a fire which destroyed WW II personal records. Fortunately, the company records were not involved. But in order to qualify date of enlistment and discharge were needed as well as any campaign information.

"Luckily a few years before a professor of history for the University of Texas had contacted my father and interviewed him for a collection of oral histories of remaining WW II veterans. Although I had his discharge papers, they were old and faded. The oral history was a big help in determining the theaters, countries or campaigns he was involved in.

"University of Texas also have Naval, Latino and Filipino veteran collections.

"Charlotte's e-mail reminded me of the help this may be to others by comparing oral histories of those in a family member's Regiment and Company.

"Don't think that it's only for the Texas veteran either. My father lived in PA.

"Besides the University of Texas oral records, the Library of Congress also commissioned oral histories of WW II vets. Not only do these records offer source information but an insight to the real human experience of war and humanity in the direst of times. Read a few and you'll understand why 'our' fathers never spoke about the war but watched every WW II movie that came down the pike over and over."

## **Don't Forget Local Resources**

For those from the Waupaca area an additional help may be available through the efforts of Miss Sophelia Kurkowski, a Waupaca High School history teacher. One of the many history projects she had her "junior historians" undertake was creating a card catalogue of where local men and women were stationed. These are now in the care of the Waupaca Historical Society and available to researchers at the Holly History and Genealogy Center in Waupaca. Some cards also include letters written to Miss Kurkowski, photos, cards, etc. Additionally, our WAGS member Ann Sosinski is in the process of indexing these records.

Additionally, the old microfiched Waupaca County Post, available at the Waupaca Area Public Library in Waupaca and the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison contain not only postings of where the veterans were stationed, but articles about things they were doing, battles they took part in, promotions received, some letters written to family and friends back home and even a copy of a nationally printed cartoon highlighting the heroism of Loren Gmeiner.

## WAGS MEET & GREET

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) invites you to join us Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Lower Level at the Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI for a MEET & GREET of Elizabeth Clarke, Felixstowe, Suffolk, England and Dr. Kimberley Ehlers, Mountain Grove, Missouri. Your fee for this "Meet and Greet," is an evening potluck dish to share, followed by an interactive hour of conversation.

**Elizabeth Clarke** is a genealogist whom will share her research about England, especially about her PLOWMAN/WOOD ancestors and local connections. **Dr. Kimberley Ehlers**, Mountain Grove, Missouri is researching Plowman, Wilde, Davidson, Thompson, Huntoon, Shaw, Beede, and Wood. Dr. Ehlers is the granddaughter of Duncan and Donna Wilde Plowman, formerly of Fairbanks, Alaska. Dr. Ehlers research spans the U.S.A., and reaches out across the ocean. Accompanying Dr. Ehlers will be her aunt Peggy Plowman Hirt, Fairbanks, Alaska and daughters Erin and Kaitlyn Ehlers, students at University of Missouri, Springfield, MO.

Genealogy at its best! Whether you are a beginner, family, or just interested come join us! Hear how Elizabeth Clarke and Dr. Ehlers research has joined the different localities and family ties.

George and Lois Alfsen, members of WAGS are hosting this week and all will be attending the PLOWMAN FAMILY REUNION, SUNDAY NOON MAY 26 IN STEVENS POINT.

### LET'S ALSO MEET OUR SPOTLIGHTED MEMBER: ELVA LARSON.

Elva is a soft-spoken lady with a grace to be envied. She and her husband Norman live in Waupaca, Wisconsin and have two children and three grandchildren.

Like many of us, Elva had done a short family history for an English class when she was in high school but became more deeply involved in learning of her family roots and heritage in 1975. That was the year her family held their first family reunion. While reading was and is one of her favorite hobbies, she decided then to add genealogy to her free-time activities and joined the Stevens Point Area Genealogy Society. When they moved to Waupaca in 2006 she decided to become part of the WAGS family.

Since these beginnings she has published two family histories. In 1981 she published the book "Swedish Seeds" and followed it up in 2001 with the book "Swedish Seeds: The Next Generation".

The surnames she is researching are Brecke/Olson Sweden; Mortenson/Larson from Norway; Richwalski/Tindula from Austria-Hungary; and Hoy/Baehr from Denmark. Her brick wall so far has been finding her grandmother's family in Norway.

Her favorite research story is about finding a cousin in Sweden who helped her tremendously in locating the family farm along the North Sea. Since then, two other cousins have been able to go over and visit the old homestead!!

Elva is one of our members who frequently volunteers at the Holly History and Genealogy Center for WAGS during the summer months when we man it on Saturdays.

### FAMILY REUNION NOTICE

Johan and Sigrid (Mortensen) Trinrud Family reunion will be held Saturday, July 20 2013 at the Jim and Nancy Nygaard farm, County Q, Waupaca. For more information call 715-258-2247 or email [nhelbah@gglbbs.com](mailto:nhelbah@gglbbs.com)

### NEW FAMILY RECORDS

(Added to the files at the Holly History and Genealogy Center)

Grafer

Koster/Koester/Kuester

Scott, Robert & Sarah

## 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. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to bring a friend. For updates or changes in the meeting schedule please check the events calendar online at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm> or email [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

March 9, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2nd Sat @ 9am HHGC Roundtable – Bring one tip for a Family Reunion
April 5-6, 2013 Friday & Saturday	<b>Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - Wausau</b> "Gene-A-Rama 2013" Wausau; Wisconsin For further information visit <a href="http://www.wsgs.org/">http://www.wsgs.org/</a>
April 8, 2013 Monday, 1:00-3:00p.m.	<b>Sheboygan County Historical Research Center - Sheboygan Falls</b> "Brick Walls and Problem Solving" For information about this class and other visit <a href="http://schrc.org/events-and-programs/genealogy-classes/">http://schrc.org/events-and-programs/genealogy-classes/</a>
April 13, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2nd Sat @ 9am HHGC Webinar – "The Genealogy Cloud" – Which on-line storage program is right for you.?
April 20, 2013 Saturday	<b>Milwaukee County Genealogical Society- Milwaukee</b> "All Day Ancestry.com Workshop" For further information <a href="http://www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org/">http://www.milwaukeeegenealogy.org/</a>
May 11, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2nd Sat @ 9am HHGC. Webinar-"Facebook for Genealogists"
May 28, 2013 Tuesday	5:30 pm –Lower Level HHGC. Potluck/Reception for Liz Clarke, Genealogist from Felixstowe, Suffolk, England. Will talk about English research & PLOWMAN/WOOD ancestors.
June 8, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2nd Sat @ 9am HHGC Upper Level. Roundtable
July 13, 2013 Saturday	No Meeting- Attend or Organize your own Family Reunion
August 10, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. "Do It Yourself Workshop". Bring your genealogical materials to work on.
September 14, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Roundtable
October 12, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Family History Month – TBA (Possible trip to Oshkosh Archives)
November 9, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Election of Officers & Review By-laws – Roundtable
December 4, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 10:30 am HHGC. Christmas Brunch.

## .CONDOLENCES

Alice Harris, a former long-time member of WAGS died January 21, 2013 at Ripon, Wisconsin. Many of you will remember Alice who frequently volunteered her time at the Holly History and Genealogy Center as a WAGS volunteer and was an inspiration to many. Having been forced to leave school after the eighth grade, Alice fulfilled a lifetime dream of graduating from high school when at the age of 80 years she obtained her GED. Alice was 92 years old at the time of her death.

## CONDOLENCES

We would like to express our condolences to Pauline Janssen. Her husband Dean died in January of this year. Pauline is a charter member of WAGS.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Please note on your new membership lists that Annette Rietz has a new e-mail address: [xwordsmith13@gmail.com](mailto:xwordsmith13@gmail.com).

## INQUIRY

Member Jon Boehm from Ohio is looking for help with the following names from the Fremont area: Julius Fenske (Father is Emil) married into Jon's Buchholtz line and Julius has a brother Theodore. Also Backer/ Sherbert lines. While some information on these families is available on Ancestry, the entries have no documentation and Jon would love to be able to prove information shown along with possibly expanding on what is known on these lines. If you can help him, you can reach him at: [Jonboehm@ameritech.net](mailto:Jonboehm@ameritech.net). Jon also passes on his best wishes to all at WAGS.

## NEW ON THE SHELVES

"Digital Image Essentials" by Geoffray D. Rasmussen. Unfortunately, there was no donor name listed with the item, but we do extend our thanks to whoever donated this book.

## A PERSPECTIVES FROM CYBERSPACE

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their ancestors had come to America on the Mayflower. They had included Senators and Wall Street wizards.

They decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired a fine author. Only one problem arose - how to handle that great-uncle George, who was executed in the electric chair.

The author assured the family he could handle the story as tactfully as possible and was given the go-ahead to write the book.

The book appeared. It said Great-uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution and was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a great shock.

## NEWS FROM THE PAST

Waupaca Record - April 7, 1910

### WAUPACA AND OUTAGAMIE

The Date of Formation and Territory Acquired  
Derivation of Names

Under chapter 78, laws of 1851, Waupaca, (originally Waupacca) was formed from Winnebago of townships 21-25 in ranges 14 and 15 east, and of such fractional part of township 25, range 15 east as lies west of Wolf river.

Under section 2, chapter 217, General laws of 1860, the above boundaries were amended so as to include in Waupaca county all of township 25, range 15 east, the fractional part added being taken from Shawano county.

Under chapter 411, General laws of 1864, the surplus "c" was dropped and the orthography of the county was established as Waupaca. The derivation of the name is from a river whose Indian appellation has been variously interpreted. It has been stated to mean "white sand bottom", and "pale water" or "tomorrow river".

Outagamie was organized under chapter 83, laws of 1851, townships 21-24 of ranges 15-18 east, and the west half of 19 east, were set off from Brown county to form Outagamie. Under chapter 77, laws of 1851, the boundaries of Outagamie were defined as they are at present.

Outagamie bears a Wisconsin Indian tribal name. In the Chippewa appellation for the Foxes, who were first visited by the French in the Wolf river valley. The term is variously interpreted as "dwellers on either shore", and "dwellers on the other side of a stream". - New London Press.

OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN  
July 30, 1868

The Criterion gives the following items respecting Waupaca County, furnished by Mr. Sorenson, Clerk of the Board, to the State Board of Immigration:

No. acres of improved land, 50,000; average price per acre, \$10; acres unimproved, 370,000; average price per acre, \$1.50; post offices, 22; school houses, 70; church buildings, 16; flouring mills, 12; saw mills, 10; woolen factories, 1; foundries and machine shops, 2; smelting furnaces, 1; other manufacturing establishments, 4; population of county in 1868 (estimated) 15,000; names of villages, with population of 1868 (estimated), Waupaca, 1500; Weyauwega, 1200; New London, 1000; Fremont, 400; Northport, 200; Ogdensburg, 200.

Waupaca County Post  
February 20, 1930

RAILSPLITTER AT WEGA IN 1860

Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday was celebrated all over this land last week, spoke in Weyauwega in 1860, advertised as the "railsplitter" and speaking from a platform made of rails.

People living along the Wolf River climbed aboard the river boats, brought bands and flags, and journeyed up the river to the scene of the "doings".

Mrs. H.E. Patchin of Weyauwega remembers the occasion, for she was teaching at Northport at the time and came up the river to hear the great emancipator.

Mrs. Patchin has seen five presidents, the other four being Roosevelt, Taft, Cleveland and Grant.

Waupaca County Post  
June 13, 1929

Man Born in Maple Grove Recalls "Abe"

Sixty-eight years ago a 15-year-old boy shook hands with Abraham Lincoln, and four

years later the same boy stood at the head of Lincoln's bier, a special guard of honor.

Dr. J.C. Bliss, Denver, Colo., who will celebrate his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer, treasures a few strands of gold braid which he cut with his bayonet from the interior of the funeral car.

Those tarnished strands, a few pictures, and the memories with which they are associated, make that hazy period from 15 to 19 a memorable one to Dr. Bliss.

The doctor will be remembered here, having lived east of Waupaca in the Maple Grove community, and having many friends in this community.

When a boy of 15, Dr. Bliss encouraged his father to drive eight miles into Little Falls, N.Y., when Lincoln was to make a speech from the rear platform of the train that was taking him to his inauguration at Washington.

Recalls Tall Hat

"I remember him well then," Dr. Bliss declared. "He wore a black, silk stovepipe hat. Our little town wasn't accustomed to seeing stovepipe hats. Seeing one on anyone else than a president we would have laughed."

When the war came, volunteers were organizing and young Jerry Bliss joined the Wisconsin Volunteers, serving in Co. B, 42d Regiment.

"I served under Gen. Joe Hooker, as orderly to the provost marshal," he said. "We were barracked at Springfield, Ill., when word of the assassination reached u.

Among First Called.

"It was a cold, rainy night when the company was called to be assigned guard posts for the funeral train.

"My name, beginning as it does with B, was one of the first called, the officer reading them in alphabetical order."

He and his companion stood guard through the night over the stilled body of the Emancipator, while outside four other soldiers kept watch at the entrances of the black car which had left a trail of tears on its journey from Washington.

With morning the body was moved to the statehouse, where it lay in state for nearly two weeks. Then came the funeral, and under full military guard the long train moved six miles to the cemetery.

"I don't remember many details of the funeral. Six coal black horses, with white plumes above their collars, pulled the hearse. There were many carriages, filled with townspeople and officials from Washington.

#### First Vote for Lincoln

"There was something unusually sad in the service. We all thought we had lost something, not dreaming that his work would go on."

Dr. Bliss is a republican in politics. His first vote was cast for Lincoln.

Mrs. Bliss also is interested in Lincoln history. Her uncle, Harrison Huffman, for whom her home of Huffman, Ind., was named, operated a flour mill to which Lincoln brought corn to be ground.

Lincoln drove or rode horseback 17 miles from his own home at Lincoln City - as it is now known - to her uncle's mill.

After leaving the army, Dr. Bliss took up medicine, which has been his life work. He went to Denver in 1901 from Wisconsin.

Waupaca Record  
September 26, 1907

#### SECRET MARRIAGES TO BE NO MORE After October 1<sup>st</sup> Parties Will Have To File Notice

If you have secrets to keep prepare to keep them now for after October first it will be impossible to go out of the state to be married and return hoping to keep the matter secret because of the provision of the legislature you must file notice of such event within ten days after it occurs with the local register. The law says:

"When parties living in this state shall return to it to reside, they shall obtain from the county clerk of the county in which either of them resided prior to the marriage, a blank certificate of marriage which they shall cause to be properly filled out and filed with the local register of vital statistics of the city, incorporated village or town wherein they reside within ten days after their return."

Waupaca Paper  
December 1886

Thaddeus M. Paine deceased, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November last, died on pneumonia at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. E. Grover, in Amherst, Wis. Mr. Paine was born in Leicester, VT, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 1819, this making him a little over 67 years of age at his death. He came to Waupaca County in the year 1849, being one of the earliest settlers. He made a claim about three miles east of what was then known as Waupaca Falls, where he lived about four years. On Thanksgiving Day the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, of the year 1852, he was married to Mary B. Chandler, with whom he lived until his death. In the fall of the year 1853, he moved from his claim to a farm he purchased in the town of Lind, in what was then known as the Chandler Settlement, here he resided with his family until the spring of 1864, when he moved to Waupaca where he purchased an interest in a saw mill forming a co-partnership, the firm name being Paine, Chandler & Co. He remained in the lumber business until the fall of 1884, when he sold his interest in the mill, water-power, &c. to Messrs. Roberts & Oborn. Mr. Paine was a man of sterling integrity, honest and honorable, closely observing the golden rule, to do as he would be done by. All who knew him entertained for him the highest respect and esteem. A kind husband, an indulgent father, and a kind, good neighbor.

Waupaca Republican  
May 23, 1878

"Hidden Mystery" is the name of a new paper recently started in Weyauwega. We have seen only one number yet, but from the pleasure we found in perusing its columns we hope the enterprise may meet with abundant success. It is a four page-three column paper, and contains a serial story, a department on agricultural and household matters, a column of locals, poetry selections, advertisements, new items, etc. It is neatly gotten up and printed with a *lead pencil*. The editors are Anna Brackett and Mattie Bostedo, two little girls about 10 years of age.

## DUNBAR DIARY (Part one)

From Ramona Ivashchenko we received the following transcript of a diary of the Dunbar family while working at a lumber camp. The diary had been sent to her mother, Ruth E. (Moss) Parks. Some of the people are listed by only last names. Ramona had met Frank Roman when her great aunt Bessie (Frihart) Hunefeld took food to him. Ramona's aunt, Janet Heil, said that she thought he was a relative who might tie in with the Spiegleberg branch of the family but Ramona has not yet discovered that tie.

Dear Ruth E.

Here is Grandpa's diary. He didn't use any punctuation marks, so I tried to make it a little easier for you to read. I think Grandpa was already troubled with diabetes, and no insulin in those days.

Martin is a Batten.

Oscar – Oscar Durrant, Zona, Joe's dad

Fred – my dad

Luther – Uncle Luther

Tom – brother to Oscar Durrant

Dan – Han Harris, my mother's uncle.

The others I wouldn't know. I wish I had known about the diary when my dad was living.

The Burg is Ogdensburg. They were sawing logs near Ogdensburg on a Rasmussen place – that is why the Rasmussens are mentioned a great deal.

Oh yes! and he often left a sentence unfinished. Just a few words not spelled correctly. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. Love Vivian.

(In pencil: Vivian is Vivian Dunbar Kruse. Oscar was husband of Alice Dunbar. Geo. [?] Adeline's daughter. At Fred and Luther's names: Brothers; Fred Wesley Dunbar and James Luther Dunbar – sons of George and Adeline.

### Grandpa Dunbar's diary

(In pencil: Adeline Batten Dunbar wife of George Wesley Dunbar)

- Dec. 28, 1908 – Commenced work for Luther and Fred cooking up in the swamp on Rasmussen place. Adeline came up Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to help me.
- Jan. 7, 1909 – Commenced sawing in mill on Rasmussen place.
- Jan. 8, 1909 – Sawed Some. Fred and Luther went home.
- Jan. 9, 1909 – Will and Ed fixed a shanty over the engine.
- Jan. 10, 1909 – Sunday. It snowed a little all day. Julian went hunting with Dan. Got one rabbit.
- Jan. 11, 1909 – Boys sawing in the mill. It is quite cold.
- Jan. 12, 1909 – Sawing today. 31 below zero. Wind got south about noon. Mr. Rasmussen came up and got a load of logs. Drawed in some logs.
- Jan. 14, 1909 – Luther and Fred came into camp brought some groceries. Cloudy all day. Fixed stable. Clear at night.
- Jan. 15, 1909 – Fixed the boys stable and engine house.
- Jan. 16, 1909 – Boys sawed most all day. Was cold all day, snowed in the morning. 11:40 p.m. clear.
- Jan. 17, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Ma and I done the cooking for six.
- Jan. 18, 1909 – Boys sawing in the mill. Luther went home and took a load of posts for me 120 for 2 dollars.
- Jan. 19, 1909 – Sunshine all day. Wind west.
- Jan. 20, 1909 – In camp. Warm and pleasant.
- Jan. 21, 1909 – Cloudy all day. Rain in evening. Mr. Rasmussen came up today. Brought Mr. Harrington with him. 5 minutes to eight.
- Jan. 22, 1909 – Cloudy all day.
- Jan. 23, 1909 – Cloudy and warm.
- Jan. 24, 1909 – Sunday, cloudy and warm. Luther, Fred and Oscar went home. Ed Thiel went with them. All went last night.
- Jan. 25, 1909 – Clear and pleasant all day. Thawed some.

- Jan. 26, 1909 – Boys sawing. Wind southeast. Mr. Rasmussen came up. Brought some sauce – 6 jars, took back some wood.
- Jan. 27, 1909 – Warm. Thawing some all day.
- Jan. 29, 1909 – Wind blowing hard. Snowing some. Workers went home.
- Jan. 30, 1909 – Cold northwest wind, and blowing hard. The boys went home at night. Fred, Luther, Oscar and Martin.
- Jan. 31, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Ed and Will Thiel, Alfred Rasmussen and Julius Nelson to cook for. 5 minutes to 3 o'clock.
- Feb. 1, 1909 – Monday. The boys came in camp last night about half past six. Adeline making fried cakes now. 15 minutes past 3.
- Feb. 2, 1909 – Evening 25 min. past 8. Adeline fixing pancake batter. The boys are all in the sleeping shanty. Dishes all washed. I am going to bed pretty quick. Will just came in and got some salt to eat.
- Feb. 2, 1909 – Wind east. Warm. Mr. Rasmussen and C. Brigg came in camp. Brought some feed and milk. I was sick all day. I had hard work to keep up. 7 min. past 9. Luther and Fred are in the cook shanty with us. Ma has just got through and set down.
- [Note: end of page and first of next page were both marked Feb. 2]
- Feb. 3, 1909 – Warm, wind southeast. Fred went home and took the saw to Waupaca to be fixed. John, Guy, Martin and Julius went to the Burg to see a basketball game in the evening. We had another man for dinner, Erick Peterson.
- Feb. 4, 1909 – Warm and pleasant. 11:30 a.m. Ma and I are getting dinner, and we are going to have beans for dinner, minced pie and other stuff to numerous to mention. Wind southeast. Clear as a bell. 25 to 1 – waiting for the men to come. 25 to 8 evening. Just got through dishes. Ma is finishing washing spiders and kettles. Alfred went down home to see his father.
- Feb. 5, 1909 – Cloudy in morning. Raining a little this forenoon. Wind southeast in morning. Northwest in afternoon. Mr. Rasmussen came up today. Fred came back this afternoon and brought some groceries. 8 to 5. Ma has just got through. John went back with his father.
- Feb. 6, 1909 – Saturday in camp. Wind northwest in morning, southwest in evening. Mr. Rasmussen came up to meet Mr. Jensen. Mr. Rasmussen [illegible, possibly went] on the cars (note by Vivian: by cars I believe he means train – there was a passenger train from Ogdensburg to Manawa) from Ogdensburg to Manawa and he footed it up here and went home on foot. Luther, Oscar and Fred and Martin went home at night. Guy and Julius went to Ogdensburg. Will, Ed and Alfred stayed in camp.
- Feb. 7, 1909 – Sunday. 1:15 o'clock in camp. Snowing in morning, about 2 inches fell. Will in shanty fixing rubbers. Adeline washing dishes. I am going to wipe them. Dishes washed, all done. Boys came into camp about 6:30. Supper over, dishes washed and hurrah for bed. Cloud tonight. Quite warm.
- Feb. 8, 1909 – Monday in camp. Stormy and cloudy. Mr. Rasmussen and John came up. Was here to estimate the logs that they cut over the line, and they brought in a hog for the camp, it weighed 220 lbs, \$15.40. They cut it up this afternoon. Ma baked bread and some pies.
- Feb. 9, 1909 – Snowing and blowing like the dickens. Ma baked 4 pies this morning. They shut down, it snows so hard. Snowed hard all the afternoon. Luther and Oscar went home. Snowed hard until dark and the wind blowed hard all the time. Julius and Guy had a fight in the engine house. Guy got knocked in the first round.
- Feb. 10, 1909 – In camp. It has stopped snowing. Colder wind from west, blowing hard. 13 min to 3. Ma is making fried cakes. Albert Johnson came into camp and hired out, to commence tomorrow, noon. He had dinner with us today. Fred has been in the shanty all day he has got a cold. It makes him croup bad so he hasn't gone out. Went out with Oscar, Luther, and Martin about 7 o'clock.
- Feb. 11, 1909 – In camp. Nice sunshine. 5 min to 11. Ma combing her hair. They are sawing now. Fred is better. He is gone to work. He coughs some yet. We made some mincemeat this morning. We just got the work done for the morning. Worked in the afternoon, getting wood in for the night. Helped get supper, wash dishes and hurrah for bed.

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**Newsletter deadlines:**

Issue: March	Deadline: February 1
June	Deadline: May 1
September	Deadline: August 1
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**Publications**

As you will note this space normally lists the publications we currently have for sale. There is good news and bad news - the publications have sold out. The publications the society/members had put together are: *At The Graveside (2007)*, *A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County (2002)*, and *Searching For Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide (2008)*.

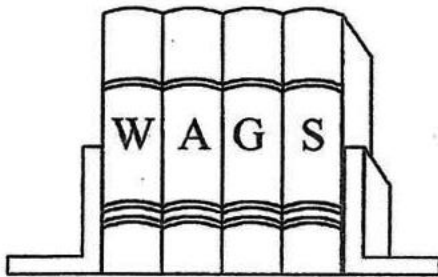
A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

At this time Paula and Jean are working with the Waupaca County Register of Deeds Office in the pursuit of indexing the death records and a possibly death index for a future publication.

If you would like to serve on this committee or have a project idea you would like WAGS to pursue please email Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

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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So many things going on right now, it just doesn't seem like there is enough time in the day to try and accomplish everything that needs to be done. I did decide to try and set aside one day a week to catch up on requests that I receive for look-ups and this is why I always tell anyone who does send me a request that if they have not heard from me in a couple of weeks to contact me again.

We had a wonderful time at Gene-A-Rama and our own member Paula Vaughan was the WSGS 2013 Virginia V. Irvin Volunteer Hall of Fame winner. Her family coming to the dinner on Friday night to watch her receive the award surprised Paula and what made it even more special it was her granddaughter's birthday. This year there was a large attendance and looking forward to the WSGS Fall Seminar in September in Janesville. You may obtain more information later on the WSGS site, <http://wsgs.org/>.

The members that attend the WAGS meetings and many of you replied to an e-mail that was sent out requesting your input on donating to the War of 1812 Preservation Project, and I am happy to report that we came up with a donation of \$550 and everyone that was a member on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year will be listed on the FGS site. How long it will take to get the information on the site I am not sure but you may check from time to time at: <http://www.preservethepensions.org/>. Our funds are being matched by Ancestry.com and the records are free to everyone as they are put online.

WAGS receives a lot of information through e-mails and mailing and most of the time it is not worth passing on to members but one that I think you may be interested in if you are a beginner or have been doing genealogy for a long time is the following that we received from Barry J. Ewell on April 18, 2013.

"Recently during RootsTech 2013, I told genealogists who participated in my presentations that I would share a free PDF version of my book Family Treasures: 15 Lessons, Tips, and Tricks for Discovering Your Family History. I was humbled by the response to the offer and how it has affected the lives of those who have read it. I would like to expand the offer to other genealogists to help them research easier and more productive." You may download the PDF version at: <https://www.yousendit.com/download/UVJpak8zTkFGR0Y4SjhUQw> or you may contact Barry at: [bj57barry@gmail.com](mailto:bj57barry@gmail.com) and in the Subject line put Free eBook

It was so enjoyable to have the house open this past week while I started to work on items for my family reunions that will be coming up in June and July, which is in such a short time. Wishing you all an enjoyable summer with family and friends and time to do some research and maybe a couple of trips to some of your cemeteries.

*Happy Hunting,*

Darlene

THE WAUPACA REPUBLICAN  
May 8, 1896

WAUPACA RESERVE GUARDS.  
And Their Flag.  
BY F. M. BENEDICT.

When inquiry was made a few weeks ago in regard to the flag presented this spring by Mrs. A. H. Chandler to the city of Waupaca, the writer immediately recognized the relic as the banner presented by Mrs. Sarah H. Kearney to The Waupaca Reserve Guards, or as they were popularly called, "The Red Jackets" from their red zouave-like coats, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1862. The flag was made in Chicago for the ladies of Waupaca who paid for it by subscriptions. The Guards were regularly enlisted state militiamen subject to service within the bounds of Wisconsin being accoutered, except clothing, by the State. The armory was situated northeast of the old courthouse. The company was commanded by Capt. Adolph Sorenson.

That the presentation speech of Mrs. Kearney was eloquently patriotic is attested by the fact that it has been ringing in the ears of one of her hearers ever since, though they were only an eight year old patriot's ears on that memorable war time 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 34 years ago.

Not wishing to commit the recollections of so youthful an historian to paper without corroborative evidence, I wrote to Mrs. Kearney of 4337 Ellis Ave., Chicago. Beside confirming the facts given she adds many more of interest to Waupaca people. Capt. Sorenson received the flag from her hand and gave it into the keeping of Color Sergt. John Dewey.

Further the estimable lady adds: "My memory goes back to another flag, the first stars and stripes to float in Waupaca. It was made of cotton cloth. Our sewing circle met in the unfinished house of Mrs. G. L. Lord to make it. This was long before the National flag was lowered at Ft. Sumpter."

Again she writes of the farewell dinner given the first company of volunteers to leave Waupaca. That was Co. A. of the "Eagle Regiment" the 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Vol. The banquet was served by the ladies of Waupaca and vicinity in the court house yard and the boys marched away to fight their thirty-six battles in our great war.

George Leonard used the writer's boyhood's fife and Capt. Redfield our heirloom sword (not "of Bunker Hill" but contemporaneous with it and wielded by Great Grandsire Aaron on the Green mountains by the side of Col. Ethan Allen) until they were supplied with something more modern.

Mrs. Kearney is a sister of the late Jno. McKiernan who formerly owned the A.M. Penney farm near Gard's Corners. She sends kind regards to all who may remember her.

We believe all who hear again of the work of the tireless ladies of war times without whose aid this government would have been wrecked and our beautiful banner blotted out of existence will gratefully remember Mrs. Sarah Kearney. Nor will any who heard Capt. Adolph Sorenson sing "A thousand years" "My Own Columbia" forget the patriotic America loving Danes and other foreign born citizens with hearts all ours though their tongues tripped on the h's of our language.

### Why Genealogists

Within the obituary for Thomas Anderson (found in the Waupaca County Post of December 17, 1925) we find the following comment: "The death of Thomas Anderson marks the passing of one more of the pioneers in this county. One more to whom credit is due for the building up of this county, so that their children might build further. They leave us a material and spiritual heritage which we should conscientiously take care of and hand down to our children."

### One Who Has Not Forgotten

As most of you know, Paula Vaughan has been awarded the 2013 Virginia V. Irvin Volunteer Hall of Fame award for outstanding volunteer work which she received at Gene-A-Rama at Wausau on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do, Paula!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SUSAN DUNBAR

Our member spotlight in this issue is on Sue (nee Smith) Dunbar, who grew up in the Town of Belmont, in Portage County, on the family farm that had been homesteaded in 1855 by her great-grandfather Edward Y. Smith. Although she and her husband Harley have lived in other areas they are enjoying life back in Waupaca. They have one child and two talented granddaughters, Casey and Morgan.

After working as an administrative assistant in a local real estate firm for almost seventeen years, this untiring lady loves working on her genealogy between her all her activities, which includes volunteering on many of the Saturdays that the Ho'y History and Genealogy Center is open in the summer months. She is also an avid reader, enjoys playing cards and just spending precious time with her family and friends.

Around 1995 one of her distant cousins from the Island of Anglesey, in North Wales, contacted her in regard to their Griffith branch. From this contact she began visiting cemeteries in Cambria and Wild Rose Carsalem Cemetery where the early Griffith family were all buried. As she says, "From then on I was hooked on genealogy". Sue is a marvel working in Ancestry and Family Search when it comes to census, immigration and other records but reminds people that not everything on the various websites is correct and must be confirmed. Some of the other resources she recommends to people are county courthouses, the Holly History and Genealogy Center, cemeteries, LDS, friends, relatives and that sometimes even just Googling the name on the internet can give someone a starting point to begin their search. She is always looking for new places for doing research.

Sue joined WAGS around 2008, researching the following families: the Griffith and Testins of Waushara County, Dunbar, Dunn, Jensen, Knight, Radley and Wing families from Waupaca County and the Smith family in Portage County.

Recently one of her husband's cousins contacted her to ask if Harley would consider having his DNA tested for the Dunbar's of Scotland. This branch had presented her with a brick wall for some time and after some discussion she and Harley decided to go ahead with the test. "After the DNA test was completed it took us back in Scotland to 980 A.D. The Dunbar family is related to the family that ruled and built the Dunbar Castle on the North Sea on the coast of Scotland."

But she is quick to note that she finds it exciting every time she learns something new on any of her branches just as she is sure it is that way for all the other WAGS members. While family stories can not always be taken at face value, they are wonderful starting points as, while they are not necessarily accurate, they are generally based upon a grain of truth which can bring about exciting finds. And, they can sometimes be proved. On one of her branches she had been told that "they changed their name after they arrived in America and I finally found the true answer to that bit of information on their Declaration of Intent to become a citizen". (Note, Sue is one of the WAGS volunteers who worked on indexing Waupaca County's naturalization records and is now helping to index Waushara County's.)

As she puts it: "I love to research, have ever since my job with the Abstract Company and then with the Real Estate firm. The best thing that I have done was to join WAGS, the people there helped me so much with learning how to do my research properly and find the things that I need to do toward making my family trees complete.

"I enjoy each and every one of you at WAGS and I wish to thank you all for all the help and hints that you have given me."

### From The Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is looking for projects! If you have an idea you would like to see the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society publish please email your idea(s) to Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

## The Gordinier Family

By J.J. Johnson

In the Waupaca County Post of July 29, 1943 was the following article: "Charles Gordinier Has Cousin Aged 90 - Through the courtesy of Charles S. Gordinier we are in receipt of a copy of the Faribault County (Minn.) Register with a column account of Mrs. Margaret McDonald, cousin of Mr. Gordinier, who at ninety still gets around fully as well as though she were 30 or 40 years younger, helps with the housework and enjoys life to the fullest.

"Mrs. McDonald as Margaret South was born in New York state and after the death of her father was taken with six brothers by the widowed mother to Minnesota when the surviving daughter was only seven. The story of 83 years from pioneering days to the present is a story of absorbing interest. Old neighbors and relatives of Mr. Gordinier are invited to call and read the Register story."

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From the Faribault County Register of July 27, 1943 article commemorating the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Margaret McDonald** (nee South) the following information could be found: At this age she was not only experiencing good health but it was remarked that she was equal to a woman between 30 and 40 years younger. "I maybe wouldn't run a footrace," she told a Register news man who called on her, "but I feel fine."

She was born in Erie County, N.Y. on July 29, 1853. Her father died when she was around seven years old and in 1860 her widowed mother took her and her six brothers (the oldest then about 13 or 14 years of age) to Blue Earth, Minnesota where they obtained some land, had a two-room log house built, some land plowed and put in a crop. Typical of the pioneer spirit, all the children pitched in with chores despite their young ages.

The South family fled from their home in 1863 or 1864 due to an Indian uprising. A company of soldiers were stationed in Lansing at the time, and the family was able to reach safety there. Then when their crops were decimated in 1869 by hordes of grasshoppers, sixteen year old Margaret took a teaching position to earn money to help the family survive. She taught school for two years and then moved into Blue Earth where she started a millinery business which she operated for six years.

Margaret married W. Harry McDonald in 1879 and had one son, Clyde. About 1909 they moved to Minneapolis. When her husband died in 1913 Margaret and her son returned to Blue Earth.

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**Charles Sibley Gordinier** had been born October 10, 1854 in Springville, New York to John and Julia Etta (Sibley) Gordinier. While he was still an infant, his parents moved to Lind Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin and settled in the Bunker Hill district.

Charles married Mary J. Meikeljohn on October 14, 1879 at Waupaca, Wisconsin. The Gordiniers resided in the Waupaca area with the exception of a few years spent in Dakota and Michigan.

Mary was born August 1858 in the Town of Little Wolf to Robert and Catherine Meiklejohn. They had three children, John (1882 to 1896), Lee Elliot (who was born 28 December 1897 in Daggett, Michigan and died in Waupaca on 29 August 1903) and Mae (sometimes spelled as May. Mae married Harry F. Steele, a judge in Rhineland and had two children, a son Charles O. and a daughter who died in 1908).

(Note: Lee Gordinier became very ill when about two years old and his sister became his nurse and companion up until the time of his death. She accompanied him to the St. Lakes Hospital where they spent the winter of 1902-1903. Lee improved to the point where the physician felt he could leave the hospital if he went to an area with good fresh air so in July they went to a camp on the Chain o' Lakes in Waupaca where it was hoped he would complete his recovery. Unfortunately Lee died two months after the move.)

In 1899 Charles purchased the DeVoin Hotel located on the corner of Division and Union streets in Waupaca and re-named it The Gordinier. He operated the hotel until around 1902 when his cousin, Andrew G. Meiklejohn of New London, Wisconsin, purchased the old Vosburg Hotel located on the corner of Main and Union streets. That building was then known as the Florence Hotel so to distinguish the new hotel from the previous ones it was planned to call it the Florence-Gordinier but it ultimately became named The Gordinier. They managed the hotel until Meiklejohn sold it in 1907. To commemorate leaving the hotel the Gordiniers served a special Easter Sunday dinner, the elaborate menu printed on "dainty hand-painted menu cards". They had no definite plans after closing the hotel, choosing to spend some time visiting friends and relatives in New London, Rhineland, and Marinette, Wisconsin and in Daggett, Michigan on a well-earned vacation.

That summer found the Gordiniers back in the Waupaca area, managing the Grand View Hotel at King for Irving and Wallace Lord. With the close of the tourist season, Charles and Mary purchased a home in Rhinelander in order to be near their daughter's family, but in 1909 the Waupaca Record reported that Charles and Mary had moved to Dell Rapids, Nebraska in 1907 to manage The Dells, one of the best hotels in that state.

Eventually they returned to Waupaca where on November 18, 1928 Mary Gordinier suffered a stroke. Her sister, Mrs. Kate Hills of Waupun, came to Waupaca and nursed Mary until death ended the need for her services a week later, Sunday, November 25, 1928. After her death Charles spent his winters in Rhinelander with his son-in-law, Judge Harry F. Steele and summers in his home on 222 Jefferson Street in Waupaca. Charles died in Rhinelander on January 8, 1944 from complications after fracturing a hip bone in a fall about a month earlier. Charles' remains were brought back to Waupaca where he was buried in the family lot.

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Sources vary as to the date and place of **John Gordinier's** birth. According to a biography written while Mr. Gordinier was alive, he was born November 22, 1822 in Glen, Montgomery County, New York while his obituary says he was born November 6, 1822 in Fultonville, Montgomery County, New York. He was orphaned when he was ten years old. When he was thirteen he left and spent two years living with his brother in Erie County, New York before returning to Montgomery County. John began working with horses in 1842. According the History of Northern Wisconsin, "while an Erie County farmer he exhibited nearly every year at the County Fair, held at Buffalo, and never but once failed in securing the first prize for a matched carriage team; for his one disappointment he was consoled by being told by Millard Fillmore, then President, that he was aware the win was rightfully his; for years Mr. Gordinier was the only man in Western New York who sent horses to the New York City market"

On April 8, 1847 he married Julia Etta Sibley in Erie County, New York where he took up farming and raising horses. Julia Etta (Juliette by some sources) was born May 1, 1823 in Erie County, New York to Benjamin and Anna Sibley. Prior to her marriage Julia Etta had taught school in Erie County and Black Rock (now part of Buffalo), New York.

In the fall of 1855 John decided to move his family, which then included three children, to Wisconsin. They set out with their household goods, some "St. Lawrence stock" horses, some Durham cattle and white Brahma chickens on a boat at Buffalo, New York to Chicago, Illinois. At Chicago they boarded a boat headed for Sheboygan, Wisconsin from whence they continued to Green Lake County, Wisconsin. They spent the winter there and in the Spring left for Waupaca County. The family arrived in township of Lind on April 1, 1856 and erected a small log house on their 220 acres. In speaking of these early days Juliette would remember their "oldest son, Lucas, was killed by lightning June 23, 1858 at the age of ten years, in this same log house" (the same house her husband would pass away. A few years after their son's death, the family moved to a new house on the property. Their neighbors were Abraham South on the west side and David and Susan West resided to the north of their homestead.) John and Julia Etta had eight children: Lucas, Julia, Charles S., Mae, John, Hattie and two children who died in infancy, Anna and Morgan L.

Again referring to the History of Northern Wisconsin printed in 1881, "In 1868 he came to Waupaca, practiced veterinary surgery two years; was elected County Sheriff in 1869, served out his term, and then a term as Under Sheriff; in the fall of 1874 he was made County Superintendent of the Poor" (a position he held for eight years), afterward he also spent some time "in charge of the County Farm in Little Wolf Township" during which tenure Juliette served as matron and cooked the meals for the residents and staff. She was reportedly an excellent cook one source indicating her food was equal to those served in the higher classed hotels.

And through it all he raised his beloved horses, noted throughout the state for their size, color, gait and wins in races. His stallion King Alar was nationally renowned and stock bred through the Great Almont brought buyers from all around. In 1881 the History of Northern Wisconsin wrote, "Gordinier is one of the best known horsemen in the state, and has bred Messenger, Black Hawk and Morgan horses; he is now the owner of seventeen fine animals, among them the noble stallion Alar Clay." In 1891 Alar Clay's offspring, Alar's Boy, was sold to a syndicate for \$2,000, with Gordinier still retaining a quarter interest in the animal.

When he retired he moved back into the original log house he had built and it was there that he passed away on July 18, 1903, after gradually failing since the previous September. At the time of John's death only three of his eight children still survived. He had been a man whose word was his bond and honor was more than just a word.

### CD Added To Shelves

Death or Canada – Irish Famine Immigration – (There was no note as to who donated this CD however, we do thank whoever donated it.)

### Books Added To The Shelves

The following four books were donated by Lawrence Webb with our thanks.

Recollections of Lewis Bennet Jr. and The Bonnett and Wetzel Families  
Handy Book for Genealogists – Vital Records, Sources  
From the Indian Lands  
Tree Talks – County of St. Lawrence New York Abstracts.

**The picture below is of a Waupaca dressmaking class in the early 1900's  
And Was Submitted By Jean Spiegelberg**



Photo from Holly Center Collection  
Minnie Johnson, Julia Nelson, Jennie Rasmussen, Ella Danielson,  
Emma Larson, Agnes Ebby, Gertrude Peterson, Ann Frater,  
Jessie Nelson, Albertina Abrahamson, Celia Peterson

### Family Reunion Notice

The annual Spiegelberg Family Reunion will be held at the Dale Community Park in Dale, Wisconsin (located on State Road 96, just west of the railroad tracks in Dale on Sunday, August 25, 2013 starting at 12 noon. If you have any questions you can contact Jane Spiegelberg Van De Hey [jvandehey2@new.rr.com](mailto:jvandehey2@new.rr.com), for snail mail-8497 Clayton Ave. Neenah WI 54956, or cell 920-410-4895. Or contact Jean or Bobbie Spiegelberg, [jspiegelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspiegelberg@new.rr.com), or call 920-836-2941.

### Thank You!

I want to thank President, Darlene Ryan and the entire WAGS membership for nominating me for the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's (WSGS) 2013 Virginia V. Irvin Volunteer Hall of Fame Award. I was chosen by the WSGS and the award was presented to me at the 2013 Gene-A-Rama in April. What a great surprise! How nice to be acknowledged for doing something I enjoy so much.

Again THANK YOU! Paula Vaughan

## 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. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to bring a friend. For updates or changes in the meeting schedule please check the events calendar online at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm> or email [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

June 8, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2nd Sat @ 9am HHGC Upper Level. Roundtable
July 13, 2013 Saturday	No Meeting- Attend or Organize your own Family Reunion
August 10, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. "Do It Yourself Workshop". Bring your genealogical materials to work on.
September 14, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Roundtable
October 12, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Family History Month – TBA (Possible trip to Oshkosh Archives)
November 9, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Election of Officers & Review By-laws – Roundtable
December 4, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 10:30 am HHGC. Christmas Brunch.

### Query

From: Kent Gebhard [wecotaguy@aol.com](mailto:wecotaguy@aol.com) 612-875-8749 215 Upton Ave S Minneapolis MN 55405: "I am a researcher of pioneer graves in Faulk Co., SD. Wilhelm Klemp died in the terrible 1888 blizzard. He and his wife, Bertha Hahn, were from Waupaca County. I am in contact with a great grandson who remembers seeing as a child a small photo of Wilhelm. I am hoping that someone in Waupaca Co. might have a copy that was given to a friend or relative that I might get a scan of. His parents: Albert David Christlieb Klemp (1831 - 1919) and Louisa Friedricka Krenke Klemp (1833 - 1913)."

Also: "Is anyone in Waupaca Co. investigating tombstone carvers? At Wilhelm Klemp's findagrave memorial (findagrave.com memorial # is 84798755) - there is a link to his grandfather's grave. The stones have virtually the identical tree carved into them. and I believe his tombstone came from Waupaca Co.; it is virtually identical to his grandfather's in the Zion Lutheran cemetery there."

### OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

July 30, 1868

The Criterion gives the following items respecting Waupaca County, furnished by Mr. Sorenson, Clerk of the Board, to the State Board of Immigration:

No. acres of improved land, 50,000; average price per acre, \$10; acres unimproved, 370,000; average price per acre, \$1.50; post offices, 22; school houses, 70; church buildings, 16; flouring mills, 12; saw mills, 10; woolen factories, 1; foundries and machine shops, 2; smelting furnaces, 1; other manufacturing establishments, 4; population of county in 1868 (estimated) 15,000; names of villages, with population of 1868 (estimated), Waupaca, 1500; Weyauwega, 1200; New London, 1000; Fremont, 400; Northport, 200; Ogdensburg, 200

### Renewed And New Members

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Wilson, Ralph W.	540 Seasons Parkway Belvidere, IL 61008	815-544-8127	<a href="mailto:Rewilson5931@gmail.com">Rewilson5931@gmail.com</a>	Knudsen, Wilson

### OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

May 24, 1868

The Waupaca *Criterion* says: About eight hundred Pottawattomie (sic) Indians have assembled to hold council in order to decide the fate of the Indian who murdered his companion a short time since, both being intoxicated. It is thought that they will shoot him. The man who sold the whiskey, no doubt thoughtlessly, will have two lives to account for, when the final reckoning comes.

## **A Reminiscence of M.R. Baldwin**

WAUPACA REPUBLICAN POST  
June 5, 1913

It was in the year 1851, about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, when five men in the city of Racine hired a team to take them to Fond du Lac, enroute for the Indian land which had been proclaimed as having been thrown into market by the Government. The names of these men were Ansel Warren (then editor of the Racine Advocate), Richard and John Harney, Thomas Marshall and M. R. Baldwin. I think we arrived in Fond du Lac the third day; we then took Foot & Walkers line, wading deep in water through a part of Fond du Lac to Black Wolf Point, where the Harneys had a cousin living. We chartered a little sail-boat to go up Wolf River to Gill's Landing. Getting into Lake Poygan, we lost our course, not being able to find the cut-off which shortened the route from following the crooks in the river. Night overtook us and we tied our boat to a raft of logs, to stay for the night. About midnight a tremendously heavy thunder-storm came up, flashing and roaring frightfully, the rain pouring down furiously, but we had to stand it. In the morning we managed to find our course and came on up to Gills Landing. Taking Foot & Walkers line again, we came on and made claims about a mile north of what was called Spencer's Lake. There were a few settlers at what was called Tomorrow River Falls, which is now the city of Waupaca. The settlers were E. C. Sessions, Joseph, William and Miles Hibbard, S. F. Ware, and Captain Scott. Three or four log huts constituted the buildings. Dana Dewey was here. Winthrop and George Lord, Wilson Holt and a man by the name of Judson came here the same year; Mr. Cooper, Ambrose Gard, Chas. Bartlett and several others settling out in the country. The Vaughns, the Chandlers, Lyman Dayton and family, Vanhorn and family, J. H. Jones and several other Jones, George W. Taggart and the Caldwelles. Weed, Gumaer and Birdsell had a sawmill in Weyauwega. The same year the squatters had a Fourth of July celebration. The speaker of the day who delivered the oration, was a young lawyer by the name of E. L. Browne, whom almost everybody knows and have shaken hands with many times, and is an honored and worthy citizen. Many people have come to Waupaca since the early settlement; many have gone again, and very many have gone to their final reward. If the cost of living had been as high at the time of the early settlement as now, it would not have been possible for the people to have obtained a living, for there was no money here and no way to make money. Shingles were legal tender. Every settler had to have a draw shave and a shaving horse, and go out and hunt a pine tree that would make shingles and shave them, get a team and haul them to Berlin and trade them for provisions for several years. They would also have to work in the woods during the winter for twelve, fourteen or sixteen dollars a month, according to the ability of the man. So you see how far that would go now towards supporting a family and improving a new farm. For twenty years very little progress was made in this country; from 1851 to 1871 when the railroads began to point this way, then things began to look a little better. This Indian land, with its barren sandbanks, as Evan Townsend stated in my hearing, when the Wisconsin Central was being built through here, saying it was a good thing, for we could almost raise enough to live on but if we had a railroad, we could get stuff in here easier. Now our dealers are shipping out thousands of carloads every year of the products of the soil; our banks are carrying a million dollars in deposit in this city; our farmers are retiring in affluence, and our city is the cleanest, the brightest, the best governed; our school facilities the best; our churches numerous and we have the most enterprising city of its size in this or any other state.

### **A Note From Sue Dunbar:**

FamilySearch now has many NY Probate Records (wills and administrations) and Land Records (deeds and mortgages) on-line at their site:

Land: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2078654>

Probate: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1920234>

Those familiar with court-house indexes will have no problem finding what they want. It's a bit cumbersome, but a lot better than traveling across the state and paying for copies.

## DUNBAR DIARY (Part two)

This is the second part of a diary submitted by Ramona Ivashchenko of the Dunbar family while working at a lumber camp. The diary had been sent to her mother, Ruth E. (Moss) Parks. Some of the people are listed by only last names. Ramona had met Frank Roman when her great aunt Bessie (Frihart) Hunefeld took food to him. Ramona's aunt, Janet Heil, said that she thought he was a relative who might tie in with the Spiegleberg branch of the family but Ramona has not yet discovered that tie.

- Feb. 12, 1909 – In camp. Got dinner for Frank Nusz, the Kniebses boys besides Mr. Rasmussen. It is very nice winter weather. Wind south west. Luther hauled his first load of wood out to Slickton across the marsh. Alfred went after hay to the Burg, left his load down at edge of the swamp. Came into camp with the horses. Had supper at 8.
- Feb. 13, 1909 – In camp. Nice and warm and clear in the forenoon – cloudy in the afternoon. We had 19 for dinner today. Frank Nusz, crew hauling timber for his barn at dinner with us. Eat dinner with us 3 Montgomerys, Chris, Greg, Agnes Chady. Albert Chady and Henry Nusz. Ma is washing dishes and I must go and wipe them. 1:40 p.m. 2-8 p.m. dishes done. Boys went home. Luther, Fred, Ed and Martin, Guy and John went home. they took a load of wood. Luther to 60 posts for me.
- Feb. 14, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Will Thiel is the only boy of our crew in camp. The wind east and cloudy. Adeline is making some pies for dinner. Alfred Johnson, Alfred Rasmussen, Julius Nelson of the other crew, in the sleeping shanty playing checkers. 6:30 p.m. Boys just got back from down home. Told us George Plowman was dead. Died this morning. Work done for the evening.
- Feb. 15, 1909 – Monday in camp. Wind northeast. We have got everything ready for dinner. Potatoes peeled and onions too. At 10:25 a.m. Adeline sat down to read a few minutes. Sun shine bright now. 8:20 Dishes washed once more and I have got time to write a few lines more. Luther went to the Burg and sent for a saw, and got some groceries. Clear. wind northeast.
- Feb. 16, 1909 – Tuesday in camp. 2:25 p.m. Dishes washed from the dinner. We had fifteen for dinner. Walter Johnson came up to see us. He came along with Frank Nusz. Mr. Cregg and Mr. Rasmussen came up and got a load of wood and was here to dinner. It is a real nice day. Wind now southwest. Luther is hauling wood out to Slickton across the marsh. Adeline sitting down to rest.
- Feb. 17, 1909 – Wednesday in camp. Wind northeast. Quite warm all day. We had 15 for dinner today. Mr. Rasmussen had 2 teams beside his one. Frank Nusz came after a load for his barn. M. Nelson brought 1 load of logs. Wm. Suits brought 2 loads. We have got the dishes done – 20 past 8. Fred went home and took a load of wood this afternoon. Ma and I are alone. The rest are sleeping in the shanty.
- Feb. 18, 1909 – In camp Thursday. 20 to 4 and snowing hard. The mill had to shut down. The boys are in the sleeping shanty doing tricks. We had 16 for dinner today. Mr. Rasmussen came up with 5 teams after lumber and wood. Adeline baked pies this afternoon and fried cakes. Oscar cut my hair and he has just got through. Frank Nusz was here today for dinner. Luther got his first money for sawing today.
- Feb. 19, 1909 – Friday in camp. The boys are sawing. Cloudy in morning. I think I will go down with Rasmussen. He comes up at 25 to 9 a.m. Mr. Rasmussen came up. Christ Lund came with him and Hermansen. Frank Nusz was here. Fred came up this forenoon and hauled out a load of wood this afternoon.
- Feb. 20, 1909 – Saturday in camp. Cloudy all day. Wind northwest. Frank Nusz, Frank Roman and George Hermansen was here for dinner. Frank Roman gave Adeline 25 cts. When he went out. He paid Luther the saw bill. 20 to 8. Work done up, the boys have gone home. Luther, Fred, Martin and Oscar Van Fault came up and got a load of posts and so did Christ Cregg.

- Feb. 21, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Wind west, quite warm. Thawing some. Dinner over, the work done. 20 to 3. Alfred fixing the ventilator on the sleeping shanty. 6 o'clock. The boys got back from down home. Fred, Luther, Oscar and Martin. They brought some groceries that they got Saturday night at the Burg.
- Feb. 22, 1909 – Monday in shanty. Wind in northwest in morning but changed to northeast in afternoon. We had 22 for dinner besides our self. Mr. Rasmussen had a lot of men hauling lumber and Mr. Slickton and two boys, Fred House and Christ Thiel. Fred House came after posts. Luther was sick, in bed all day. Mr. Rasmussen went to Manawa to see J. Jensen.
- Feb. 23, 1909 – Tuesday in camp. Wind northeast and it snowed this morning, but it is raining now. 25 to 11. Luther is better today. He went out and fixed the saw, but he's on the bed now. About 1-1/2 inches snow fell this a.m. 5 to 4. Snowing hard again. The mill had to shut down. Luther has gone with a load of wood and he is going to the Burg to see if the saw has come. Adeline is fixing dried apples for pies. I went out and visited with George Murry and Adeline was mad. She gave me the dickens because I left the dishes, the fire went out, the water pail was dry, and the dickens was to pay. Adeline says there was no dish water hot.
- Feb. 24, 1909 – Wednesday in camp. Wind northeast. It snowed about 4-1/2 inches last night. The boys are sawing. Luther has gone with a load of wood to the Slicktons. Mr. Rasmussen stayed in camp last night and John went home with a load of lumber. Will got up at 4 this morning to tighten the flues in the engine.
- Feb. 25, 1909 – In camp Thursday. 5 to 2 p.m. Wind southeast. John came back into camp. We had 3 extra for dinner, Hermansen and Cregg. It was cold this morning, but not very cold now. Adeline washed this morning. I had to get the stuff ready for dinner. Luther went with a load of wood and slabs to fix the springhole. Julius and Alfred went Luther to Burg this afternoon. His saw was not there. He got some groceries.
- Feb. 26, 1909 – Friday in camp. Wind southwest, warm and nice. Luther is gone out with a load of wood across the marsh. We have got the work done for the morning and now we are getting ready for dinner. 25 to 11. Mr. Rasmussen came up and took 3 loads of lumber back for Jorgenson. \$979 as they sealed it. Mr. Rasmussen gave me \$10.00 on work. It is cloudy. Wind northwest.
- Feb. 28, 1909 – In camp Sunday. Wind northeast. There is 4 of us in. Will Thiel, John Rasmussen, Adeline and I are all there is today, all the rest went home last night. Work done for the morning. 10 to 10 a.m. The boys came in camp to supper tonight. Luther, Oscar, Fred, Martin, Alfred and Guy. Supper over – Hurrah for bed.
- March 1, 1909 – Monday in camp. Southwest. Nice warm weather, sunshine. 25 to 2. Dinner over. We had 16 for dinner, Ward Bliss, Christ Cregg, Paulson, Rasmussen, Hermansen besides our own crew. Mr. Rasmussen finished hauling the lumber to J. Jensen. Everything finished for the day. All in camp. 8:50 Hurrah.  
(noted in pencil: Ward Bliss married Edna Cordelia Dunbar – daughter of George and Adeline)
- March 2, 1909 – Tuesday in camp. Wind southeast. Thawed quite a little today. We had 14 for dinner today. Gus Kapitzke came up and got a load of posts & brought some sauerkraut. Mr. Rasmussen came up. 3 others came with him, Chady, Hermansen and C. Cregg to haul lumber. 10 to 5 Snowing hard, the boys had to shut down the mill. Luther has gone to the Burg.
- March 3, 1909 – Wednesday in camp. Wind northwest, thawing some. Luther cutting poles for Fred to take home this afternoon. He is going down to haul some hay. 25 past 11. We have got to get dinner. Dinner over and work done once more. The wind west. 15 to 4 p.m. Fred has gone home with a load of poles. Guy and Cregg gone home for good today. Noon 12 for dinner.
- March 4, 1909 – Thursday in camp. 20 to 8 a.m. Wind northwest, quite cold. Mr. Hermansen came in camp this morning at half past 5. He brought some potatoes, 2 bu. He got his load loaded now and about ready to start. It is warmer in the afternoon and thawed some. Alfred coming to [illegible] on custom logs. He went to haul some from girth? of skids. Luther told him to let them be. He was pretty mad.

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**Newsletter deadlines:**

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

**Publications**

As you will note this space normally lists the publications we currently have for sale. There is good news and bad news - the publications have sold out. The publications the society/members had put together are: *At The Graveside (2007)*, *A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County (2002)*, and *Searching For Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide (2008)*.

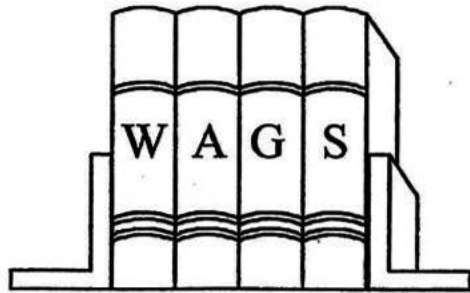
A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

At this time Paula and Jean are working with the Waupaca County Register of Deeds Office in the pursuit of indexing the death records and a possibly death index for a future publication.

If you would like to serve on this committee or have a project idea you would like WAGS to pursue please email Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

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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Coming up in a couple of weeks is the Fall WSGS Seminar in Janesville, which I am excited about because it will be dealing with "Bring Your Ancestor's Story to Life!" I have always considered myself a Genealogist/Family Historian and cannot think of a better way to honor our Ancestors than telling their story so that it may be passed down for generations.

Many things are going on at this time and we are going to try doing something new with our celebration of Family History Month in October this year. As was mentioned at our last meeting we have a committee and guidelines for our Essay Contest, which this year will be Waupaca and Iola/Scandinavia school systems with monetary prizes for the best essay. For this year we have tabled the trip to the Oshkosh Archives due to the logistics and instead will have an "Open House" at the Holly Center from 9 until 2 pm with a short business meeting at 9 am and then will be there to help or instruct anyone on how to start their genealogy or to give out tips on research with some refreshments available

November will be a review of our By-laws and our Election of Officers. If you would like to help in any way, please contact any member of the Board. Discussion on December's meeting will be held in the next two months and the membership will be notified by e-mail on what was decided for this year.

*Happy Hunting,  
Darlene*

## TO OUR VOLUNTEERS !

*A Very Special Thank You to Pam Sannes, Sue Dunbar, Elva Larson, Lois & George Alfsen, Nancy Helbach, Carolyn West, Ann Sosinske, Glenda Rhodes, Karen Ziegert, Jean Spiegelberg, Dave Polzin & Annette Rietz for volunteering at the Holly Center this summer! Without your help the HHGC would not be open for research and I am grateful for your dedication. Darlene Ryan, Volunteer Coordinator*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wisconsin Historical Society now has a new Facebook page that is devoted to genealogy. If you click on the "Like Us" on their site you will learn more about their resources, programs, classes, genealogical advice, learn stories that can be found in their archives, share some of your own family stories and get a look into librarianship.

## Member Spotlight: Lois Alfsen

Lois Alfsen, who lives in Stevens Point, Portage County, Wisconsin with her husband George joined WAGS in January 1995 while living in Racine, Wisconsin. She had read an article in the Waupaca County Post telling about the Waupaca Area Genealogy Society and having family from Waupaca County she immediately sent in her membership application. She also belongs to the Milwaukee County Genealogical Society; the Wisconsin Historical Society; the Portage County Historical Society; the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society; Sons of Norway Vennligfolk Lodge 5-627; the German Interest Group (Janesville, Wisconsin); the Vesterheim of Decorah, Iowa; the Waupaca Historical Society and the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Prior to her retirement she worked as a home economics teacher and was Consumer Information Coordinator for SC Johnson Wax, Racine, Wisconsin.

She and George have two children, Geoffrey and Gregg, and two beautiful grandchildren named Chelsea and Erik. Son Gregg lives next door and his two dogs, Sheba and Donna enjoy visits to their home – sometimes staying the night.

Family has always been important to Lois who grew up attending family reunions and evolved to helping her mother organize family reunions. In 1960 she purchased a guide called "Our Family History" and began filling in the sheets. Currently she is researching the following lines: Alfsen from the Skien and Trondheim regions of Norway, Plowman of Suffolk, England, Shaw from Yorkshire, England, and Schroeder of Pommerania, Germany. In fact she and George have traveled to all these areas in their quest. Like most of us, she has a brick wall and hers is locating the gravesite of her great-great grandfather John Shaw who died in the Dakota territory in the 1800's.

One of her more exciting finds occurred in 1994 when Elizabeth Wood Clarke came into her life. One of her cousins, James T. Plowman, was also working at the Johnson Wax Company in Racine and had signed a church register in Earl Stonham Suffolk, England. One day Jim handed her a letter written by an English cousin (Liz) who had copied his name and address from the church register. As Lois was flying to a meeting in Sheffield, England at the end of the week Jim showed her the letter, she posted an answer at the Milwaukee airport that evening. That next week Liz, Lois and George met at St. Mary's church in Earl Stonham, Suffolk, England where they visited the gravesite of their joint great-great-grandparents, Samuel Peck Plowman and Charlotte Mayhew Plowman. Since that initial meeting Liz has visited Lois in Wisconsin four times (1996, 2002, 2007 and 2013) while Lois and George have met her in England four times (1994 in Suffolk, 2001 in Durham, 2002 in London and 2005 in York). Lois relates, "Liz is the sister I never had and the fact that she is a 'brilliant' genealogist is frosting on my cake!" She asked to pass on her thanks to WAGS for inviting Liz to talk at one of the WAGS meetings in 1996 and 2013 but quite frankly, those of us who were able to attend these times were treated to a wonderful talk by Liz and we thank them for sharing their time with us.

Besides enjoying working on her family's history Lois takes great pleasure in learning new things both through studies and travels. She often attends LIFE (Learning is ForEver) classes at the University of Stevens Point and in her travels has attended 21 elder hostels. Lois also enjoys visiting buildings designed by Wisconsin architect Frank Lloyd Wright and in her "free time" Lois is working on her documentation for a Waupaca County Pioneer Certificate.

When she is not traveling to ancestral lands in her quests she often uses the following websites: [Gen/UKI](#) for English research; [Ask A Librarian](#) and [Ancestry.com](#) and would also recommend [Find A Grave](#) and [Google](#). She would also like to learn more about how to use her IMAC computer genealogy program: REUNION.

While George will frequently be heard saying he would rather spend some time at home taking a nap when he remarks on all the activities he and Lois attend there is a decided twinkle in his eye.



St. Mary's Church, Earl Stonham, Suffolk.

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## NEWSPAPER ITEMS

Waupaca Paper  
March 8, 1877

BEADLESTON – In the town of Lind, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, March the third, PAULINA VAUGHAN, daughter of JAMES and NANCY VAUGHAN, and wife of CHARLES BEADLESTON Sr., aged seventy years and six months.

Waupaca Paper  
March 23, 1876

### Death of a Daughter of Hon. Wm. E. Smith

The Evening Wisconsin of the 20<sup>th</sup>, has the following item of mournful interest:

This morning Mr. Ira Smith received the intelligence of the death of his sister, Miss Emma Smith, (daughter of Wm. E. Smith) which sad event occurred in Mentone, France, on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The letter containing the sorrowful news explained that a dispatch had been sent at the time – but this dispatch Mr. Smith has never received, and the full force of the blow came to him today on receipt of the letter.

Miss Smith was a beautiful young lady, 20 years of age, greatly beloved by the large circle of friends who bade her “good by” for her European trip, with no thought that it would prove a last one. She was the picture of health and spirits, and the news is more startling on that account. Her sister Miss Ada, was in delicate health, and for her sake the family took the trip to Europe. In passing through Rome, Miss Emma was attacked with the Roman fever, from which she died after reaching Mentone, France.

Wm. E. Smith was in Palestine at the time, and was informed by dispatch. He set about his return immediately.

The body of Miss Smith has been embalmed and will be brought by the family at once to this city.

This news will fall heavily on the many who knew and admired the young girl just budding into beautiful womanhood.

Waupaca Republican  
July 31, 1879

### Death of N. C. Miller

Mr. N. C. Miller died suddenly on Monday morning, 28<sup>th</sup> inst. He has been an invalid for many years, and for the past two years or more has been very feeble. At times for weeks it has seemed more than an equal chance against his living from one day to another. He has suffered a great deal, and has been reduced to a low state for many months. In the spring he began to mend somewhat, and has been able during the summer to ride out occasionally, but a few days ago he became worse, and on Monday morning when Mrs. Miller went to his room, after being out for a short time, he was found dead in his bed. The funeral was held from St. Mark's church, Rev. W. C. Armstrong officiating, yesterday at one o'clock.

Mr. Miller was a native of Denmark, and was born in Copenhagen, August 4, 1824. His father held a government position from the King during his life. Mr. Miller came to America in 1853, stopped in Racine for a short time, then moved to Neenah, where he lived until 1869, when he came to Waupaca. Since coming here, he has been constantly in the business of general merchandising. For the past two or more years he has had his brother-in-law, E.C. Bronson, in partnership with him, and their business has been successful.

Mr. Miller leaves a wife and one daughter. There are few families with the number of warm personal friends this family have. Mr. Miller's health since being in Waupaca, has precluded him from taking an active part in social matters, but he was hospitable entertainer, and always appeared to be greatly pleased to have his friends spend an evening at his house. He will be kindly remembered, and his family will have the interest and sympathy of the community.

Waupaca Republican  
November 9, 1876

DIED - In Waupaca, on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, after a suffering illness of several weeks, of diphtheria, Miss VERA LEVISEE, aged 19 years.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church on Wednesday. Rev. I.S. LAVITT, Pastor of the M.E. church officiating.

Waupaca Republican  
January 28, 1875

DIED

in Waupaca, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 1875, of Apoplexy, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J.O. Scott, Mrs. Lucy Vanduzee, wife of the late Abram Vanduzee, aged 63 years and 7 months.

The deceased has been a resident of Waupaca for over twenty-two years. She joined the Congregationalist church at the age of fifteenth years, and subsequently united with the Presbyterian Church of this place nine years ago, since which time she has been a constant attendant. She has passed through many trials, but always trusted in her Savior, and He has helped her to bear up under them. He has been her helper in all tribulation. Though death came very suddenly it found her ready, and her work well done.

The following lines she had written down, and carried with her, and seem to have been the sentiment of her heart:

"The heart is still and silent now,  
That used to throb with joy and grief;  
That felt the weight of earthly care,  
But now has found a sweet relief."

Waupaca County Republican  
February 14, 1878

Seldom is this locality shocked with so sudden a calamity, and seldom is a newspaper reporter called upon to record so painful a case as happened here on the morning of the 9th of February - the suicide by hanging of one of our old residents and withal a respected one. Mr. Joseph Potts, was found in his barn about 10 o'clock a.m., hung by the neck from the purline plate. He had taken a log chain and wound it several times around the plate; to the end of that he had hitched a 3/4 inch rope, about 6 feet long, by which he hung himself. The hands of the deceased were fettered by 3/8 inch rope about 2-1/2 feet long, tied around right wrist and a slip noose around left wrist. His left hand was behind his back and his right hand in front, the rope fastening them together passing between his legs.

E.E. Breed, justice, held an inquest and the jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by his own hand, while laboring under temporary insanity. Dr. J. Finney examined the body and certified that there were no marks of violence upon it. He had only been absent from the house about 2 hours. The facts are, death - caused by hanging, caused by temporary insanity, caused by domestic difficulties.

Waupaca Republican  
May 23, 1878

Moses Stinchfield Jr., son of Moses Stinchfield Esq., after an illness of three weeks died at his new home in Western Minnesota last week. He was 22 years of age and only a few weeks ago left his father's roof to settle in the west, where he was attacked with Typhoid fever which soon carried him off. His body was brought to this place, and impressive funeral services were held at his father's residence, just east of this city. The family have the sympathies of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

Waupaca Republican  
February 7, 1878

Another old citizen of Waupaca County passed away on Monday morning – Mr. WM. S. PITCHER, at the age of 79 years. He has lived in this place for the past twenty-five years, and has always stood high in the estimation of people who knew him. Mr. Pitcher was a member of the Masonic fraternity – a truly “ancient” member, for it is said he joined the order during the MORGAN excitement, over forty years ago. He was a charter member of the Waupaca Lodge. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Masons. The services were conducted at the Methodist church. Rev. W.H. THOMPSON preached a brief sermon.

Waupaca Post  
August 16, 1879

DIED – VAUGHAN – In the town of Lind, Wisconsin, WINFIELD GARDE VAUGHAN, and WILLIAM GRANT VAUGHAN, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vaughan. Age about 3 months.

Waupaca Republican  
May 23, 1878

Death of Miss Carrie M. Stanley

The Chicago Journal of the 25<sup>th</sup>, contains the following obituary notice of a lady well known in Waupaca:

The funeral services over the remains of the late Miss Carrie M. Stanley, formerly principal of the Archer Avenue School, took place this morning at her residence, 907 Wabash avenue. There was a large attendance of Principals, teachers, and pupils of the school over which the deceased had presided for many years with great success. The services were conducted by Rev. E. O. Tayloy, a former schoolmate of the deceased. A most touching feature was the floral tributes by the pupils of the school. They proved all the more acceptable from the fact that the children who thus evinced such love and high regard for their former teacher, were not expected, owing to their circumstances, to make such a generous offering. Not only was the casket completely buried beneath harps, crosses, and flowers worked in various other beautiful devices, but the entire room was decorated very profusely. The deceased had taught in the public schools for eight years, and had risen to occupy one of the best positions, namely, that of a Principal. She was self-reliant, and had traveled on her way through life ever since she was a girl of but 11 years of age, unassisted. After she became able to assist others, she displayed the most notable trait of her character – that of charity for others. She was regarded in the district in which she taught as a missionary of live. It is said of her that no child over whom she cared had ever reason to complain of want or cold. She sought out those whom she thought were needy, and never failed to relieve them. Her watchfulness in this regard undoubtedly accounts for the beautiful tributes that covered the casket. Miss Stanley had often expressed admiration for the custom of taking a flower from the casket of a deceased friend, and treasuring it as a memento of former associations. She desired that no exception might be made in her case, and in accordance with her desire, many availed themselves of the opportunity of obtaining a souvenir of their dear friend. In accordance with her oft repeated wish, her remains were taken to Kenosha, to be interred beside those of her mother and brother. About thirty teachers, personal friends of the deceased accompanied her remains to their last resting place. Mr. Belfield, Principal of the North Side High School; Mr. Wood, of the Brown School; Mr. Bannon, of the Haven, and Mr. Babcock of the Holden, acted as pallbearers.

At a meeting of the Principal's Association last evening, the high esteem in which the deceased was held by her associates was expressed in the following language:

“We sincerely mourn the loss of our companion and associate, Miss Carrie M. Stanley. Her fidelity to every trust, her kindness and patience amid her many cares and responsibilities, her broad charity, her genuine worth as a true woman and friend, will ever be held by us in remembrance.”

# THE WAUPACA REPUBLICAN POST

June 5, 1913

## LETTERS FROM FORMER RESIDENT

To Home Coming Committee, Waupaca, Wis.

As I am one of the old timers of Waupaca, will send in a few items. 56 years ago I went to school a few weeks to Josephine Mary (now Mrs. Judge Odgen) the school house was just east of the Green Bay depot, and I could stand on the depot steps and throw a stone where we lived, just south and west of depot, near the old Mooney house and Horton's. Then I went to Mrs. Tucker in the Gothic school house, east of the old Court house, and Mrs. Potter taught there too. The scholars I remember were Lyman and Eva Mooney, Dorothy and Ianthy Horton, Charlie Miller, Ida Lawrence, Ellen, Martha and Elba Hall, Jason, Frank, Mary, Lucinda and Clarinda Gurley, there were some Dreutzer boys and one girl, Irene Vaughn, Rebecca Shearer, Anna Powers, Mary and Joanna Miller, a little Luskum girl, Eddie Holt, some of the Lords, Frankie Parish, Willie and Henry Constance, Mary Bell, Miranda Hopkins, Cynthia and Sabey Thompson, three Hibbard girls and more I have forgotten. Then we were moved to a white school house, I think farther west, but Mrs. Potter was still weilder, not of the birch rod, but of the leather strap she carried in her pocket (and we did have pockets in our dresses then) there used to be two boys, who got their strapping every day. The first school exhibition was held in the old Court House and the last time I saw Dan Nickel he told me he remembered me as I spoke there that night, and by the way, my father married Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nickel, ministers were unknown there at that time so justices of the peace used to tie the knots.

Charlie Bartlett kept a dry goods and grocery store, Dave Parish a shoe shop and Mr. Holt a store.

The first newspaper I ever read was The Waupaca Spirit, edited by Redfield Bros., the two first stories were in that paper also. "She had out-lived her Usefulness" and "The Blind Mother's Farewell to her babe." A certain man that used to live there took his wife and children to Amherst for a visit and used too much "bug juice" and forgot about it so inserted the following in the Waupaca Spirit:

My wife has left my bed and board  
For a few days, for a few days,  
She left it of her own accord,  
When I was drunk up town.  
I caution all to this amount  
Now days, now days,  
Don't trust her on my account  
For she's never a coming home.

Aim. B.

Next day he found out what he had done and had the following printed the next week:

My friends, you think my wife has fled,  
For a few days, for a few days,  
From my board and from my bed  
When I was drunk up town.  
But I caution all to this amount,  
Now days, now days,  
Don't worry at all on our account  
For we are safe at home.

Aim. B.

Waupaca was first called Waupaca Falls, after an Indian Chief and the falls there. Gen. Scott was one of the old timers, the first planing mill built there was the Eagle Planing Mill, which was first used as a sash and door factory.

The first teachers institute for this county was held at Waupaca in the old Brick School house, where I finished my school days.

I remember being woke up one night to see my father marry a couple and next morning father asked me what I was called up for and I told him to see some one married, then he told me I was a witness to the marriage of the Wares, but I don't know which one and at that time there were no certificates given.

Waupaca is a dear old place to me. Dr. Thayer and Dr. Calkins were our first Doctors, and when Dr. Manchester first practiced, I remember of his riding horseback out near Manawa to see a patient one very cold day in winter, not much the way they go now.

How many old hearts will be happy as they know they are remembered at old Waupaca by the younger ones.

Yours for success, Mrs. Minor Cannaray, (nee Frances West).

Waupaca County Post  
December 24, 1925

**SALEM IS FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IN COMMUNITY  
CHURCH ORGANIZED MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS AGO  
(By V.T. Anderson)**

The Salem English Lutheran Church of Waupaca is the oldest church of the Superior Conference of the Augustan Synod. It was organized in the year 1864. It is the oldest Lutheran church in this community.

Some of the charter members of this church were: Hans Olson, Andrew Erickson, Olaf Johnson, Lars Larson, Ole Peterson, John Dalbrink, Ole Anderson, and their wives. Mr. and Mrs. Ole Anderson were grandparents of Miss Alice Anderson who has served as organist for twenty consecutive years. Mrs. Ole Anderson served for a number of years as chantress of this historic church. None of the charter members, so far as the writer knows, are now living.

The following are among the theological students and pastors who have served this church: the order given is perhaps the order of service: J.J. Carlson, Maxell, Nelson, Rosander, C. Cesander, Peterson, John Jesperson, Edlund, Strandburg, Magnuson, Olander, Nils Lundgren, Regner (the writer is not certain of the spelling of this and one or two other names), Olson, Gustafson, Erickson, C.M. Olander, Fred Olson, Nelson Miller, Gregg, Berg, Friedlund, J. Johnson, Bergstrand. The present pastor, V.T. Anderson, is the first resident pastor of the Salem church.

The Swedes and Norwegians had services in the same building for some years until the Norwegian Lutheran church of Sheridan was organized. In 1922 the name of the church was changed to read "The Evangelical Lutheran Salem Church of Waupaca", and its location was changed, being now located at Badger and Franklin Street, Waupaca. The new chapel was dedicated the following year.

**Recommended Websites From Members:**

<http://nycnuts.net/nylinks/index.html>

A note received by Sue Dunbar might be of help to some of us: "Someone mentioned Dr. Bradley's records. He was a Doctor that lived somewhere around Parma or Greece. He assisted in births of many children and kept records of those births. He also had a long career. In 1973 Grace Witty published a 45 page list of births from 1821 to 1976. Because she never put a copyright notice on her work, I was able to transcribe into a web page. It has the VERY long title of: "Alphabetic Family Groupings from 1821 - 1876 Birth Records of Dr. Samuel Beach Bradley for Adjacent Parts of the Towns of Greece, Parma, Ooden, and Gates in Monroe County, New York". It is now available at: <http://mcnygenealogy.com/vr/doctor-bradley.htm>

It's also been passed on that there have been a number of updates to the New York Genealogy page which may be of help to those working on families from this state.

**New On The Shelves**

Nancy Helbach recently donated the book: Federal Census 1850-1880, Jenny (Merrill Area), Marathon and Lincoln Counties, by Merrill Historical Society, Inc. Project 1999. Thank you, Nancy.

## 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. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to bring a friend. For updates or changes in the meeting schedule please check the events calendar online at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm> or email [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

September 14, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Roundtable
October 12, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Family History Month – Meeting and Open House until 2 p.m.
November 9, 2013 Saturday	Mtg 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 9 am HHGC. Election of Officers & Review By-laws – Roundtable
December 4, 2013 Saturday	Mtg. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat @ 10:30 am HHGC. Christmas Brunch.

Waupaca Post  
July 17, 1879

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Shoemaker during the past week: Walter Ayres, Manawa, to Elida Madsen, Iola; Zephirin Lafleur, Chicago, to Blanche O. Bell, Weyauwega; Rudolph J. Samz, Clintonville, to Laurina M. Seibold, Marion; Edward Fetzer, Town of Union, to Mary Raisler, Bear Creek; Alfred Ladvig, Shawano, to Lilly Marquardt, Town of Dupont; Francis Edward Allan, Town of Lebanon, to Mary Agnes Ahearn, Town of Lebanon; Albert Luther, Royaltown, to Maud Hazen, Weyauwega; Louis Brockhaus, Marion, to Tillie Polzin, Dupont.

### DUNBAR DIARY (Part three)

This is the third (and final) part of a diary submitted by Ramona Ivashchenko of the Dunbar family while working at a lumber camp. The diary had been sent to her mother, Ruth E. (Moss) Parks. Some of the people are listed by only last names. Ramona had met Frank Roman when her great aunt Bessie (Frihart) Hunefeld took food to him. Ramona's aunt, Janet Heil, said that she thought he was a relative who might tie in with the Spiegleberg branch of the family but Ramona has not yet discovered that tie.

- March 5, 1909 – Friday in camp. Wind northwest, pretty cold. Mr. Hermansen came in after lumber this morning at 15 to 6 and was here for breakfast. Edna and Ward came up today and stayed to dinner with us. Went home about 3 o'clock. 20 m. to 8 p.m.. We just got our dishes washed. Wind east. Luther hauled 3 loads of wood out to Noble Abbot place. Started the new saw. (note in pencil: George & Adeline's daughter, Edna Dunbar, married Ward Bliss.)
- March 6, 1909 – Saturday in camp. Wind west snowing hard all the morning until 10 = 15. The boys couldn't saw. They are all in the sleeping shanty now. Adeline is making her bed. Have got the pies made for dinner. We are a going to have soup for dinner. I have got the meat on cooking for it. We bought 2 qts. of milk from Eric Peterson this morning. 7 o'clock p.m. Dishes washed. The boys have all gone home. Luther, Fred, Oscar and Martin gone home. Will and Ed & Alfred have gone to the Burg to get some hay. Luther took some timber home for the mill down there. It thawed like everything this afternoon.
- March 7, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Wind west. Clear as a bell. Alfred 1 & 2 hauling in logs. Will and Ed in camp. They got back from the Burg 15 = to 11 last night and brought some hay. 9:30 a.m. 20 m to 2. Clear and warm. Thawing. Them Polands brought some logs in today about noon,

- and got stuck on the [illegible] by the shanty. They boys went out and helped him out. The boys came back. 7 o'clock. Luther, Fred and Martin came. Oscar stayed home.
- March 8, 1909 – In camp Monday. Wind northeast, snowing some. Adeline frying fried cakes. 9 = 15 a.m. The boys sawing. Luther got \$3.25 this morning. Alfred Johnson and John Rasmussen are hauling in logs. Alfred Rasmussen is cutting long sticks. It snowed most all day, at night it rained. 6 o'clock.
- March 9, 1909 – In camp Tuesday. Wind northeast. Snowing like the dickens. The boys in shanty 20 = 11 a.m. Snowing hard still and has stormed hard all the forenoon. 5 or 6 inches has fell now. [illegible] so quick. We have to get dinner now. Adeline has been making pies this forenoon. She made 4 mince pies. Luther has been filing the saw all forenoon. 10 = o'clock p.m. Snowing hard. The boys in sleeping shanty having fun. Wind still northeast.
- March 10, 1909 – Wednesday in camp. Wind west. Snowed some this morning but it has stopped now. 8 o'clock. They boys have gone out to shovel out the snow from the mill. About 12 inches fell during the storm. Elwin Rice came in and got some wood. He says "the roads are a fright." He says the worst they have been this winter. The boys are sawing long lumber this afternoon.
- March 11, 1909 - Thursday. 5 = past ten. Wind southwest. It was cold this morning. The boys are getting dry wood for engine and shanty. Adeline is washing this forenoon. In the afternoon wind west, thawing some. Mr. Rasmussen came up today. He took the pulp home with him. He took a load of lumber with him.
- March 12, 1909 – Friday in camp. Quite cold this morning and cloudy. Luther has gone to the Burg to get some groceries. He took a load of wood out to Slickton. 4 o'clock p.m. Still cloudy. Ma is cooking fried cakes now. Wind northeast. It has been snowing most all day, not very hard. Luther came back from the Burg and is hauling out wood.
- March 13, 1909 – Cregg broke down by Slicktons. Had to borrow one bob (noted, evidently a bobsled) of Shambeau to et home. Malory came up and got his lumber. Sheffenhagen brought the boys knives to them today. They look pretty good. The boys took the heater with them today.
- March 14, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Wind west. Sun shining bright. Ed, Will and Alfred here in camp. Alfred got back from the Burg at 8 o'clock last night and we got him supper. The boys got in to camp 7 = 15 tonight. We got supper for them. Fred brought a ½ dz. eggs and some milk.
- March 15, 1909 – Monday in camp. Quite cold this morning. Wind southwest and clear. It is beginning to warm up. 10 = 15 a.m. Mr. Rasmussen and George Hermansen came up for lumber, and was here for dinner. Luther is hauling out wood on Noble Abbots place. Shambeau and Rice are hauling out on shares. 3 = 20 p.m. Cloudy now, wind still in southwest.
- March 16, 1909 – Tuesday. Win west. Quite cold this morning. Snowed some ths morning. Now its 10 o'clock. Adeline has got her pies made for dinner and is sweeping out the shanty. Luther went out with one load of wood and put the team in the stable. Nygard paid his saw bill \$10.31.
- March 17, 1909 – In camp Wednesday. Cold like the dickens. Wind west 10 m to 3. Wind still west, 3 teams hauling out wood: Shambeau, Nygard and Rice. They have got it most all hauled. John Rasmussen broke 3 whippetrees this forenoon. Charlie Jasman brought some logs today, to get sawed. Adeline is baking cakes this afternoon. Fred went home with a load of timber for the mill. He started about 20 m to 4 o'clock. Tom went with him.
- March 18, 1909 – Thursday in camp. The wind has been in the northeaſt all day and cloudy. It thawed some today. Mr. Rasmussen came up today and brought some potatoes and meat – pork. Fred came back at one o'clock. Charlie Jasman came with 2 loads of logs, 1 of pine. Mr. Rasmussen took a load of wood, the slab wood from the mill. Alfred started to cut the logs, hemlock, around the shanty. John was hauling them in with one horse.
- March 19, 1909 – In camp Friday. Wind northwest. Luther has gone to Manawa for groceries. It is cloudy now. 8 o'clock a.m. 10 min to 11 Clear as a bell and thawing like the dickens. The boys just got some cutting logs and now are a going to cut ladder sticks, and some posts in the swamp. John is skidding the logs into the mill. Luther got back about 1 o'clock from Manawa. Mr. Rasmussen came up and brought some sauce and some milk. He took a load of wood home. That's all for today. Hurrah for bed. 8 = 5 p.m.
- March 20, 1909 – In camp Saturday. Wind northwest. Breakfast over – the boys have gone to work, and we

have got to do the dishes up. 5 = 15 p.m. Clear, growing colder, freezing some. Luther, Fred, Martin and Ed went home at noon. Alfred Johnson got through today. At noon he went out with the boys. Will stayed and filed the saw, the wood saw.

- March 21, 1909 – Sunday in camp. Wind northwest, clear and cold. 8 o'clock. Got the work done up, all but sweeping. Adeline is sweeping now. Will is in the sleeping shanty washing. The two Rasmussen boys are hauling in logs. Now they are unloading them. 10 = 20 a.m. Clear as a bell, sun shining bright, beginning to thaw some. Adeline making cake now for dinner. 11:30 beginning to blow, wind northeast.
- March 22, 1909 – Monday in camp. The boys went out to the Burg tonight to a magic show.
- March 23, 1909 – Tuesday in camp. Wind southeast. Real warm and thawing. Adeline is washing this forenoon. Alfred thinks they will get their logs in this forenoon. 15 = 10 a.m. Mr. Rasmussen came up today and brought his wife with him, and his 2 kids a boy and girl. Were here to dinner. It is 5 past 5 now and it is thawing yet.
- March 24, 1909 – Wednesday in camp. Wind west. Thawing all day. Luther says he is going home with Mr. ? and bring the wagon back. 20 = 5 p.m. Luther and Alfred went out home. Cloudy northwest growing colder. 7 = 30 p.m. Supper over, dishes washed, so I have got time to write a little. Eric Peterson came to spend the evening.
- March 25, 1909 – Thursday in camp. Wind northwest and clear as a bell and quite cold. Adeline has been making fried cakes this forenoon. She has got through and is combing her hair and now we are ready to get dinner. Luther has got back from home. He got in camp at 10 o'clock.
- March 26, 1909 – In camp. Wind southeast. Cloudy, warm. We are getting ready to break camp. Packing up. The boys are sawing the lath bolts. Work 89 days.
- March 27, 1909 – At home. Luther and Fred gone after hay up to Fred House's. We think we will go to town this afternoon. Well we went to town, Luther, Fred, Martin and myself. Fred bought a set of chairs.
- March 28, 1909 – Sunday at home, all day. Quite cold. Nothing happened.
- March 29, 1909 – At home. Wind northwest. The boys have gone back to camp this afternoon. The boys got the engine home today about half past 8 in the evening.
- March 30, 1909 – At home. Mr. Rasmussen came down with two loads from the mill. The boys are getting the mill today. Luther went back with Mr. Rasmussen to help at the camp to get more of the mill and are coming back tomorrow. It is real nice weather. Warm & pleasant.
- March 31, 1909 – At home. Luther and Mr. Rasmussen came back today. Fred bought his horse and went home to bring her back.
- April 1, 1909 – At home. Wind west. The boys firing mill. Luther moving up on Fred House's place. Fred took two loads up for him.
- April 2, 1909 – Luther finished moving today. Fred sick and sent for doctor. He came in the evening. Said Fred had the pneumonia. He said, one lobe was hard.
- April 3, 1909 – We went to Waupaca and I got some bananas and oranges for Fred. Luther and Abbie went up to make out the deed but George Batten did not get the money.
- April 4, 1909 – At home Sunday. Quite cold weather. Wind northwest.
- April 5, 1909 – At home. Cold weather. Wind northwest.
- April 6, 1909 – At home. Cold weather. Wind northwest.
- April 7, 1909 – At home.
- April 8, 1909 – At home. Wind west. Cold.
- April 9, 1909 – At home. Cold all day. Will and Ed went home last night.
- April 10, 1909 – Saturday at home. Quite cold today. Will and Ed came back this morning to work again. We went to town this afternoon, Luther, Martin, George and I. We got back about 8 o'clock. I bought some groceries.
- April 11, 1909 – At home. Wind south, and blowing like the dickens. Oscar and Alice went over to Mr. Rasmussen for a ride and to take over some maple syrup to pay for the horse collar Fred bought of him. Fred sat up for the first time since he has been sick.  
(noted in pencil: Alice Dunbar, George and Adeline's daughter, married Oscar Durrant.)

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**Newsletter deadlines:**

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

**Publications**

As you will note this space normally lists the publications we currently have for sale. There is good news and bad news - the publications have sold out. The publications the society/members had put together are: *At The Graveside (2007)*, *A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County (2002)*, and *Searching For Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide (2008)*.

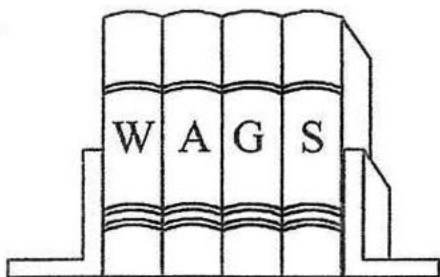
A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

At this time Paula and Jean are working with the Waupaca County Register of Deeds Office in the pursuit of indexing the death records and a possibly death index for a future publication.

If you would like to serve on this committee or have a project idea you would like WAGS to pursue please email Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

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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By the time you receive this newsletter, Thanksgiving will have come and gone and we will be trying to get everything ready for Christmas. November was a month to be "thankful" and my daughter posted a list of items or things each day that she was thankful for on Facebook. Someone made the comment that people put up stupid things but she said she was truly thankful for everything she listed; like the sun on her face, love, family to share time with, etc. which made me stop and think about things that I too am thankful for, especially the friends that I have made over the years doing genealogy and family history.

At our November meeting Pam Sannes was elected as our new Treasurer, replacing Chris Driscoll whom has been our Treasurer for the past five years and has done a wonderful job. Our By-laws were reviewed and no changes were made.

Congratulations go to Ariana Garton of Iola-Scandinavia High School for winning the \$75 award for our Essay Contest in October for Family History Month as Ariana covered eight of the nine requirements in the Essay Contest. In October of 2014 we will have the Essay contest again involving two other schools in Waupaca County.

2014 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and we (WAGS) will be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year! Anyone having ideas on how to make this special occasion memorable, please contact any Board member.

Wishing all of you a most enjoyable Christmas season with family and friends and hoping that 2014 finds you tracing that elusive ancestor you have been looking for in 2013 and too many years to remember.

*Happy Holidays,  
Darlene*



## Member Spotlight: Bill Handrich

Bill Handrich has been a WAGS member since 1999 and also belongs to the Portage County Historical Society and Wisconsin Historical Society.

For years he worked at Sentry Insurance in Wisconsin and Illinois in Human Resources management. During Bill's more active days with WAGS he ran a historical map business which he says didn't make him much money, but it was a lot of fun and has left him with "an absurdly large collection of maps and gazetteers, particularly for German-speaking areas". From his collection he has provided copies of the plats of the 1874 Waupaca County townships maps which will be included as a series in future WAGS newsletters. Getting these maps and cleaning them up so they are more legible was a huge undertaking and we are grateful for his generosity. (The original wall map was drawn, compiled and published by E.M. Harney of Winneconne, Wisconsin and the original engraving and printing was done by J. Knauber & Company, Steam Lithographic Printers of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.)

Bill has two children, Jennifer and Paul, who Bill says have produced a wonderful group of grandchildren to keep him from getting too sedentary. As Bill stated, "We signed up for the 'One Per Year Plan' and don't know if the subscription is up yet" referencing the fact that the six grandchildren's ages are 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

Bill enjoys genealogy, local history, watching the Green Bay Packers, traveling, various outdoor activities and an endless collection of other interesting "stuff" – although as a self-described "history nut" he states he would abandon any of these other interests at a drop of a hot to take a side trip for historical activities.

They say "three's a charm" and Bill has grown into his love of history and genealogy from three early influences. His mother was a history teacher and although she was not "smitten" with discovering her families' own genealogy, she shared her love of history with her children. His father was involved in cemetery and monument work and Bill was introduced to spending time in cemeteries early in life – digging graves during his high school years where he was surrounded by those wonderful old stones with the stories they tell. Thirdly, his dad's sister developed a habit of sending Bill copies of various family records and old photos. Initially the items ended up in a box but Bill's orderly propensity reared its head and by the time he finished organizing everything in the box he had picked up 'the bug' and his life hasn't been the same since.

Bill's ancestors are ethnic Germans, regardless of where they originated (Prussia, Posen, Bohemia, Bavaria). His dad's Waupaca and Waushara County families (Handrich, Zempel, Piddé, Behm) and his mother's Outagamie County families (Doerfler, Metz, Philippi, Pfeiffer) are his main focus. He describes tracing them from their ancestral locations to modern times as a "trip", both figuratively and literally.

His Zempel line (from Posen) is his biggest perpetual "brick wall." Individual research is difficult in areas like Posen, which have until recently been part of the Communist bloc. Even with the names of several villages which figured heavily in their origins, no amount of online research – or PAID research with professional genealogists – has pinpointed their origins or confirmed any of their life events in the "old country." Once they stepped on board the ship that brought them to this country, their earlier "tracks" were erased but he is determined to uncover them. If the answers can't be found on earth, he's hoping to have them all answered in heaven.

Besides the ever-helpful Ancestry.com, another favorite site is the (free) online digital archives of NewspaperArchives.com available to any Wisconsin resident with a library card via [www.BadgerLink.net](http://www.BadgerLink.net) He says that the search function can be a little quirky sometimes, but the old newspapers (from around the state, county and the world) can be a goldmine.

One of Bill's favorite discoveries was Rudolf's Orts-Lexikon von Deutschland (an 1870 gazetteer of ALL the place names in the old German and Austrian empires) in the Wisconsin State Historical Archives. The printed version consists of thousands of pages, but someone in Madison actually photocopied all the pages from the original volumes and made them available in three-ring binders. Unlike Meyers-Orts, which is printed in old German script, Rudolf's Lexikon uses modern print, which makes the German text so much easier to read and translate. After looking unsuccessfully for years for a readily accessible copy, he "went to the source" and requested a microfilm copy directly from the Library of Congress. Incredibly, for \$40, he was able to obtain his own copy of this resource that's available in only several locations in this country and would cost hundreds or thousands of dollars even if a printed copy could be located.

**Waupaca Republican**  
**May 23, 1878**

Thomas Knoph, an old and respected citizen of Scandinavia, died last Thursday. (Under the Scandinavia section: Thomas Knoph died at his residence May 16<sup>th</sup>. A procession of thirty teams followed his body to the grave. Mr. Knoph has probably served longer as a town clerk than any other man in Waupaca county. The vacancy caused by his death is filled by Mr. N. Nelson.)

**MAIL IN THE INDIAN LANDS**

**THE REPUBLICAN**  
**April 23, 1886**

Critic in the last Weyauwega Chronicle says: In your last issue I stated that not much mail matter was carried over the route from Green Bay to Plover, the reason being that nobody thought of sending it through the principal towns in Winnebago County, to the county seat of Brown or Portage county; consequently, papers or letter directed to the offices on the route, were either returned to the offices where mailed, sent to the Dead Letter office, or lost.

The next move was an effort to get a route from Berlin (Strong's Landing) to Waupaca, which proved successful; and in the latter part of 1850, post offices were established at Lind, Pine River, Poysippi and Willow Creek. The Government furnished mail bags and allowed the proceeds of the offices on the route for carrying the mail; all other expenses were paid by the inhabitants, from the time the offices were established in '50 until July '52, when mail service commenced by contract with the Government.

Early in the year of '51, W.C. Carr and Lyman Dayton, both living in the same town and less than two miles apart, each circulated a petition for a post office at his place. Their petitions were sent in the same mail, their letters of inquiry came in the same mail, and their appointments, with a mail bag for each office were received at the same time.

The nearest office to them on the mail route was Lind; and each of them for about two years, came regularly every mail day for his supply of mail. The office at Weyauwega during this time was supplied in the same manner, except, that instead of a carrier with a horse and buggy and U.S. mail bag, a boy on foot with a carpet bag was employed. Thus we see, that instead of no post offices or mail routes being established in '51, we had two mail routes, one running north and south, the other east and west, and ten post offices to accommodate that part of the Indian land detached from Winnebago County to make Waushara and Waupaca counties, which were organized by the Legislature in March, 1851.

**Waupaca Republican**  
**September 17, 1880**

The new proprietor of the Royalton Mills, Mr. Fred Eggers, late of Two Rivers, has taken possession. He will not enlarge the grist mill until next spring, but the sawmill is being overhauled and will be put in first-class shape for business. Mr. Eggers is a wealthy and enterprising businessman, and a recent all at this office satisfied us that he is a genial social companion as well.

Not having been advertised, comparatively few are aware of the fact that there is such a thing as Randall's Patent Ladder, made in this city. This ladder is as perfect a thing of the kind as can be made. It is made solid and substantial yet may be taken apart, whenever desired. Rundall & Holman the manufacturers, exhibited them at the Oshkosh Fair this week, and we have no doubt will sell many of them. Every householder and person occupying a building of any kind, should have at least one good ladder, and they may obtain them plain or extension of Rundall & Holman. Our fire department use of them and find them to fill the bill. (Note original article lists name first as Randall and later as Rundall)

*WAGS members have the opportunity to volunteer at the Holly History Center (HHGC) on Saturdays during the summer months. Volunteers do not do research for visitors to the Center, however a map where various information is located is available to help guide researchers to where the information they seek might be located. It is also a time for volunteers to get to know one another better, work on some of their own research or just browse through the interesting data and photos. Among the items at the HHGC are letters written by John "Alonzo" Chandler to Bell Davis from August through September of 1955. These, plus information provided by Kim Heltemes through fellow WAGS member Jim Waid, gives us the following information which has been compiled by J.J. Johnson. (Areas in bold are direct quotes from the letters.)*

Alonzo had apparently arrived in Waupaca the first part of August 1855 as in his August 11<sup>th</sup> letter he states he had left Portage, Wisconsin "one week ago tonight" and that when he left her "standing in the door of the 'Doctor's' that rainy night, **"it was hard, dear Bell, and I was sorry to leave you; but let us hope that a similar necessity will never again separate us."**

His letters tell us: **"I was some wet by rain that night before [I] reached the office, and then for an hour or two I packed and repacked my trunk – forcing large bundles into small spaces, and crowding little ones into scarcely no space at all; until at last all my goods, wares, merchandize and real estate were compressed within the boundary lines of an ordinary sized trunk. ... This task accomplished, I lay down to sleep; but the attempt was useless. ... Thoughts of your own dear self - mingled with memories of the past, and hopes for the future - effectually banished sleep from my eyes that night; and it was with a degree of pleasure that hailed the appearance of the stage about 3 o'clock in the morning.**

**"In a miserable apology for a stage-wagon, for the most of the way the sole occupant, over awful roads, I bounced and jumbled along till 9 o'clock at night. Arrived at Berlin at last, tired and sleepy, imagine my disappointment when learning that no stage left for this place till yesterday (Monday). The prospect of spending four days in Berlin was not altogether pleasant; and as the only means of avoiding it, I 'boarded' a steamer Thursday morning and went down to "Beautymore" at the mouth of Fox River, where I re-shipped myself on to a Wolf River boat, and came away around somewhere, through several small lakes, and up a narrow winding river, with shores as wild as when the Indians left them, until finally I was 'dropped off' at Gill's Landing 12 miles from here - from which place I immediately came in a 'go-cart' to this town. The ride from Berlin to Gill's I enjoyed very well. The boats were small, but cleanly and well kept; and as there was a jolly company along, the hours passed off quite pleasantly. ... There is but a weekly stage between here and Portage - and the mail arrives on Monday night. ... letters put in the office at Portage Thursday evening will reach this place the next Monday, which will be just as soon as if mailed at any earlier time in the week."**

In describing Waupaca to Bell, he wrote: **"It is quite a smart, thriving village"** [*Note, Waupaca did not actually become a village until 1857*] **"It is improving every day, and there is no reason in the world why it shall not continue to prosper for years to come. ... The Waupaca River – quite a stream by the way – runs through the village; and a little lake, ... is situated almost within the village limits – the house in which I am at present stopping not being five rods from its shores."** He would later report: **"I am still well pleased with Waupaca, and my future prospects here. Business is good, and must remain so for the future. The people are "white" in every sense of the word, with a solitary exception. (We boast of a "barber," and he's as black as a Tony.)"** [*Note: I do not know who this was, as it is too early to be either James Paris or Abel Barnes, known black barbers in the community in the mid-1800's.*]

[*Note: When Alonzo moved to Waupaca his sister Caroline Chandler, who was married to Milan Sessions in 1847 and was already living in the settlement along with some other friends he knew from when he had lived in Randolph, Vermont. According to Alonzo's letters, Caroline was very ill when he arrived and although she seems to have improved, she died two years later leaving three small children. Milan remarried in 1856. Sessions, who like Alonzo was an attorney, served as Waupaca County's district attorney from 1860 to 1861, served in the state senate from 1865 to 1866 and as a member of the state assembly in 1869. He moved to Nebraska in 1871 where he served as a legislature in that state.*]

In his first letter to Bell, Alonzo wrote that he had already started to do business. In fact due to his sister's illness her husband had stay at home to care for her so Alonzo had tried a lawsuit by himself. Pleased with the way things were going he told her he had decided to remain in Waupaca. In a short time he would have suits to try both in Waupaca and other communities. After Caroline's recovery it was necessary for Sessions to

be in Menasha for a great deal of the time and Alonzo was again left in charge of their Waupaca office where he was kept busy. On August 21 he wrote, "It seems like old times to be engaged in law business again. Ever since I was thrown out of that business by the 'interposition of Providence' - or to use a technical phrase "by act of God" - in Illinois, about a year since, I have never felt a sufficient interest in whatever I was for the time engaged in to make me feel satisfied or contented with my circumstances." He was in the office when he wrote these words and added that "the office is now half full of men, who have matters to talk about etc., etc., All the while I have been writing this, I have been answering questions by the dozen." Towards the end of September he summed things up as, "Am very pleasantly situated in Waupaca - find good friends here and plenty of them. Business is still good, and is increasing. I just spend all my time in the office - or outside upon office business."

(In relation to the people at Waupaca, on September 18 he wrote, "Two young ladies - daughters of Judge Parish of Randolph, VT arrived in this place last Saturday, and are to open a "select school" next week. I was never much acquainted with them in Randolph - but they are sensible, accomplished girls, and in my way of thinking will be quite an addition to the attractions of Waupaca! One of them is the girl to whom my friend Dewey was a long time engaged, and whom he 'deserted' without any reason for it. I have always thought he acted rascally about it." [Note: Mary Ann and Hannah Parish moved to Waupaca from Vermont with plans to start a school that offered courses in English, Latin, French and art. By the end of their first year in Waupaca, Hannah was engaged to George Lord and Mary was engaged to E.L. Browne.]

But finalizing a date proved to be more of a challenge. Bell felt she needed four to five weeks to be prepared and Alonzo was not sure he could leave until after the October 9<sup>th</sup> session of Circuit Court (which normally ran ten to twelve days) although he had hopes of trying, if only stopping in Portage long enough to have the actual wedding performed and heading straight back to Waupaca. He expressed his concern that "the Doctor blames me for leaving Portage when I did. But whether he does or not, I can not see any reason for blaming myself in the matter: and if one feels justified in his own conscience for any course he may have pursued, it is of little moment what the rest of the world may think."

Meanwhile, since arriving in Waupaca Alonzo had been considering living arrangements for them once he was able to marry Bell and bring her to the settlement. Upon arriving in Waupaca he stayed with the Sessions in a place just five rods from the Waupaca River. Sessions was in the process of having a large house built but progress was behind due to a "want of material" however it was made clear that once completed there would be ample room for Alonzo and his bride to live until they could get a place of their own built.

He wrote on August 21<sup>st</sup> that while not completed, they would be moving into Sessions' new house that week as the kitchen area was finally finished. It was expected that the house would not be fully completed for another four weeks at which time there would be room for Bell and Alonzo to move into a portion of the building. As he described to Bell, "The rooms which are to be 'set apart' from our especial benefit in Sessions' house, are the two front chambers. I think they will be very pleasant. One is quite a large room, with two long windows, coming to the floor, one of which opens on hinges to the piazza: the other room is a smaller one, with one window similar to the other two mentioned, and with a door opening from the first room. I will have them carpeted and decently rigged. Caroline bids me say to you, also, that 'the whole house shall be yours as much as hers.' Down stairs the parlor, sitting-room, etc., etc., will all be prettily furnished."

While these plans for the immediate future were being planned, Alonzo contracted to get his own house constructed and furniture built to fill it. He related that finding someone to make carpets for the place was more of a challenge as "female help is might skurse hereabouts". Progress on Alonzo's house was slow but he hoped to have it ready by the end of September. His frustration came through as he wrote. "I might have built the houses alone while this has been finishing", and was not without merit as at the end of September he remarked "our house has progressed not at all for some days". While the scarcity of building material was certainly an issue, it didn't help when "one of the main workmen was compelled to leave for the east a week or two ago, and nobody could be found to fill his place. ... Am very sorry that it so happens - but found twould be so last week. Now I shall have to defer the matter till after Court week - but if Providence interposes no serious obstacle I will leave this place for Portage two weeks from Monday next (the 15th of October) arriving there Tuesday evening."

*No other letters are found and it is hoped that their lack means Alonzo finally made it down to Portage where he could claim his bride and bring her home to Waupaca.*

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

The Publication Committee was formed in February 2011 with the purpose of pursuing and developing publication projects for the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS). The goal is to make Waupaca area information and resources available (through publications) to the many researchers both in and out of the Waupaca area

The committee is always looking for new projects that will benefit the researchers and historians. With that in mind the committee is asking for your help. What should our next project be? What are your ideas? Have you seen a publication from another group and thought WAGS should do something like that? Should a publication be compiled about the area people, places, etc.? We need your input.

Please contact the committee directly with your ideas and input. The committee chairperson is Paula Vaughan and can be contacted at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com); 1836 Minnesota Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902 or 920-233-6409. Committee member, Jean Spiegelberg, can be reached at [jspiegelberg@new.rr.com](mailto:jspiegelberg@new.rr.com); 9504 N. Oakwood Avenue, Neenah, WI 54956 or 920-836-2941.

## NEW ON THE SHELVES

If you get a chance to visit the Holly History and Genealogy Center you will find the following new items on the shelves:

*Book: Family Treasures by Barry J. Ewall	purchased by WAGS
Book: Genealogy – Holman, Clark E, Civil War Letters	donated by Janet Pope
Book: Genealogy – Holman Family	donated by Janet Pope
Book: Genealogy – Robertson/Houston	donated by Janet Pope
Book: Genealogy – Johnson/Shaw/Webster	donated by Janet Pope
Book: My Boyhood In Waupaca by Robert Babin	donated by Janet Pope
Book: The Descendents of James Stanfield	donated by Bob and Terry Healy
Book: Naturalization index of Waushara County	WAGS project
Book: Naturalization index of Waupaca County	WAGS project

Many thanks for these additions to our available resources. Ray and Faith Wilde have summed up many of our feelings in their note to Paula Vaughan: “Thanks for all you and the WAGS do for our genealogy records. It is nice to belong to a club of interested members and helpful programs etc.” It is also a great place to get tips for places that provide help to our members, such as Jean Spiegelberg’s note listed below:

“A friend of mine sent me this website for the German Pommern Greifenberg area <http://kb.pommern.org/daten.html>. [Her friend] discovered this site in the Pommern Greifenberg Group newsletter. Apparently they are trying to organize the church book records into a search-site. The first page tells how much they have done so far, but if you check on ‘Suche’ at the top right, it will take you to a place where you can enter the last name of the family you are looking for and it will bring up all the names of persons with the last name. It says also ‘In English’, but that does not mean much at this time. Also, because it is humans copying from the church books and putting things into a data base, there could be errors. But at least it does save time in looking for names.”

While indexing the naturalization records of Waushara county Darlene came across a letter from the Department of Labor referring to the Naturalization Act of 1906 Mike Vetrone’s request for naturalization was first continued due to the lack of his knowledge of our form of government and because it appeared he had problems speaking or understanding English. It piqued our curiosity, some discussion, and a decision to find out more about this ruling. Theodore Roosevelt signed this legislation to require immigrants to learn English in order to receive their citizenship and it took effect on September 27, 1906. It was modified by the Immigration Act of 1990. Under the act, the creation of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization created the first uniform naturalization laws in the country. Before this act immigrants could obtain their naturalization in any U.S. “court of record”. With the act only courts having a seal and a clerk, and “exerting a universal competence” could handle naturalization requests. It also required naturalization forms to include the names and details of the person’s wife and children and verification of their arrival.

## OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

August 13, 1868

WEYAUWEGA

Special Correspondence of Daily Northwestern

WEYAUWEGA, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1868

A ride of over thirty miles up the Wolf River, to Gill's Landing, thence by the primitive mode of conveyance (i.e., a stage) two and one-half miles, and we are in the pretty rural village known to both white and red men as Weyauwega. But hold – we anticipate. Reader, hastest everest taken a drive over a corduroy road? If you reply in the negative, let an obscure individual recommend a trip from Gill's to Weyauwega, over a most lovely and inviting corduroy. Our first ride, last week, is a memorable one. One huge Teuton occupied a seat just behind us. We were jolting over the road at a fearful rate, when suddenly down came seat and sitter, and from the yell nigh undistinguishable mass, came after fierce infilading fire of expletives. "Gott fer tam, you most proke mine head off, you tam pull-head, Py tam, I pays you notinks for dis ride," *ad infinitum*. It is really a rough road, and ye who rejoice in a Nicholson would corroborate our testimony. However, a pleasant chat with E.H. Smith, the energetic agent of the line, or with Indian "Tom," the driver, will tend to relieve the sameness of *corduroying* it to the village of Indian antecedenta. As we have stated, Weyauwega is a pretty place, its streets are broad and regularly laid out, its merchants are industrious, and ignorant of the term fogyism, its young ladies are handsome and vivacious, its young men are manly and contented with their respective lots, (not very large in the main, however) but there is one serious objection to Weyauwega it is "upon the sand", which fact induces many capitalists to seek a home elsewhere, thinking the land is wholly unproductive. It seems strange to us, men of clay, that the early settlers of Weyauwega should either ignore or forget the biblical injunction in regard to domiciles built upon the sand. At all events, they did so forget or ignore, and Weyauwega still stands, a monument to their skill and unflagging industry. They raise almost everything imaginable on this soil, although one man tried to raise two hundred and fifty dollars on his and failed; another raised the dickens so "early and often" on his, that his neighbors met in dignified conclave, and voted to dispossess him of his land unless he would demean himself like a Weyauwega Christian. Casting light remark to the winds, a very superior article of cereals, hops, potatoes, &c., is grown upon the sands of Weyauwega. The Waupaca River flows through the town, and may eventually rise and inundate the place, thus fulfilling scriptural prophesy. Through the kindness of one of Weyauwega's oldest residents, Mr. Bostedo, we were enabled to view the country contiguous to Weyauwega, and were decidedly pleased with its appearance. Crops will be quite as abundant, in the town of Lind particularly, as in many sections of Winnebago county. But we must cease our wanderings, and confine ourself more closely to the

### BUSINESS OF WEYAUWEGA

We devoted a considerable time to a leisurely inspection of two of the most prominent adornments of Weyauwega. The grist mills of Weed & Co. and Henry Steinburg, both of which are the best establishments of the kind we have ever visited. The first named mill, built in 1855, is a fine one in every respect, and its proprietors are constantly introducing new and highly approved machinery. Mr. Steinburg's mill, erected in 1866, is much larger, and necessarily contains a few more modern appliances than its older neighbor. It cost about \$30,000, and is a model mill in every respect. – As flour from the "Weyauwega" and "Northwestern" mills is in demand wherever it has been used, we denominate these rival institutions, standing upon opposite sides of a most excellent water power, as the most prominent objects of interest in Weyauwega. Messrs. W.G. & Co., and Mr. Steinburg also, own two saw-mills which perform their work well. Messrs. W.G. & Co. have recently purchased a new flour packer and appurtenances which will enable them to fill orders hereafter more promptly even than heretofore. Mr. S. Cornwell, the P.M. of Weyauwega, a gentleman, we have pleasure in saying, in every respect has a most excellent stock of drugs, groceries, stationery and schoolbooks, and if any of our readers chance to visit Weyauwega, and desire information respecting the town, Mr. Cornwell will be pleased to meet their interrogations. Mr. W.C. Potter is fitting up what will soon be a very desirable store, for the sale of articles usually found in a country store. He is of a liberal mind, and a non-believer in the "penny-wise and pound foolish" principle. Messrs. Clarks & Forbes, of this city, have transferred their stock from New London to this place, and are doing much better than they anticipated. A private sale of over a hundred dollars

worth of summer goods in one day, in a small country village is certainly an index of brisk trading. G.W. Kimball of Oshkosh officiates as their auctioneer, every evening. We have not time to speak particularly of the business of other Weyauwega merchants, L.L. Post, Druggist, Poll & Gardner, Hardware, J.B. Hunt, meatiest J. Crocker, Groceries, Dry Goods &c., B. Jones, confectionery, fruits &c., E. Edwards, Boots and Shoes and many others are all busily engaged much of the time. With Mr. Edwards we had a very pleasant conversation and learned that he was formerly editor and proprietor of the grandfather of the present NORTHWESTERN, he also wrote the first article written in Oshkosh, for a newspaper and may with propriety be called the pioneer newspaper man of the Northwest. We must also refer to Weisbrod & McCall, dealers in Groceries, Hats and Caps, Crockery, &c. Their store was filled much of the time while we were there, with cash customers, and as they are obliging and accommodating, we trust their business may immeasurably increase. One thing more, and we have done with Weyauwega. G.D. Tarbell, Esq., has leased the old "Northwestern" House, and having enlarged, repainted, and to a certain extent remodeled the same, will throw open his doors to travelers within a fortnight. Weyauwega has been cursed for some time with poor hotels, and now that our genial friend Mr. Tarbell is about to open a first class house, we know he will receive a liberal patronage. There are more than thirty sleeping rooms in the house, a hall on the third floor, 22 x 68, which Mr. T. intends shall be devoted to Terpsichorean pleasures, when he is ready for the reception of guests, and clean, tidy, sitting rooms and parlors. There is also a very commodious barn on the premises, one of the best in the country.

#### RESIDENCES.

There are several pretty residences in Weyauwega, the pretties of which is that of Mr. Wm. G. Gumaer. Sheriff Taggart has a very fine one also, but a short distance from Mr. Gunmaer's. Messrs. Bostedo, Teal and others, are fitting up their homes in very attractive form. Therefore, we say in concluding our Weyauwega letter that we have never visited a town, which we like better upon so short an acquaintance than Weyauwega.

We had well nigh neglected to make mention of one of the most important institutions of Weyauwega, viz: The Pottery of Mr. Peter Meiklejohn. Nearly eight years ago, Mr. M. accidentally unearthed several rude specimens of Indian pottery, which induced the belief that a suitable clay could be found in the vicinity for the manufacture of earthenware on a more extensive scale. Search was at once instituted and the material found. Matters remained quiet until quite recently, when Mr. Meiklejohn engaged the services of John Besau, a skillful Menasha potter, who commenced experimenting at once with the clay found on Meiklejohn's farm. The result we have seen, in some excellent samples of stoneware, from Mr. M.'s establishment. Mr. M. is about to enlarge his facilities for the manufacture of all kinds of pottery, and hopes to improve very materially in its manufacture. He is also owner of a thrifty hop yard of about eight acres, which looks quite as well as that of Mr. Wyatt in this city. With more perfect arrangement for hop-drying, than last year, he will doubtless send a fine article to market.

#### GILL'S LANDING

We are now at Gill's Landing, on our way home and have accepted an invitation from friend Wm. B. Mumbrue, Sec. and Treas., of the Wolf River Trans. Co., to go duck hunting to "The Island". We obtained a boat, ferried across the river, disembarked and after plunging through a thickly matted undergrowth of rank vegetation, for a considerable distance, we reach the "Bayou", when - hist., there they are, where? There on that log, three of them. O, yes. I see them, shall I fire? Yes, but be cautious, we cocked our piece, closed our eyes and shot, hard, and - winged an "Island" Mosquito. We proceeded a short distance further, where we killed ten plump ducks, then turned our faces homeward. By the way, duck hunting is invigorating sport, if a man has a canoe or dog, but to be compelled to wade through a lovely marsh, en dishabille, after a few ducks, and be eaten alive by mosquitoes large enough, and fierce enough to be caged isn't *tremendous* fun, is it reader?

However, we, (or rather our bones) trotted home in safety. We will go again, probably, so soon as possible, saturate our clothing with some inflammable oil, to drive off all insects, and shoot - ducks. The principal institution at Gill's aside from the well kept Gill's Landing House, is

#### THE "PEANUT DIVE"

where our royal *selves* spent a very agreeable evening. Here one may obtain table luxuries, bolognas, pepper-sauce, pretzels, cheese, and "such things." In conclusion, we express the hope that friend Geo. B.H-n will never again be "ordered up" from the table, and not compelled to go it "alone" through life.

LILLIE PUSHEN

## The Search for Sally Miller By Dave Baker

Searching for \*53. Sally MILLER's roots needed more legwork than researching any other branch on our family tree. Soon after beginning my genealogy project, I discovered published articles dealing with Presidential ancestry. President Gerald Ford is our kids' first cousin, so some of these articles disclosed overlapping ancestors. The best of them added excellent source notes.

In none of them, however, was Sally more than a "dead end" great grandmother. She was known to have lived in McHenry County, IL where most of her children were born; but beyond that was the proverbial brick wall. Local histories were read without finding any clues.

Local and regional libraries were visited. Census records were screened; newspaper microfilms viewed; cemeteries were haunted; historical societies, and local government offices visited. Nothing surfaced. The search was widened to all of Sally's children, still with no success.

Then in an obituary of her son-in-law, Horace READING, was the crucial clue. For some reason, Horace's death notice recounted the story of his pioneer mother-in-law. It told how Sally had lived among 500 of the local Pottawatomie tribe before other white settlers arrived. It went on to say that Sally had been born in New York, "on the banks of the Susquehanna"

That narrowed the search. The Susquehanna River rises in Pennsylvania. It flows north into New York where it turns west and traverses five counties before bending south, coursing through Pennsylvania again and into Maryland on its way to Chesapeake Bay.

The clue supplied five new sets of county histories to read. There were lots of Millers, but no identifiable connection with Sally. It looked like another blind alley. The hunt was tabled in favor of more promising research on other lines.

Some time later, my son Kevin and I took a drive to Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame, proving if nothing else, that one can maintain more than one obsession simultaneously. We stopped at the James Fennimore Cooper Library, where we found a 200 page typescript history of the Kilbourne family. It did not connect with anything on our tree, but we were aware that some of the

\* Ahnentafel number Wisconsin Haskins, another dead end at the time, having intermarried with Kilbournes. Because we were in Cooperstown, we were mindful of Branch Rickey's advice. He may have possessed the best mind ever associated with baseball, and he used to say, "Luck is the residue of design." We filed the information for later use.

The Kilbourne find brought family tree research again to mind. If you don't know Cooperstown, it is a nearly isolated village, so deep in upstate New York that it is miles from anywhere, and just as deep in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We were unlikely to drive that far again anytime soon.

Kevin and I, mostly I, decided to do some genealogy detective work as long as we were already there. We headed for Binghamton, where we could see a minor league baseball game, and where we could pick up the New York segment of the Susquehanna River. Remember that upstate New York, with its lack of resources, has been called, "the vast wasteland of genealogy research."

If we were to find anything, we would have to do it the hard way. We started with the Binghamton library. No soap. We continued westward, town by town, county by county, following the river. When we reached Tioga, we finally struck pay dirt.

Tioga is the seat of the county of the same name. It has about 2,000 people, and is laid out linearly along the north bank of the Susquehanna. The one block long business district was dominated by a two storey



Susquehanna River Basin

brick building facing the river. We stopped there to ask where we might find a library, or some other place to do our research.

We were greeted by 30 women who invited us in for tea. We had apparently stumbled upon Tioga's principal social center. The building doubled as historical center and museum. It served as a major gathering place for the ladies of the town. One of their main activities was organizing records of Tioga's past. They had gleaned every snippet they could find of pre 1900 Tioga, transferred the information to 3" x 5" index cards, and cross referenced all of them for easy access by family.

There was Sally, her index card our Rosetta Stone for unlocking the secrets of the Miller family. Her birth was recorded, along with her given name, Sarah, and the date. Her father, Jesse, Jr. was named, along with a cryptic note that, "He went west and died." Her paternal grandparents had a wealth of data because her grandfather had been the second pioneer of Tioga, and had settled there.

The files told of the family's origin in Bedford, NY. The card, like a clue in a treasure hunt, led us to a cache of Miller history in Bedford, and a 60 year old typescript family record available on microfilm at the New York City Public Library. There was still plenty to do. We needed to trace the migration west, find out more of Sally's mother, and extend the newly found lines back to the immigrant ancestors.

But we had pushed back the dimness of the past by 200 years, and added dozens of newly discovered direct ancestors. Because the news was relevant also to students of Presidential genealogy, we relayed it to Gary Boyd Roberts, Special Projects Director of the New England Historical Genealogical Society, and chief maven of the subject. Gary verified the findings, and he incorporated them into his "authoritative edition," a revised update of his basic reference on American Presidents

With regard to Sally specifically, she was born in Tioga 18 Apr 1819. The story of her journey west in New York, to Shelby County, IN, to life among the Pottawatomie in frontier Illinois is told with the tales of other family members. At age 19, Sally married 52. Alexander GARDNER, Jr. The wedding took place in 1839 in Millers Grove, the original name of the present Barrington, IL.

A picture of the couple, and details of their six children, will be found with her husband's family. After four of her children were born, and with one of them having died at age 5, Alexander joined the California Gold Rush, along with thousands of other '49ers. His fruitless quest for riches took three years. Sally was left at home with three babies to raise, and a farm to tend as best she could.

Two more children were added after Alexander's return from the gold fields. They continued to farm until failing health forced them off the land and into town. Sally died 30 Jan, 1873 in Woodstock, IL, a worn out woman of 52.

### **Waupaca County Post December 17, 1925**

#### **Know Your County**

Waupaca County's foreign born population (1923) runs as follows: German, 2200; Scandinavian, 1400; Irish, 100; Poles, 300; English, 100. English settlements are found chiefly in the extreme southern counties, notably Walworth, Grant, and Iowa. Farm settlements of Irish are small and scattered. Nearly 2000 foreign born Swiss make up an extensive Swiss colony in Green County, which has given to that community the title, "The Swiss cheese center of America". The land in Green County is rolling hills and valleys, similar to the native land of the immigrants.

### **OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN May 24, 1868**

The *Waupaca Criterion* says:

A queer sale took place in the town of Larrabee the other day. A certain married man having become tired of the state of matrimony, concluded to sell his wife to a single man who wanted her more than he did. The papers were drawn up by a justice of the peace, and the bargain concluded according to law.

The wife was sold for the large sum of ten cents. The question is, who was sold? Larrabee must be a good place for bashful young men in want of a wife.

Waupaca Post  
November, 1929

Nov. 15 is the 76<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Royalton township.

Away back in the pioneer days of 1853 on Nov. 15, the county board, of Waupaca County was in session at the county seat in Mukwa.

At that meeting township 22, range 13, was set apart as a separate town to be called Royalton.

The members of the county board who launched this new township were Chairman E.C. Sessions, Waupaca; J.J. Jones, Lind; W.C. Cass, Dayton; A.P. Jones, "Centerville", (this name was afterward changed to Little Wolf); L. Bostedo, Weyauwega; James Smiley, Mukwa, and Henry Boyden, Embarrass.

The first town meeting was held at the home of O.A. Rich.

Hicks, Leuthold and Gill had made settlements in this territory in 1848, and made a water power claim in 1850 and built a sawmill; it later burned down and was replaced by another that has also burned.

George Moore was the first town chairman and Bradford Phillips the first clerk. Moore spent most of his life in this township. Phillips entered the Civil war in Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> Wis. Vol. and was killed and buried at Corinth, Miss.

The first white child born in the township of Royalton was Josephine Favell, in 1853, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Favell. In 1872 she married Robert Town and they still reside in the village of Royalton. Two children were born to them, Orin of Meridian, N.Y., and Freeman of Shiocton.

Preston K. Hayward, who came with his family to the township in 1850, is the oldest man now living in the township.

M.L. Hayward built the first grist mill in the village in 1875; it was afterward owned by Dr. Dawley, who is at present located in New London.

A post office was established the year that the territory became a township, but a school house was not built until 1857, though both private and public schools had been taught before the school building was erected.

The first church was the present Congregational, built in 1866.

The town was organized for nearly 20 years before the Green Bay, Winona & St. Paul railroad was built through the village.

Seventy-six years has transformed this township from a wilderness of heavy virgin timber into farms where every form of progressive, scientific farming is employed. The shadowy forms of the Indian no longer glide through the forests of pine and maple in pursuit of wild game. The sound of the woodsman's ax and saw is stilled and the hum of many kinds of farm machinery is now heard, reaping crops where once stood the majestic trees.

The ox team has given place to the auto and one generation of men to another, all in the short span of 76 years.

### 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. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite you to bring a friend. For updates or changes in the meeting schedule please check the events calendar online at <http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm> or email [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com).

January 11, 2014	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Round Table Discussion
February 8, 2014	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Presentation by Rev. Jon Sachs: My Trip to Germany to Locate My Ancestors
March 8, 2014	<b>Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting</b> Round Table Discussion

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Membership: \$10.00 Individual and \$15.00 Library, society or family (two people living at the same mailing address). When submitting membership or renewal, please include your name, address, email address, telephone number, and surnames you are currently researching. Also include whether you prefer receiving the newsletter via email or US Postal Service. Send check or money order to WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, Wisconsin 54946-0042. The membership year runs January 1 through December 31 and includes the quarterly newsletter. (March, June, September and December) Newsletter established October 1993. For meeting information see the activity and meeting calendar within this newsletter.

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**Newsletter deadlines:**

Issue: March	Deadline: February 1
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**Publications**

As you will note this space normally lists the publications we currently have for sale. There is good news and bad news - the publications have sold out. The publications the society/members had put together are: *At The Graveside (2007)*, *A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County (2002)*, and *Searching For Your Ancestors in Waupaca County, Wisconsin: A Genealogical Research Guide (2008)*.

A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

At this time Paula and Jean are working with the Waupaca County Register of Deeds Office in the pursuit of indexing the death records and a possibly death index for a future publication.

If you would like to serve on this committee or have a project idea you would like WAGS to pursue please email Paula Vaughan at [pajolova@hotmail.com](mailto:pajolova@hotmail.com).

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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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