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By the time you read this hopefully we will have seen the worst of winter. Due to the cold and icy conditions we cancelled our January meeting this year and will seriously think about eliminating January as a meeting month.

We are excited that we are celebrating our 20th year and it is the 75th year for WSGS. A little walk down memory lane, WAGS was started by three people, Agnes Golla, Gerry Trinrud and Nancy Helbach and by word of mouth became a small group of people interested in genealogy. They had their first informal meeting at Gerry Trinrud's house in October of 1993. By January of 1994 it was decided to organize a genealogy society and the first meeting was announced in the Waupaca paper and held at the Waupaca Public Library. Officers were: Nancy Helbach, President; Annie Abhold, Vice President; Gerry Trinrud, Historian/Genealogist/Hostess and Agnes Golla was Secretary/Treasurer/Publicity. It was decided that the meetings would be held the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the organization would be the Waupaca Area Genealogy Society or WAGS with dues of \$5.00/yearly.

Meeting continued to be held in members home until September of 1994 when WAGS met in the lower level room in the library. The next year in June of 1995 Susie Freistedt volunteered as our Newsletter Editor and they were sent to members every month. By the end of 1995 we had forty-six members and we continued to grow in the next years. From the original Board, Nancy Helbach is the only original officer to remain. The following WAGS members have belonged continually since January of 1994: Nancy, Susie Freistedt, Lawrence Webb, Joan Paulson, Barb Schuler, Joe Zehren and yours truly.

Since WAGS has been an organization, it has accomplished many of the goals that it has laid out to our membership with many more to go in the years to come.

Don't forget that Gene-A-Rama is just around the corner on April 4th & 5th at the Holiday Inn at Manitowoc with the registration form available at the WSGS website wsgs@wsgs.org. This year the Manitowoc Genealogical Society is the host and it will focus on "Genealogical Tools!"

Don't forget to be on the lookout for the WSGS 75th Anniversary Cookbook. (As I finish my notes, I realized that the temperature has finally reached above zero.)

Happy Hunting,

Darlene



Member Spotlight: David A. Baker

If you have noticed on your membership list, Dave Baker lists both a summer and winter address. During the summers he spends his time in the Waupaca where he has a summer residence on the Chain o' Lakes. In fact not only has he been enjoying the beautiful Chain o' Lakes as a summer residence for the past 30 years, but the Chain has been a family vacation spot for 90 years and with other family members they have eight properties which allow them to enjoy four of the lakes from their homes. During the winter he and his wife live in Chatham, New Jersey, which was recently listed as the third best place to live in the United States by Money Magazine. Chatham is a Revolutionary War town located about 22 miles west of New York City. They have lived on property homesteaded by a tenth-great uncle for the past 40 years.

Dave has been married for fifty-six years to Virginia "Ginny" Ann. They met and married at Miami University where Dave taught Corporate Finance and Investments. Ginny was a teacher at a local high school where she taught English and Home Economics. The years have blessed them with five children: Bruce, Linda, Diane, Kevin and Karen. In turn they have given Dave and Ginny ten grandchildren whom they enjoy spoiling: Lauren, Lindsay, Griffin, Hazel, Alyssa, Virginia, Patricia, Peter, David and Lorraine.

Dave is an avid baseball fan and states he was "bitten by the baseball bug" at the age of six years and has "suffered a severe lifelong case of baseball fever. He has "played, coached, and studied the game forever". He says it would be difficult to condense his interest in the game and when the *New Yorker* magazine described the statistics he used to predict player and team performances "twenty-five years before Billy Beane sued similar methods to gain success described in the book and movie *Moneyball* it took two pages to explain Dave's method. He notes, "you can see a bit of how my contagion has affected the family on Bob's Wall of Fame at the Weller General Store in Rural. One grandson is throwing out the first pitch for the Timber Rattlers" and a granddaughter who pitched for her All-Star team in Milwaukee in 2013 is pictured on the wall in her first T-Ball uniform.

The year 1990 brought many changes in Dave's life. Not only did he retire, but it was also the year he began doing genealogy. His mother had been involved in organizing family reunions since 1964 and when a cousin in New Hampshire wanted him to help compile a Family Tree for the up-coming reunion he agreed to help. While she worked on the U.S. and Canadian branches, Dave worked on the Scottish lines and has been hooked on genealogy ever since. The summer of 2012 found him working on his Revolutionary War ancestor, Jacob Walter. During the voyage to America in 1738 his parents and two younger siblings died leaving Walker an orphan when he arrived in Philadelphia.

Dave joined WAGS in 1995. He also belongs to MAGS out of Morristown, New Jersey, which he says has an excellent genealogy collection in their city library. While he subscribes to the idea that a genealogist should first think of what information is needed and then think where it might be located (or who might have it already or direct you to someone who has the information) he finds RootsWeb, Ancestry, FamilySearch, Find-A-Grave and Google to be wonderful resources. He also suggests using CCCP - CONTACT anyone and everyone who might help and listen to what they say, use a COMPUTER to organize and search, learn to use CREATIVITY and be PERSISTENT.

One of his favorite finds came through a tip learned at one of the WAGS round robins. "A late member once suggested leaving a note on an ancestor's grave site. I arranged with a cemetery manager five hundred miles away to leave a note in a plastic bag at the grave of my great-great grandfather Peter Baker, grandfather of the guy who left my pregnant grandmother to fend for herself. Three months later, I got a letter from a cousin who puts fresh flowers each year on all family graves within twenty miles. She said the Bakers held annual family reunions for eighty years until too many of the early generations died. Being good Germans, they were very organized, electing officers and keeping minutes. I was able to track down the last secretary. She was ninety-six and still had her minute book. She sent me a copy. The minutes included attendance records, births, deaths, and marriages since the last meeting. One year's family historian's report told of the family in Hesse-Darmstadt before any of them emigrated. There were seven siblings in the generation that left home. Four boys came to America in separate years and to separate destinations. One of the girls went to Brazil. Two girls stayed home, one single and one married." It took him fifteen years to track his grandfather down but eventually led to the discovery of six aunts and uncles and ten previously unknown first cousins.

Through his research he says he has found many good, hardworking, virtuous people. His children are related to 34 presidents (including Obama), Queen Elizabeth II, Marilyn Monroe, and Elvis. He can include

ancestors ranging from the Viking Harold Blue-Tooth to the Purple Gang “hood” who shot it out with the Capone mob. He has a Minuteman who stood at Lexington and Concord, a personal bodyguard to Gen. George Washington, the first colonist to start a business with an Indian as a partner, the first woman to build and manage a national company (and later became the first nationally syndicated newspaper columnist), and the first explorer to canoe the length of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans while marking sites for Cincinnati and Louisville. And there are the black sheep who were involved with assaults, bigamy, bootlegging, cannibalism, murder, piracy, thievery, and witchcraft – all of which should be equally embraced.

Congratulations Ariana Garton!



Ariana is the recipient of WAGS' \$75.00 award, along with a year's membership to WAGS, for her entry in the 2013 Family History Month essay contest. Ariana, with only a month to research, write and submit her entry while still fitting in school work and other interests was able to gain new insights into her heritage.

While receiving her prizes from VP and Essay Committee Chair Nancy Helbach, Ariana indicated she planned to use the money for her up-coming SAT test.

Below is Ariana's essay on the beginnings of her journey to explore her family roots:

Every Family Has Their Own Story

My name is Ariana Garton and I am the oldest of three girls in my immediate family. Both sides of my family come from many different parts of the world. On my mother's side, my great-great-great-grandparents settled in the Big Falls area after relocating from New York. My father's side originated in the Milwaukee area before my grandparents resettled in northern Wisconsin to the Antigo area. There are many aspects to learn about where my ancestors came from and I am interested in discovering what my heritage was like in earlier generations.

My father's name is Keith Garton. He is the middle child of two brothers named Dave and Alan. Their parents, my grandparents, are Lee Garton and Shirley Van Dorf. My grandfather, Lee, is part Indian and has many ties to who were most likely known as the Potawatomi Indian tribe. This tribe first settled in the Great Lakes area, the Green Bay area, and Michigan. My grandma Shirley has a very spooky story about when they lived above an Indian burial ground. She has claimed that after they moved into their new house on the reservation, paranormal activity occurred. Many of their boxes were unpacked and put away overnight while everyone was asleep and footsteps could be heard upstairs at night. After a few more of these incidents, they were led them to move to the Antigo area, where my parents met.

My mother's side also comes from many different backgrounds. This side of my family is much larger and contains much more known information about my ancestors than of my father's side. My great great-great-grandfather William moved to the Big Falls area from Stockholm, New York in the early 1800's. He was born in 1849. He married Olivia Harris, who was born in 1854 in Waupaca, Wis. Together they had twelve children. Big Falls is where all of the ancestors on my mother's side grew up until my mother was born. My grandfather William was mostly likely a railroad and manual labor worker, as many men were in this time period. My grandmother Olivia raised their twelve children, cooked, cleaned and took care of the many responsibilities that women were destined to do in this generation. When researching my family after Olivia and William, I discovered that they had at least sixty-four grandchildren! Today, that number would be considered over the top.

When my grandparents, especially the men of the family, were not at work or looking after all the children of the family, drinking was a daily activity. It was not uncommon in this time period, especially for my ancestors. Even today, I hear many stories about how drinking was and still is such a huge part of my family especially because we can trace our ancestry to before my ancestors immigrated to the United States. Many were of Irish and Polish descent.

By taking the time to research and ask about my family history and all of our ties to how my family came to be, I learned plenty of useful information that I never took the time to learn about. I never knew that my part of my family had once been from New York or how many children my grandparents had raised. I thought that writing this essay was actually a great deal of fun. I found that it was very interesting to compare and contrast the type of lifestyles that my grandparents had and the type of world we live in today. From our perspective now, we see that a lot has changed since the 1800's and early 1900's. I would like to research further about my ancestry and discover even more unrevealed history.

NOTES FROM THE PAST

The Republican July 17, 1879

F.L. McCarthy received a telegram from Palmyra, Wis., on Thursday bearing the sad intelligence that his mother, an old lady of about 80 years, had just been killed by the cars. No particulars given. Frank left on the evening train to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lea went to Milwaukee yesterday morning to attend the commencement exercises of St. Mary's Institute, where Misses Lizzie and Anna have been attending for two years past. The young ladies graduate this week, and Miss Anna is one of the valedictorians.

Waupaca Post July 17, 1879

Miss Margaret Chady, who has been staying for some time with her sister, Mrs. Nathan Lockney in Nashville, Tenn., returned to her home in this city Tuesday.

Last Thursday forenoon the barn belonging to Hon. E. L. Brown had a narrow escape from fire. Eddie, E.L.'s youngest, had been troubled by dove thieves, and seeing some boys down to the barn hastened to see what was going on. Upon reaching the rear end of the barn he discovered the bridge to be in flames, and with some help succeeded in extinguishing the fire. The boys were two of Asa Holly's, and each vowed the other intended to burn the barn. Matches should be kept away from such boys or else they should have their pants warmed.

Weyauwega - Old Mrs. Bates - mother of Herman Bates, who was one of Weyauwega's business men in 1855 - is visiting old friends here. She resides in Missouri.

Henry Swan the boss horse-shoer, as it has doubtless been observed, has an advertisement in The Post. He has purchased the building formerly owned by H. D. Prior, and already has his hands full. He is one of these stirring energetic blacksmiths, and cannot fail to please.

Waupaca Post August 16, 1879

SAM FIFIELD, of the Ashland Press, gives our townsman Dr. G.H. Calkins the following compliment in the last Press. The compliment is not in the "bad, bad boy," but in the fact that the Doctor is going to the Legislature next winter:

Dr. G. H. Calkins, of Waupaca, forms one of the camping party up on the Sand river, and even already the old French guide has designed him as "a bad, bad boy." When the Doctor goes back to the Legislature next winter this title will adhere to him."

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.

OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

August 20, 1868

WEYAUWEGA

Correspondence of the Daily Northwestern

WEYAUWEGA, Aug. 14th, 1868

ADDITIONAL REGARDING THE BUSINESS OF WEYAUWEGA.

In our last we inadvertently neglected to make mention of several Weyauwega institutions, each of which demand more notice than we can possibly find time and space to write. We will however, refer briefly to them in our concluding report from this village. Mr. H.C. Mumbrue has doubtless a larger stock of dry goods, groceries, &c., than can be found in any other store in Waupaca Co. His clerks are attentive, and young men of marvelous activity, and his business, we are pleased to add, is constantly increasing. Weyauwega, also, has one foundry, one or more breweries and distilleries, and a tannery; thus she is enabled to rank with the first villages in the Northwest.

MATRIMONIAL.

Last evening the Presbyterian church was filled with an expectant audience to witness the marriage of a fair maiden of Weyauwega, a daughter of Elder Gardner, to Rev. E.W. Rice, of Milwaukee. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father. The bride was plainly, yet becomingly, attired in white and looked quite pretty. We regret that our space is so limited that we can give but a brief account of the affair. Suffice it to state, that this event in the history of Weyauwega, was appropriately celebrated by its citizens, in common, with whom we tender the happy pair our best wishes for their future happiness.

GRAND REOPENING PARTY

Next Thursday evening, Mr. G.D. Tarbell, the popular landlord of the "Northwestern" House, will inaugurate what we trust will be a prosperous business career, with a promenade party, in the commodious hall of the hotel. There is every indication, at present, of a large audience. We trust Oshkosh will be represented upon the festive occasion.

In concluding we must speak of the large insurance business of Mr. A.V. Balch, which is enlarging quite rapidly; in fact we think Mr. B. does a much larger business in proportion to the size of the place, than any of our Oshkosh Agents. Mr. Balch also attends to collections and other matters, which necessarily occupy much of his time.

HOPS

We have just returned from a visit to the best hop yard, which we have examined in the State, that of W.F. Waterhouse, Esq. Mr. Waterhouse has a yard of 4-1/2 acres: the hops are large and wholly free from the vermin annoyance, and the indications of a large yield are apparent. We also examined with much interest a new method of hop drying recently introduced by Mr. W., which although quite simple in its mode of operation, is we should judge as nearly perfect as can be invented, we have not space to describe the merits of the same in detail, but would recommend a visit to Mr. W.'s yard and hop house, of those interested in the hop culture.

LILLIE PUSHEN

P.S. We have noticed one very remarkable fact since our sojourn here. The entire population, from the minister to the ploughboy, wears slippers, although the Weyauwegians are far from *slippery* people. It is so nice to walk through a ploughed field in a pair of slippers.

"All coated and slippered, we fought, till the sun went down in the West."

L.P. [Lillie Pushen]

New On The Shelves

The Quaintance Family by Jackie Janke and Helen Massey

Added To The Family Files

Hanson, Jacob (donated by Sue Katz)
Teed, Nathaniel K.
Yankee Family

Favorite Websites:

Jean Spiegelberg has found a couple websites to share with members who are doing German research:

<http://www.ortsfamilienbuecher.de/famlist.php?ofb=aerzen&b=B&lang=en&modus>
<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1-18355-5666-53?cc=1874205&wc=M93H-BH!&n1820352577>

And Sue Dunbar found the following websites which might be of interest to members:

<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/10-census-questions.htm>
<http://www.AncestralFindings.com>
<http://www.FreeGenealogyLookups.com>
<http://www.UKlookups.com>
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/mytrees.htm>
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/collection.htm>
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/cd511.htm> Early Tennessee Settlers, 1700s-1900s
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/cd512.htm> Pennsylvania Colonial Records, 1600s-1800s
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/cd513.htm> Virginia Land, Marriage and Probate Records, 1700s-1900s
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/cd514.htm> Early Texas Settlers, 1700s-1800s
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/cd515.htm>
<http://freegenealogylookups.blogspot.com/2012/12/early-quaker-records-in-virginia.html> Early Quaker Records in Virginia
<http://freegenealogylookups.blogspot.com/2012/12/united-kingdom-and-ireland-records.html> United Kingdom and Ireland Records
<http://www.genetoons.com> GeneToons.com
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/efreefamilytree.htm> Family Tree Software
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/uk.htm> UK/Ireland Genealogy Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/free.htm> 14-Day Genealogy Search Trial
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/7daycensusfree.htm> U.S. Federal 1790-1930 Census
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/periodicals.htm> Ancestry Historical Newspapers
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/worldwar1.htm> World War I Registration Cards
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page02.htm> Birth Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page07.htm> Land Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page08.htm> State Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page04.htm> Death Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page06.htm> Military Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page03.htm> Census Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page05.htm> Marriage Records
<http://www.ancestralfindings.com/page10.htm> Passenger & Immigration Records

PLEASE NOTE:

Minutes from our regular meetings are available to members through e-mail. Those who do not have e-mail may receive a printed copy upon request to: WAGS, PO Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042.

Olfson
By J.J. Johnson

According to Thor Helgeson's book, *Indian Land*, in the Town of Farmington the first settlers came in 1849 and were Granville Jones and Roswell Hicks. He lists the early Swedish settlers as: "O. C. Brown, and wife, Ottis Beck & w, John Nordeen & w, Hans Olfson (1796-1870) & w Stina, Hans Olfson Jr. & w Margaret Thompson, Johan Dalbrink, Johan Dalbri (1787-1864) & w Anna (1796-1868). His son was born in 1822 & died in 1887, Anders C. Erickson (1830-1889) & w Kristina, Lars Larson from Fjederlund from Helsingland (1809-1892) & w Anna Kristina (1807-1885), Olaf Hedland (1840-1898) & w Martha (1838-1903), Peter Thomason (1802-88) & w Karin (1807-1901), Peter Olfson (1834-88), Erick Fisher, John Peterson, Olaf Peterson, Olaf Johanson with family, Gustav Sodersten (died 1909) & w Berit Torgerson."

Hans Olfson, Sr., with his wife Stina and their two children, Hans and Christine, were part of a band of thirty-seven Swedes who banded together to come to America in 1852. The voyage took them eleven weeks and three days. They landed in New York where they took the railroad as far as Buffalo. From Buffalo they continued by boat to Chicago, through Milwaukee and up to Green Bay. From Green Bay they took a flat-boat to Appleton from whence they traveled by team to Neenah where they continued their journey by boat as far as Gill's Landing and then made their way through the woods where on October 14, 1852 they reached what would become Farmington Township in Waupaca County.

Not knowing that this was government land, Hans was swindled by crooked land speculators and ended up spending \$200 more for eighty acres of land than was actually due. The land he purchased had a 12x14 log house and about five to six acres of land already cleared. Hans later purchased more land to improve his holdings.

Hans Olfson, Jr., is believed to have been born in Sweden on May 18, 1840 and was fourteen years old when he came to America with his parents. He married Margaret Thompson in 1858 and they had three children: Peter M., Hans, and Oliver.

Hans and Margaret set up housekeeping on the home farm, taking it over when his parents died. For ten years he served as the town treasurer and for two years was the assessor. After his wife died in the summer of 1906 he took turns staying with his sons, Hans and Oliver who lived in Sheridan and Peter who lived in Waupaca. In 1877 he opened a business in Sheridan, operating a mercantile store and buying grain and potatoes from area farmers. In the mid-1900's he turned the business over to Hans and Oliver. Hans died May 27, 1907 in Waupaca.

According to Peter M. Olfson's obituary and cemetery record he was born on December 23, 1862 however a short biographical sketch of him in the *Souvenir Post* lists his birth as December 24, 1863. When he was nineteen he left his father's farm and went out on his own. Records indicate that he left the farm to work with his father dealing in grains, hay and potatoes at Sheridan. He moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1890 to pursue the produce business in that region but returned to Wisconsin in the fall of 1892, moving to Waupaca where he continued to buy local farm products and shipping them to the larger cities - starting out in a partnership with Richard Lea in a potato warehouse they purchased on Mill Street (on the northeast corner of Water and Division streets). It was a large three-story brick building with a basement which allowed him to operate his business on a large scale, averaging \$20,000 a month in 1898. Lea and his wife signed a quit claim deed August 11, 1893 for the Lea portion of the business along with the right to use the Baldwin-Bailey side track to the main line of the Wisconsin Central Railway tracks. Olfson went on to expand the concern to include warehouses in Iola and Arnott, Wisconsin. During Waupaca County's days as the "Potato Capital of the World" Peter would distinguish himself as being among the top five dealers in the county.

The fact that Olfson was impressive and well-maintained was evidenced on May 13, 1903 when the *Waupaca County News* reported on the city's need for cold storage buildings. The article noted that P.M. Olfson's warehouse would be a model structure for such a facility and that it would not only be a financial benefit to Olfson to remodel his building for that purpose but would be an advantage to the entire community. The editor reported, "Mr. Olfson is one of the progressive business men who spends his money in the city where he makes it. He is one of the men who help build up and make improvements that count." Neither of Waupaca's newspapers mentioned whether or not Olfson embarked on this enterprise in later issues.

On December 19, 1888 he had married Jessie W. Niven, a school teacher from the area. Jessie was one of nine children born to John and Jean (McKean) Niven. Originally from Paisley, Scotland, the Niven family

had emigrated from Glasgow in 1870 and settled near Sheridan. Peter and Jessie had three children: Ward S., Margaret J. Olfson and James.

In 1907 Olfson, F.W. Black and L.C. Jorgenson pooled \$50,000 and formed a corporation named the P.M. Olfson Company with offices were located in the suites on the second floor of Olfson's building. Officers in the corporation were Olfson (president), Ward S. Olfson (vice president) and F.W. Black (secretary-treasurer). But Peter was not content to limit himself to just dealing in potatoes, hay and grain. He became a stockholder in the Grand View property at the Chain o' Lakes, served as alderman in the City of Waupaca and at the end of 1908 joined forces with Frank Black, S.M. Myhre and G.A. Gullickson to purchase the South Mountain Coal Company in Petersburg, Illinois.

The South Mountain Coal Company was run out of the offices in Olfson's building in Waupaca. It manufactured a high grade coal for steam and domestic use, the consumption of which had been rising in the late 1800s. Being much closer than the coal mines in the East, the men believed that the lower freight rates they would encounter would guarantee their success. The company had been in operation since 1897 and the men expected to double its sales when they took it over.

Olfson was possibly looking at ways to diversify his interests in the changing economy and unreliability of potato prices. On June 3, 1909 the Waupaca Record reported that "P.M. Olfson and the P.M. Olfson co., one of the largest potato dealers in the state, have become financially involved ... owing to the sudden drop in the price of potatoes, which found them overloaded with high-priced stock. Their indebtedness is estimated at \$70,000. ... The assets consist of potato stock on hand and potato warehouses in various localities. Mr. Olfson estimates that the value of his assets will equal his liabilities."

However the proceedings went, Olfson continued as an important businessman in Waupaca and remained involved in activities to benefit the community. He joined the other merchants in Waupaca in work crews that worked on the construction of the Waupaca/Farmington portion of the Yellowstone Trail (the forerunner to Highway 10) in 1916.

Peter died April 4, 1933. He had been in failing health for many years. In his obituary he was described as "a man of sterling character, kind hearted, a good friend, considerate and generous to those in his employ, he was liked by all who knew him."

Waupaca County Post December 4, 1930 (excerpt)

Dale Russell, former teacher, now station agent for the Green Bay and Western Ry., Co., at Ogdensburg, was the composer of six of the songs sung by himself and his brother, Clyde Russell, teacher at Marinette, in the broadcast contest put on by the Milwaukee Journal last Sunday afternoon.

The Russells are both natives of Ogdensburg which also is true of E.E. Russell, their father, a retired teacher and rural school inspector. ...

M.R. Stanley, editor of Shawano Journal, and an uncle of the Russells, gave an account of the old town.

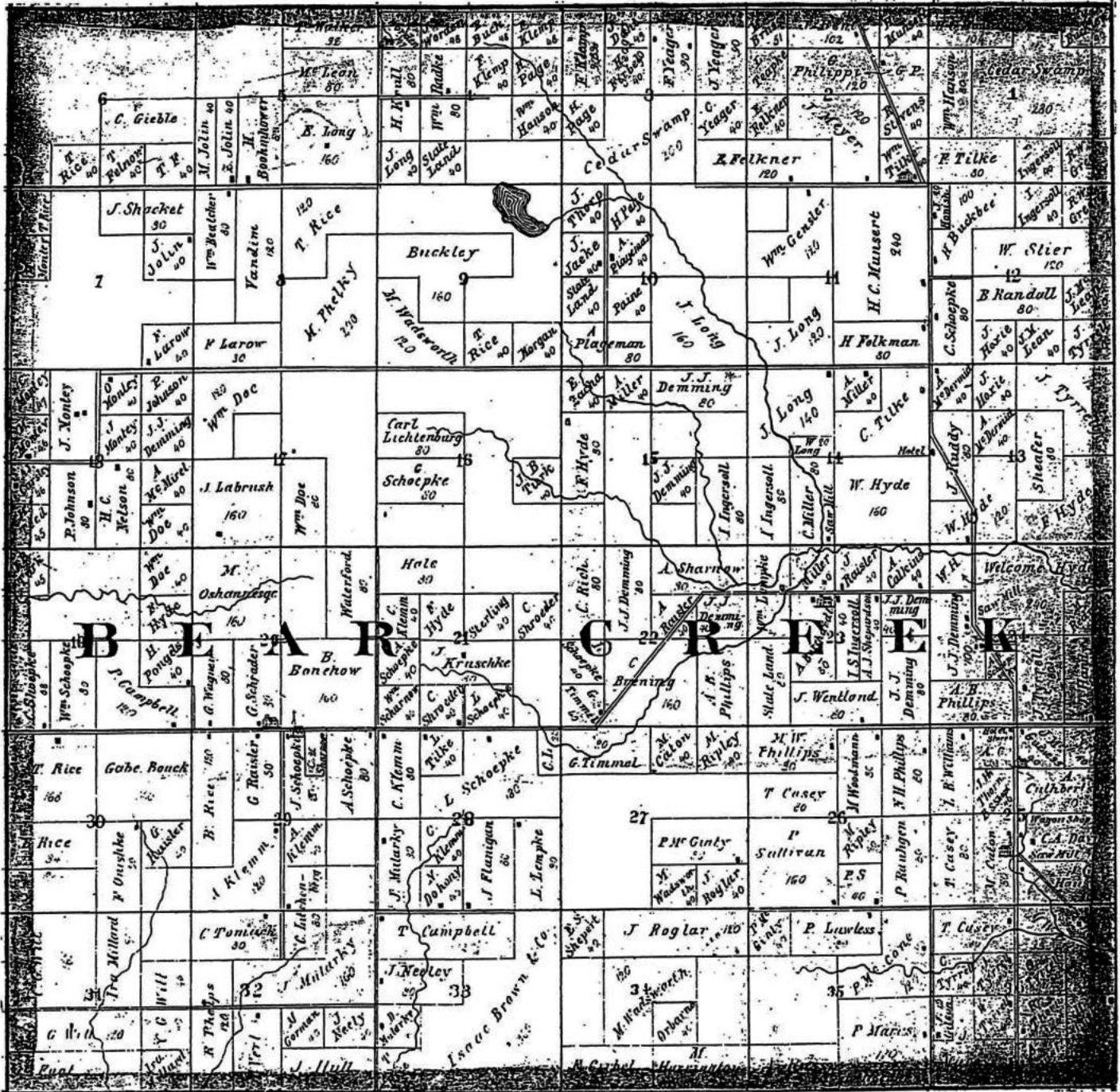
Elizabeth Ritchie was the first public school teacher at Ogdensburg in the early fifties. She became the wife of Milton Stanley and a talented family came of this union, of whom M.R. Stanley was the third son. One of the daughters, the late Mrs. E.E. Russell, was the mother of the Russells who participated in the Sunday program at WTMJ.

Reciting some of the early history of the "Old Town" Mr. Stanley told of the good work of the first preacher "Elder" Green who was virtually adored for his good work and kindly disposition. Caleb Ogden for whom the berg was named was partner with Mr. Dreutzer in business and furthermore was magistrate and general adviser on matters of law and private conduct.

John Mellish one of the boys who attended public school at Ogdensburg became interested in the science of astronomy and made his own telescope, ground his own lenses and while residing in another Wisconsin community he discovered a new comet and filed the report of his discovery with Harvard University.

A few hours later Prof. Barnard of Yerks Observatory confirmed the discovery of Mellish by transmitting information to Harvard University, that he had discovered a new comet. However, the comet was named after the former Ogdensburg resident because Mellish had reported his discovery before the professor at Yerks observatory. Mellish was awarded medals for his discovery of two comets within one year.

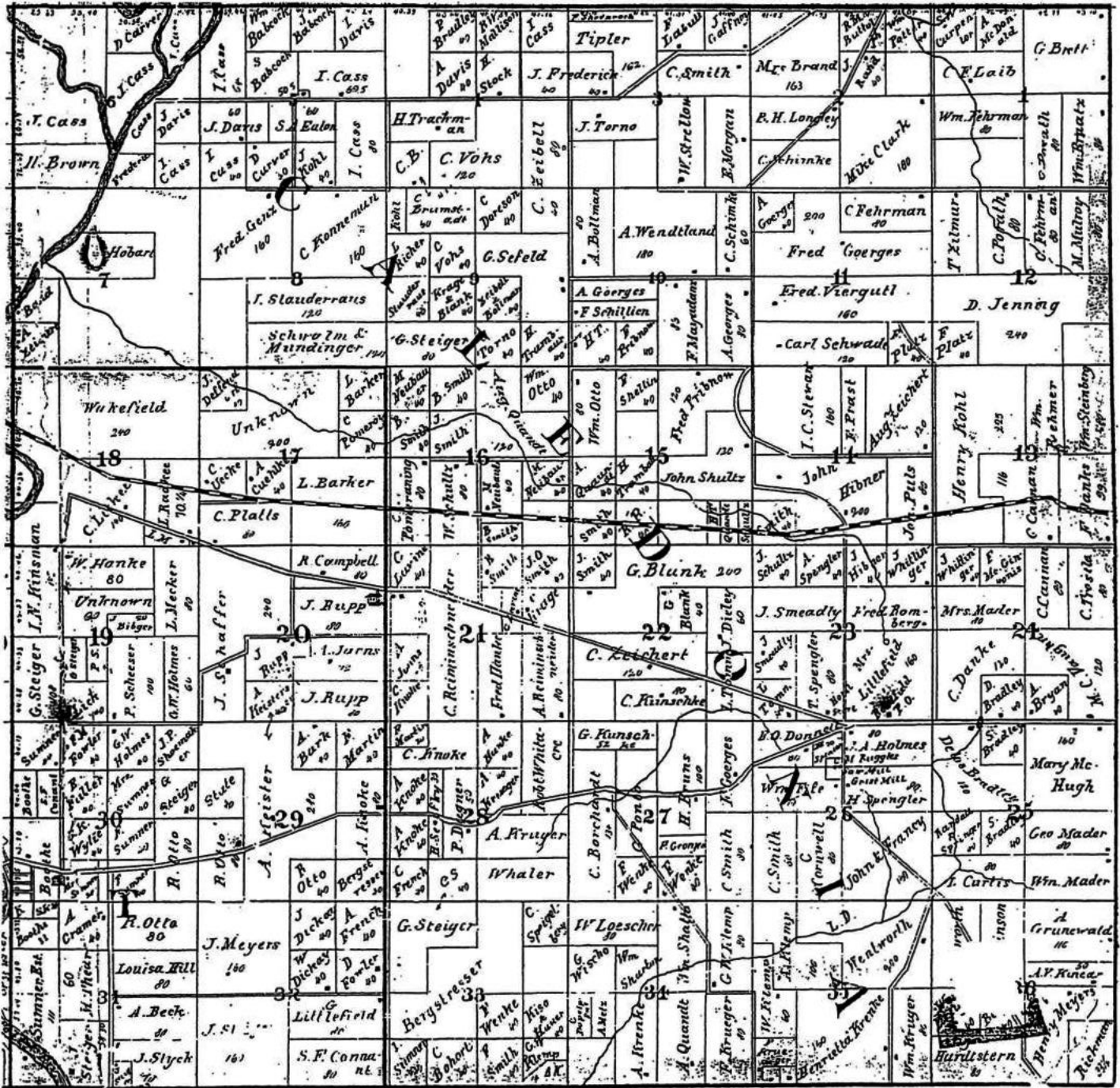
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CALEDONIA

(Including Eastern Portion of Fremont)



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Calendar of Events & Meetings

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meets 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI. 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.

March 8, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Find-A-Grave Presentation by Vickie Schnitzler, WSGS President
April 4-5, 2014 Friday & Saturday	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society - Wausau "Gene-A-Rama 2013" Wausau, Wisconsin For further information visit http://www.wsgs.org/
April 12, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Reunion Tips & Family Gatherings - Roundtable
May 10, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Basics of Genealogy – Review & Roundtable Cake and coffee will be served in honor of WAGS' 20 th anniversary
June 12, 2014 Thursday after 4 p.m.	Pending: Pontoon Boat Tour of the Chain o' Lakes with Lakes Historian Mary Ann Wells There will be a fee for this event and is limited to the first 18 people to sign up for the cruise.
July 12, 2014	Waupaca Genealogical Society Meeting To Be Announced
August 9, 2014	Potluck Picnic at the Wilde's – N520 West Road (See map in the June newsletter.)
September 13, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Accelerate Genealogy with Website Use – Share Your Discoveries, Positive and Negative
October 11, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting October is Family History Month! Essays due by the end of the month! Review Find-A-Grave- Share Your Findings& How to Print-File-Save-Share
November 9, 2014	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting Election of Officers – Review of By-Laws – Routine Expense Approval - Roundtable Handout slips to members: "What do you want to learn in 2015?"
December 13, 2014	No Waupaca Genealogical Society Meeting Christmas Brunch – Location To Be Announced.

Officers

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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)*.

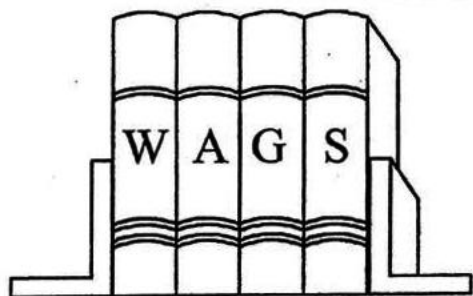
A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

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.

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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The last few months have been busy as usual with a couple of family reunions coming up, but I made sure that Gene-A-Rama was on my schedule. Thanks Manitowoc (MCGS) & WSGS. WSGS 75th Anniversary cookbook was on sale and it is certainly worth the \$10. I have already tried some of the receipts and love the historical pictures, hints, tips, etc. in this book.

At our May meeting, Jonah Jung, our District Rep. joined us and we had cake & coffee to celebrate WAGS 20th year as an organization. Thanks to Pam for the beautifully decorated cake, and it was both white and chocolate. May's meeting covered tips and review on Beginning Genealogy with a Power Point that Nancy and I did a few years back for beginning classes. Most of us whom have been doing this for some time would say that when we started, the documentation is what we forgot to do the most. Also after some years to make sure you haven't missed something, to revisit your research as you have more experience at this time in what to look for or maybe something new is available.

In June, Nancy will be conducting a roundtable as I have a family reunion that day. No meeting in July because so many members have prior commitments, but in August we will be having a potluck at Ray & Faith Wilde's farm on West Road. (Directions to their farm are under the Calendar of Events) From our VP, Nancy "summer is for family gatherings, reunions and collecting information from those events."

The Holly History & Genealogy Center will be staffed by WAGS Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon, Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend and we still need volunteers!

Last but not least, if you have not attended a conference or seminar for genealogists you are losing a great opportunity to learn. Some are even given Free!

Happy Hunting,

Darlene

Member Spotlight

Richard Thurlow Nelson has been a member of WAGS since June of 2009 and as you can see from your membership list he is one of our many members with Waupaca County roots who currently live far from this area. He joined WAGS largely because he appreciates and wants to support the work WAGS does to preserve Waupaca's history and remind people of "the good old days" and the people who created our heritage persevering through good times and bad – hard times and prosperous times. Various members of the Nelson family have held important roles in Waupaca's past – some of those not that long ago.

He is married to Helen (Sissy), who is his third wife, and has been busy expanding his own family tree. At the time of this writing he has three sons and five grandchildren by his first wife. They were divorced in 1981 and when Dick remarried he added four step-children, five step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Sadly he lost his second wife to cancer in 1987. He and Sissy have been married nineteen years. With this marriage he gained two step-children, 8 step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. Indeed his quiver is full and his retirement full of laughter.

Dick is a retired government executive. In 1973 he became the Administrative Assistant and Chief of Staff to Congressman Bafalis. He left that position in 1982 when he became an appointee of President Reagan to the Director of Congressional Affairs, General Services Administration (GSA). He held this position until 1984 when President Reagan appointed him the Assistant Administrator for Legislative Affairs, Small Business Admin. (SBA). Two years later President Reagan appointed him the Director of Congressional Liaison, Department of Energy (DOE). President George H.W. Bush re-appointed him to this same position in 1988 which he held until 1992. He took an early retirement under President Clinton in 1995.

After his retirement, Dick bought a boat and lived on it for six years, logging in over 33,000 miles. He made two trips to Canada and two trips to the Bahamas during this time.

These days he puts in about forty hours a week working on various activities for the Freemasonry fraternity, which he joined in 2005, and the Shriner organization which he joined a short time later.

With all this going on in his life, he hasn't had a lot of time to work on his genealogy but did compile the documentation needed to receive a Waupaca County Pioneer Certificate through WAGS. He even submitted information to obtain Waupaca County Pioneer Certificates for his three sons and five grandchildren. In 1864 Dick's ancestor, Christian Nelson came from Denmark with his wife and two young sons, Julius and Thorwaldt, and settled in Waupaca Township. Interestingly, on the same boat that brought the Nelson family to America were the family of Soren and Karen Marie Peterson. Their daughter Anna Caroline would later marry Thorwaldt Nelson. Thorwaldt and Anna had eight children of which Reuben, the youngest had eight children. These eight children provided Thorwaldt and Anna with twenty-one grandchildren, of which Dick is the seventeenth. These twenty-one grandchildren grew the family tree to include seventy-five great-grandchildren. As Dick puts it, "My genealogical research has been limited, just keeping up with the family 'tree' kept me busy".

Some Links That Have Been Suggested

Jean Spiegelberg wrote that a lot of immigrants went to LaSalle County, Illinois and sends a link to the Ottawa Leader newspaper in that county: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn84038582/issues/first_pages/116/

Sue Dunbar forwarded the following links for those that enjoy the History of the Great Lakes States. They include over 1,300 items including books, articles and antique maps:

<http://www.envisionthepast.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/envisionthepast>

<http://www.envisionthepast.com/early-wisconsin/>

<http://www.envisionthepast.com/brits-encounter/>

OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

August 27, 1868

WAUPACA

Special Correspondence of Daily Northwestern

WAUPACA, Aug. 19th, 1868

We are now sojourning for a brief season at the County seat of Waupaca Co., distant from Weyauwega about ten miles, and purpose sketching the place. It becomes necessary, however, to state in the first place, that we left Weyauwega upon a sunny afternoon, in the month of August, for the village of Waupaca. Before starting we inquired of "Tom" which route he purposed taking, he replied, "through the timber," and before arriving here, some two hours later, we thought the timber would go through us. Methinkest *those roads* "through the timber", should be well stocked with *toll* gates, for the man doth not live who hath *told* his story of a trip "through the timber". But hold, our readers have learned of our safe arrival at this wonderful town, therefore what care they for our numberless joltings and crashings over a rough forest road. But to return to Waupaca. This is really a nice place. The Waupaca people think so; and we rejoice, yes, we lift up our voice in thanksgiving there-at. The place was originally settled in June, '49, W.B. Hibbard, E.C. Sessions and J.B. Hibbard, squatted here in that year, therefore they were known as squatters. There are a great many squatters here. Some men have so little to do that they squat most of the time. We saw one man squat in front of the "Putnam House", rather suddenly, a few evenings since, and directly after "stood on his ear". He was unwell, and doubtless taken cold water on an empty stomach. With W.B. Hibbard, esq., we had a pleasant interview, and learned many interesting facts regarding the first settlement of Waupaca. Among others, the following: One beautiful Sabbath morning when the Waupackers were in attendance upon divine service, at the only Church in the place, a large *bearess* and two cubs entered the sacred edifice, proceeded to the pulpit, drove the Reverend Apostle from his post, and then went for the congregation. (The remainder of this thrilling *tail*, may be seen today in the streets of Waupaca.)

BUSINESS

"The mills of the gods grind slowly
But they grind exceeding small,"

The mills of Waupaca also grind slowly, being as how their motive power is cold water. Dayton, Dewey & Co. have a very excellent mill, built in '66 at cost of \$16,000. They grind with equal facility, wheat, rye, corn, hay, oats and stabling, likewise axes all of which is notwithstanding. Mr. W.C. Lord is proprietor of what is without doubt the best mill in the county; although not so large as its neighbor, it is nevertheless capable of performing much work, and in a very thorough manner, we should judge although not being a millerite we can make no positive assertions. We next called upon Messrs. Vaughn and Evans, who are about converting an old grist mill, located about a mile from the village, into a woolen mill which is to be supplied with the best machinery in market. The establishment is 40 x 50, three stories in height, and ten feet from the floor to the ceiling. The first floor will be devoted to finishing purposes, the second to carding, and the third to weaving. The machinery has been ordered from Worcester, Mass., and Messrs. Vaughn & Evans, hope to commence work before the middle of next month. They will probably give employment to eighteen hands. The people of Waupaca seem to appreciate this desirable addition to their manufacturing interests, and will doubtless unite in sustaining so important an item of manufacturing in their midst. There are also two planing mills, a steam mill owned by Messrs. Bently & Sherwin, and one on the bank of the river, owned by parties whose names we did not learn. There are also one or two saw mills reported to be doing well, although we regret our inability to visit them. We called on Sheriff Taggart at his quarters in the pleasant and commodious jail building, on the rocks, by whom we were pleasantly entertained. We are indebted to him for many courtesies, and will attempt to reciprocate when opportunity offers. Mr. I.H. Kean, has a fanning-mill manufactory. We think his work will compare favorably with that of any similar establishment in the State. Messrs. H.J. & A. Stetson, proprietors of an extensive dry goods store, are erecting a handsome building on the corner of Main and Union streets 42 x 80, two stories in height, and 14 feet from floor to ceiling. The first floor consisting of two large stores, division wall between, but also arches, through which persons can pass from one to the other will be occupied by the Messrs. Stetson, with their stock of dry goods. The entire second floor will be used as a public hall. Mr. Royal

Green has charge of the erection of the building. Mr. Orin Rice of the firm of Orin Rice & Co., is also superintending the erection of a very fine brick building, 28 x 70 which he hopes to have ready for his stock of dry goods, crockery &c., ere Oct. 1st. Messrs. P.A. Chesley & Co. have the most extensive stock of hardware which we have inspected since leaving Oshkosh. We hope Mr. C's trade may increase so that he will be compelled to get in a still larger stock. Mr. Chesley is erecting a handsome dwelling, 34 x 56 near the lake, which will be completed before the snows of winter are upon us. Mr. Geo. Strickland, the Jeweler of Waupaca, is doing a fine business. We trust his profits may be large, and his circle of friends never be broken. Mr. Strickland is also engaged in building a store on Main Street, into which he will move so soon as finished. We have only space to refer to the pleasant store of R.R. Roberts, Esq., corner of Main and Union Streets, and his very superior stock of groceries and dry goods. The streets of Waupaca are broad and pleasant, its residences are pleasantly located, and handsome, its churches numerous, its school building quite pretty, and its newspaper the Criterion, edited by Leslie J. Perry, Esq., a good one in every respect. We hope to again visit this pleasant village, and make an addition to this letter.

LILLIE PUSHEN

Hops
By J.J. Johnson

Prior to becoming known as the dairy state, and the reign of potatoes in central Wisconsin, a major crop of settlers was hops. While early settlers used hops for such things as creating yeast for baking and making a kind of snuff to help treat catarrh, a favorite local use was the creation of ale (with many settlers having their own favorite recipes for making a heady beverage for the adults to enjoy with their families).

In 1861 the hop crop in New York State failed. Following on the heels of this failure, heavy taxation measures on strong alcoholic drinks helped the development of breweries. These incidents resulted in a ten-year period of growth in raising hops.

There were 500 acres of hops planted in Waupaca County in 1867. In that year a total of 35,000 bales of hops was raised in Wisconsin. Records indicate that an additional 800 acres of hops were added to that number in 1868. By 1878 Waupaca County shipped more hops annually than almost any other county in the state.

At its peak an acre of land held 650 poles and could provide the farmer with \$150 for more in cash. Ten acres planted in hops was considered a good size yard although many area farmers planted more. Although little heard of today, many farmers were able to pay off their mortgages through this cash crop. One farmer earned \$5,000 in just one year from raising hops, enough to pay for his whole farm. And back when settlers depended upon one another for help, with the aid of a neighbor one farmer in the Dayton/Farmington area hauled \$40,000 worth of hops in forty-eight hours over the road between the Veterans' Home and Waupaca.

Some of the Waupaca County settlers who were known to have grown hops were: George and Merrick Allen, H.L. Allington, L.H. Baggs, N.L. Baker, W.C. Barlow, Collier, T. Court, M.V. Day, W.C. Dewey, Gurley, Ed Guyant, H. Hall, Hammond, Orin Harrington, Hearn, F.C. Holman, Walt Jensen, C.M. Jones, Frank King, Peter Meiklejohn, Asher Penney, L. Perry, Wm. Polley, J. Rappleyea, E. Robinson, Ed Sill, John Syses, H. Talady, W.F. Waterhouse, H.C. Wilcox, Ole Olson Wogsland Jr., S. Woodard, Vaughn, and Bill Vesey.

In 1868 Waterhouse filed a patent for a kiln to improve the method of drying the hops after they had been harvested. Prior to this time it was common to use a stove and sulfur during the process. Waterhouse's plan was to create a slatted base that could be moved over a large kiln made of stone or brick. Additionally he noted the building should have a tin roof rather than the wooden shingles commonly used at that time. This roof was as built in a manner that would allow the heat to be retained and reflected back into the building, while still allowing the vapors to escape, so the hops would dry more evenly. By his method the hops obtained a uniform color and scent, thus increasing their value.

Meiklejohn had started growing hops around 1860 or 1862. In 1867-68 over-production caused many farmers to fail but Meiklejohn believed hops would come back as a valuable cash crop and continued to plant them in the following years. His decision proved correct and with the growth of the breweries, particularly in Milwaukee, the crop again gained prominence. By 1870 Meiklejohn was reported to have one of the best hop yards in the state.

(According to a diary the Allens were planting hops from 1874 through 1879 with records indicating hops were his main crop even starting from his first years farming in this region. His diary tells of his going how he went to Ogdensburg to purchase hop poles and subsequently hauling them home, setting them up, planting the hops plants and tying the vines to the poles. In 1881 the History of Northern Wisconsin states that they "had the largest hop house in the county, it being 30 x 56, and well-equipped.")

Hop poles were generally fifteen to twenty feet high and placed about eight feet apart. They were set out in the spring beside the hops roots and strings were attached to the poles for the vines to climb up as they grew. It was noted that the vines were always grown in one direction around the poles.

Around August the green clusters of blossoms would start to take on a yellow cast and begin to rustle. Crops were watched carefully for these signs as time was of the essence for the hops deteriorated rapidly once they reached that point. Farmers had young men and women arranged in advance to come to harvest their fields. Youths were anxious for these jobs as it was a way they could earn actual cash. Many girls came down to this area on the steamboats for the opportunity to help with the harvest.

The men would cut the vines off just above the ground, pull out the poles (with the vines still wrapped along the strings attached to the poles) and take them over to where the girls waited by the hop boxes. The boxes, often made of one inch cedar boards, were six feet and three inches long; three feet and three inches wide and twenty-four inches deep. They were divided into four sections that were thirty-five inches long and eighteen inches wide. The poles were laid across these boxes.

The women would then pick the hops from the vines, letting the blossoms drop into the box below. There was one picker per pole and the girls were paid by the box. (There was often a good-natured rivalry among the women to see who would fill their section of the box first or who filled their boxes the most times during the day.) Once the boxes were filled the men would transfer the hops from the box, placing them in sacks which were hauled by wagons from the field to the hop house where the hops would be dried. In most cases the hop house was about sixteen feet square with a four-sided, steeply-sloping roof. A stove pipe was placed in the center of the roof. During the harvesting season a fire was maintained on the floor of the hop house to ensure the hops would dry quickly. It was the condition of the dried hops that would play an important role in how much the farmer would get for his crop.

Although the work was tedious and hard on the back, the young people managed to partake in some good-humored joking. The men would sometimes bump the boxes causing the hops to settle. Not to be outdone, the women would occasionally catch one of the men and push him into one of the boxes.

Despite the low pay, men and women were eager to be hired to work during the harvest season for as it was one way to earn some hard cash. During the harvest the farmer provided bed and board to the workers. (Some of the larger concerns had actual dormitories built for the men and women.) At the end of the day the larger farms had gatherings such as melon parties and dancing. Music usually consisted of a violin and bass viol or and organ and fiddle. Square dancing was popular along with an occasional waltz, all of which were supervised by the farmer and his wife. During the week most places ended the festivities around ten o'clock while others left it to the workers' discretion as long as they were able to make it into the fields at daylight and give a good day's work.

Eventually the hops crops started to fail through bad weather and disease (the farmers had no protection for their crops against the hop louse) and while many farmers grew various grains, the dairy industry was starting to dominate the farm industry.

Waupaca Post
April 15, 1881

One morning last week J.S. Potter, of Lind, went into his barn to do his morning work. While attending to his horses he noticed a large Newfoundland dog in the barn, but thought little about it and went to the barn floor for a pail he had left there, when the dog flew at him and bit him fearfully in the face and wrist. Mr. Potter had a long struggle to get rid of the ferocious brute and was badly injured. Medical aid was at once summoned and Mr. Potter is slowly recovering. We understand the dog belongs to Mr. Springer, of Fremont. How he came to be at Mr. Potter's place is not known. This is not the first time this dog has attacked people, and was regarded by those who knew him as a dangerous animal

Early Knight Families of Waupaca County
(Compiled by J.J. Johnson from Notes Provided by Sue Dunbar)

In the index of the naturalization records for Waupaca County, there are three men listed with the surname of Knight. **Robert Knight**, born in 1826, arrived in New York from England in May of 1851 and filed his declaration of intent to become a citizen of the United States on 31 July 1855; **Thomas Knight**, born 28 January 1849, arrived in New York from England in June of 1851 and filed his declaration of intent on 1 July 1870 (Thomas died 11 January 1904. He was married to Clara May Warriner who was born 13 May 1853 and died 1 December 1900.); and **James Knight**, born 1850, arrived in New York from England in October of 1852, filing his declaration of intent on 18 March 1875.

Robert William Knight was the husband of Ann Lock (1816-1905). They had seven children: **Joseph, William, John, Mary, Thomas, James** and a child that died in infancy. Robert settled on eighty acres of land in Section 29 in the Township of Farmington, Waupaca County around 1853. He died in 1869, being only forty-five years old. Ann died in 1905.

Their son **John** was born on this homestead on 21 December 1857. With his father's death occurring when he was just twelve years old, John was needed to work the homestead as a youth but attended the district's school as much as possible. In his early manhood he moved to "the west" where he lived for five years before returning to his home in Farmington. In 1893 he purchased a farm and worked to make improvements and increase his acreage. He married Helena Hearn (born in 1866) on 29 August 1883 and they had seven children: **Earl T.** (see below), **Florence** (who married F.J. Wymore of Craig, Colorado), **Robert Raymond** (who moved to Colby, Wisconsin), **Hugh M.** (who moved to Eau Claire, Wisconsin), **Margaret** (who married R.E. Medbarry of Gibbonsville, Idaho), **Olive** (who married Ralph Pound lived in Waupaca) and **May/Mary** (who married Myron Schultz of Lanark Township, Wisconsin). John died 12 January 1939 at the home of his daughter Mary, who had been caring for him while he was ill. His wife Mary died 24 September 1937. They had also had a child that died as an infant.

Earl Thomas Knight grew up on the family homestead located at the base of what was locally known as "Knight's Hill". This was a large hill located in Section 29 in the Township of Farmington on Highway 54 about five miles west of Waupaca. In 1909, at the age of 24 years, he decided to move out "West" and remained there for forty-eight years. During this time in Washington State he worked as a deck hand on a steamboat that plied the Columbia River, worked for the Oregon Trunk Railroad as a surveyor and then moved to Tucson, Arizona where he worked as a well driller. It was while in Tucson that he was married, settled down and became an "extra" on Tucson's Volunteer Fire Department. In 1913 he agreed to work a couple hours as a hose-driver for a friend for a dollar. His friend gave him the dollar, but never came back. Earl stayed on with the department, continuing as hose-man as an "extra" and eventually obtaining a full time job as a driver of a chemical wagon. In 1957 he returned to Waupaca where he got re-acquainted with his sister Mary, Mrs. Myron Schultz. According to an article by Wayne Guyant, Mary was four years old when Earl left home. After embracing his sister "he made the remark that he could not have held her like this before he left home, because he was so big and she was afraid of him. When he came in one door, he said, 'she would exit out another.' Mrs. Schultz countered with, 'Well, I am not too little or afraid no, so this calls for another big hug.'" Earl returned to Tucson where he died on 9 April 1964.

Another Knight who came to Waupaca County was **Joel Paul Knight** but it appears he would have filed his declaration of intent in another county or state as he does not appear in any of the books for filing his declaration, a petition for citizenship or other documents of this nature in Waupaca County. Joel was born 21 June 1829 in Yarcombe, Devon, England to Joel and Mary (Bright) Knight and married Caroline Dunn(e) in 1851. Caroline, who was also from Yarcombe, was born 17 February 1825. Shortly after their marriage they emigrated from Plymouth, England on the ship "Johns" and although married, Caroline traveled under her maiden name, accompanied by her brother William and sister Ellen. Joel traveled with his brother Robert (listed above). The ship landed in New York on 2 May 1851.

In 1852 he was living on a farm near Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

Joel Knight moved his family onto some property he had purchased from the government in the Township of Farmington around 1854 which ran along much of the lake which came to be known as Knight Lake and is part of the Chain o' Lakes. According to the book "Stretching Waters", his property was issued to him under a deed that was presumably signed by President Benjamin Harrison. (However, the dates seem somewhat off for this.) However, records do indicate that Joel received two government land patents in Farmington Township and later purchased some land in the Town of Dayton. Because his lands encompassed much of the area around one of the Chain o' Lakes, it came to be called Knight Lake. When the Township held its first town meeting (on 4 July 1854) Joel was elected as overseer of highways for District Number 1.

The couple had three children: **Page, George W. and Caroline Rhoda.**

Caroline died 11 July 1959 and was buried in the Barton cemetery in Farmington Township. She had given birth to their daughter Caroline Rhoda Knight on 9 May 1859. When Caroline Rhoda was three years old she was adopted by Richard and Mary Dolling. About 1866 their son Page was sent East to live with his uncle, William J. Dunn in the State of New York. Their child George, who was born 7 April 1855, died 17 July 1869.

Joel married Mrs. Elizabeth (nee Engle) Eggleston several years after the death of Caroline. Elizabeth was born 21 December 1829 and had a son, John T. from her first marriage. John T. later took the name John T. Knight. Joel and Elizabeth had no children together. Elizabeth died 18 November 1908. Joel moved in with his son Page, who lived in Waupaca, in 1909 and died there on 9 July 1916. At the time of his death he was survived by his daughter Caroline (who was married to John Radley), son Page (who was married to Sarah Ogden) and his adopted son John T. He was also survived by a nephew John Knight who lived in Farmington.

Waupaca County Post December 17, 1925

Nearly Half Germans Among Immigrants Coming to Wisconsin

According to the annual report of Commissioner of Immigration Hall at Washington, a total of 4,618 immigrate aliens took up residence in Wisconsin during the past year.

Of these 2,838 were Germans. Scandinavia supplied the next largest number, 640. There were 271 English; 153 Irish; 122 Dutch and Flemish; 97 Scotch; 78 Hebrew; 70 French, 65 Polish; 49 Czech; 27 Russian; 22 Slovak; 21 Italians, 20 each Chinese and Croatians; 16 northern Italians; 14 each Welch, Magyar and Armenians; 11 Greek; 10 Finnish; 8 each Lithuanian and Bulgarian; 7 each Spanish American and Ruthenian; 6 Mexican; 3 Japanese; 2 each Turkish and Dalmatian; 1 each Syrian, Portuguese, and Korean.

Of the immigrants admitted to Wisconsin, 495 were farm laborers and 447 were farmers, 1906 including women and children had no occupation. Almost every trade was represented in the Wisconsin list of immigrants. There were even 2 brewers admitted although it is understood they probably found no employment at their regular trade awaiting them in the Badger state.

Here are some of the occupations of immigrant aliens who settled in Wisconsin in the past year.

Architects 5; clergymen 17; engineers, professional 24; electricians 22; literary and scientific persons 4; musicians 7; officials, government 2; physicians 4; sculptors and artists 2; teachers 16; bakers 23; barbers and hairdressers 10; bookbinders 28; brewers 2; butchers 22; cabinetmakers 4; carpenters 86; cigar makers 1; clerks and accountants 174; dressmakers 14; locomotive and marine engineers 7; furriers 4; gardeners 15; iron and steel workers 8; locksmiths 88; machinists 28; mariners 1; masons 20; mechanics 44; metal workers 5; millers 8; milliners 3; miners 25; painters 16; pattern makers, plasterers, stöckers, tanners, textile workers, tobacco workers, weavers, bankers, 1 each; photographers 4; plumbers 5; printers 10; seamstresses 3; shoemakers 20; stonecutters 17; tanners 9; watch and clockmakers 4; fishermen 6; manufacturers 5; merchants and dealers 360; laborers 223; servants 208.

Waupaca Republican September 16, 1881

Married - LINCOLN-HUMISTON, At the Baptist Church in this city, Tuesday evening, Sept. 13th, 1881. MR. CHARLES LINCOLN, of Stevens Point; and MISS LIBBIE HUMISTON, of this city Rev. W. C. Armstrong officiating. Miss Zelia Smith, of Appleton, as bridesmaid and Caleb J. Shearer, of this city, as groomsman.

Dedication Ceremony

Jean Spiegelberg reports that on June 21, 2014 there will be a gravestone dedication ceremony at the Block Cemetery, Ogdensburg, Wisconsin, at 11:00 for Adam J. Williams. The graveside service will be done by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) organization. The SUVCW is a patriotic and educational organization founded in 1881 to represent the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The name of the program is National Grave Registration Project. In Adam Williams' case, the SUVCW have replaced the gravestone which had broken in two and was found under several inches of topsoil several years ago. An open invitation is given to WAGS members to attend. We hope you can reserve this date to help honor this soldier of the Civil War.

Adam J. Williams served in the Civil War and paid the ultimate price. He signed onto Co. F of the 44th Regiment as a Private on October 8, 1864 for one year and died 7/6/1865 in the post hospital at Paducah, Kentucky only 9 months into his enlistment.

Adam was the eighth child of Adams Williams (Note: Adams is correct) and Elizabeth "Betsy" Bouck. The 1850 Federal Census lists him with his father, mother and four siblings in Newfane (Niagara County), New York (located near Lockport on Lake Ontario). By 1860 his father and mother had moved to Gaines Township, Kent County, Michigan near Grand Rapids on the west-central side of Lake Michigan. He married Mathilda Bloss on 10/26/1854 in Grandville (Kent County), Michigan. The 1860 census shows Adam, his wife Mathilda, and now they have three children – Albert-1855, Charles-1858, and Florence-1859. After the 1860 census Sarah Jane-1862, Norman, 1863, and George N-1863 were born. By 1885 Adam is listed in Little Wolf Township, Waupaca County, Wisconsin where he had purchased over 300 acres of land.

According to the history of the 44th Wisconsin Infantry, it was called into service in the autumn of 1864. The companies were sent to Nashville as fast as they were recruited. Our Adam left Camp Randall after October 10 – reaching Nashville on November 30. There were four additional companies (A-B-C-D) now under Lt. Col. Bissell. All five companies were present at the battle of Nashville on December 15 and 16. They were in the trenches between Ft. Negley and Franklin Pike, a portion of them being detailed to guard prisoners.

The 44th regiment was employed in post and guard duty at Nashville, until March 9th, when they were sent by General Thomas to Eastport, Mississippi, to escort some Union prisoners of war that Forrest was to deliver to them at that point. The prisoners not having arrived, the regiment returned to Nashville and embarked April 3rd, for Paducah, Kentucky, at which place they were employed in picket duty until August 28th, when they were mustered out of service. Adam was listed on muster-out roll of Co. F of the 44th Regiment on 8/28/1865 as "died in General Hospital, Paducah, Ky, July 6th 1865 – cause of death dysentery"

Regimental Statistics.-Original strength, 877. Gain: by recruits in 1865, 235; substitutes, 2; total, 1,114. Loss: - by death, 57; desertion, 48; transfer, 121; discharge, 92; muster-out, 796.

I sent for pension papers for Adam, hoping to get a definite birth date, but the papers didn't contain a specific date or any new information.

In September of 1869, Mathilda remarried to Smith Lapham Wait. Smith had been married to Alvira Eldredge who died in May of 1869. Smith now had six children ages 4-16 and Mathilda had five children ages 6-14. Mathilda and Smith ultimately had three children of their own – Allie, Fanny, and Frankie.

On a personal note, according to Leola (Peterson) Spiegelberg, granddaughter of John and Sarah Jane Moore, Smith and Mathilda came to see Grandma and Grandpa John Moore in Ogdensburg quite often. Leola remembered that Smith always said "What a beautiful, beautiful world!"

NOTE: A resource about the "Iron Brigade" is a book called *Wisconsin Iron*, by Michael Eckers, which tells about the Wisconsin Civil War soldiers in the "Iron Brigade." Mr. Echers spoke at the Waupaca Library about two months ago, not at the Winchester Academy, but on another evening. Mr. Echers said a high ranking officer saw how that brigade fought and said "They fight like iron." The brigade was made up of soldiers from several states. Thus the brigade got its name.

QUERY:

Dennis Miller looking for information about the Mueller/Miller family in the Symco/Big Falls area. Anyone who can help, please contact Darlene Ryan.

Additions to the WAGS Collection

If you have been on the WAGS website lately you may have noticed a change in the listing of property at the Holly History and Genealogy Center (HHGC). Sue Dunbar has been busy inventorying the folders in the file cabinet and has provided more information as to what can be found in the various folders. Also, those folders which contained only an obituary have been combined into one folder marked "Obituaries" and the index now lists what page in this folder the specific obituary is located.

Documents which have been added to the file cabinet are:

- Baird/Bayard, James R. – genealogy informatio
- Barnes, Able – obit, page 39
- Ellingson/Evenson/Ogaard – genealogy information, pedigrees, photos, letters – large file
- Ellingson/Haugen – genealogy information
- Gottschalk, Irving (Lt. Charles) – newspaper article
- Hall, Albert – obit, page 38
- Jensen, Charley – obit, page 36
- Jensen, Pedar & Karenstine Danielson Family - photo
- Jones, Charles – obit, page 37
- Lamb, Chester – obit, page 43
- Lord, Winthrop – obit, page 43
- McMurtery/McMurtry/MacMurtrie – genealogy information
- Nelson, Charles, Mrs. – information and obit
- Noyes, Wesley – obit, page 35
- Pannette, Robert – Mayflower lineage, certificate for Robert F. Pannette (also see Ellingson/Haugen – Gard & Brownwell – Cottrell & – Cottrell & Abbott II – Abbott I & Evenson I – and Ellingson Family history books)
- Poll, Alfred – obit, page 40
- Pommer, Mrs. Chris – obit, page 35
- Redfield, Josiah – obit, page 42
- Springer, William – obit, page 36
- Suhs, Herman – obit, page 41

Books which have been added to the shelves:

- A History of Peter P. Hershberger & Leal Hockstetler – compiled by Leo D. Hershberger
- Abbot I c-2 - from Sandy Pannett
- Abbot II c-2 - from Sandy Pannett
- Brownell/Cottrell c-2 - from Sandy Pannett
- Ellingson Family History - from Sandy Pannett
- Ellingson/Haugen/Gaard USA & Norway c-2 by Anna E. Abbott - from Sandy Pannett
- Evenson I c-2 - from Sandy Pannett
- History of the Waupaca Area Public Library by Marie App
- Native Realm – The Polish-American Community of Portage County 1857-1992
- The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Missouri – From Sandy Pannett

CD's which have been added:

- Cemeteries of the Portage County Area

We want to thank Sandy Pannett of Tyler, Texas for her generous donations made in memory of her husband, Robert Pannett.

Weyauwega Chronicle
May 7, 1881

H.S. Dixon, of New London, died of lung fever April 29th.

DIED – Last Monday morning Joseph Brewer came up from Oshkosh, and was taken to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Consaulus. He had been sick for some time and hoped to get better by coming here, but the change gave him no benefit. On Wednesday he died. A post mortem examination by Doc. Walbridge revealed the fact that his disease was cancer in the stomach. Many of our old residents will remember him, as he was one of the early settlers of this village.

Waupaca Republican
May 27, 1881

Mrs. J. Barr Glen, with her nephew, Alec Clark, started for Scotland Wednesday evening to be absent about a year. "Alec" came here about two years ago in search of health, and at one time it was thought he had gained a mastery over disease, but this spring he began to go down again, and the dread destroyer consumption has marked him and he has gone home to Scotland to die. Miss Louella Tinkham accompanies them as far as Albany, on her way to Vermont for a visit during the summer.

Dr. Brainerd has made arrangements for delivering milk in the city, morning and evening, in any desired quantity, to all who wish it. He will bring fresh, new milk or cream to your door, which will be a great convenience. It seems to us our citizens ought to patronize some one sufficiently to induce them to run a milk wagon here. Give Dr. Brainerd your patronage. Leave orders at either of the bakeries.

Waupaca Republican
June 10, 1881

A new sash fastener has been devised by G.L. Lord of this city. Like most good inventions, it is very simple and easily and cheaply applied. It may be used on either the lower or upper sash of the window and is sure to hold it secure at any point desired. And it is not a conspicuous object on the window and may be operated by a child.

Waupaca Republican
December 9, 1881

The many friends of Dr. Donaldson will be pleased to learn that he is comfortably settled in his new home, Fargo, Da. The doctor understands his "biz" and is bound to succeed wherever he goes.

We learn that W.J. Chamberlain has bought the interest of John Poll, in the planing mill, sawmill and lumber business. Mr. Chamberlain will give his personal attention to the business.

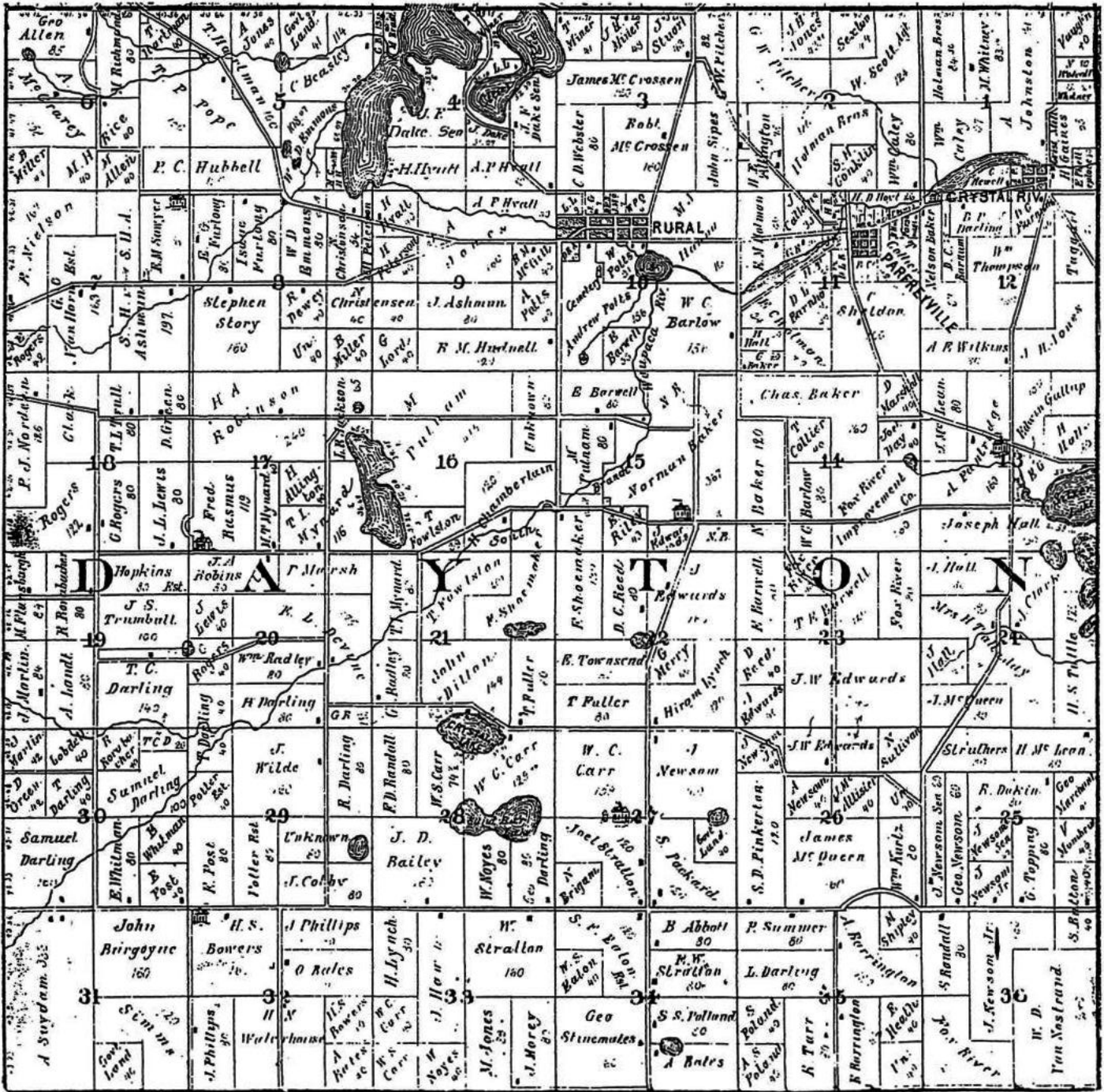
Waupaca Republican
July 21, 1882

Peter Sommers of Crystal Lake, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn on last Saturday. He was an early settler in this county. About ten years ago he lost his eyesight and of late his actions have indicated partial insanity. He was 75 years of age.

Waupaca Republican
September 15, 1882

John Iverson was seriously injured while working in his planing mill last week. He sustains the loss of his right eye. ... Dr. Raven, of Scandinavia, was over Wednesday night in attendance upon John Iverson.

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Calendar of Events & Meetings

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meets 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the lower level meeting room of the Holly History & Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI. 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.

June 4, 2014 Wednesday, 6 p.m.	SPAGS Cemetery Walk – Greenvale Cemetery (also known as the Dopp or Towne Cemetery), in the Town of Belmont, Portage County. The walk will be led by Pam Anderson – Directions below
June 12, 2014 Thursday – after 4 p.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Meeting – Round Table
June 21, 2014 Saturday, 11:00	Graveside Dedication at Block Cemetery in Ogdensburg, Wisconsin
July 12, 2014	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
August 9, 2014 Saturday	Potluck Picnic at Ray and Faith Wilde's – N520 West Road
September 13, 2014 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting – Accelerate Genealogy with Website Use – Share Your Discoveries, Positive and Negative
October 1 – 31, 2014	October is Family History Month - High School Essay Contest begins October 1 st with submissions due no later than October 31
October 11, 2014 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting – Review Find-A-Grave – Share Your Findings & How to Print/File/Save/Share - October is Family History Month! School essays due by the end of the month!
October 18, 2014 Saturday	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Seminar Hotel Mead, 451 East Grant Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin
November 8, 2014 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Meeting – Round Table Election of Officers. Review of By-Laws. Routine Expense Approval. Hand out slips to members: "What do you want to learn in 2015?"
December 13, 2014 10:00/10:30 a.m.	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Meeting – Christmas Brunch – At King's Table in King, Wisconsin. Dutch treat, members order from menu.
January 10, 2015	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting

Directions to Ray & Faith Wilde's – U.S. 10, Waupaca, WI to N520 West Road, Waupaca, WI 54981
Distance: 11.5 miles (18.5km) Time: 0 hrs., 13mins.

1. Head southeast on US-10 E - Drive for 1.2 miles.
2. Take the WI-22 S/County Rd K exit toward Waupaca/Wildrose - Drive for 0.2 miles.
3. Turn right onto County Rd K/WI-22 S Continue to follow WI-22 S - Drive for 9.9 miles.
4. Turn right onto W Rd - Drive for 0.2 miles. 1st Driveway on right.

Directions to Greenvale Cemetery – From Stevens Point drive south on WI I-39/US-51 (21.3 miles); take exit 136 for WI-73. Turn left onto WI-73 toward Plainfield; drive east 2.5 miles, going through Plainfield, continuing on the Hwy P/Hwy 73 intersection. Continue straight east on Hwy P, about 11.4 miles. Turn left onto WI-22 N; Drive 2.5 miles north. The cemetery is on the right.

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Vice-President: Nancy Helbach
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Treasurer: Pam Sannes

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Newsletter Editor: JJ Johnson
Publication Committee: Paula Vaughan & Jean Spiegelberg
Research: Darlene Ryan

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.

To contact officers, please send to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com.

Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must reach the editor by the following deadlines or the item will be held over for a future newsletter. All items submitted for publication will be published as space permits. Queries are free to members and \$1.50 per query to non-members. Items submitted for publication can be sent directly to: JJ Johnson, 725 Larsen Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 or e-mailed to catunga@sbcglobal.net

Newsletter deadlines:

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

Publications

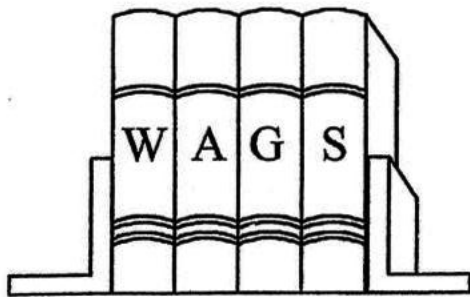
A Publications Committee was formed in 2010 for the purpose of obtaining publication ideas and information for future projects. Paula Vaughan is currently the Chairperson of this committee with Jean Spiegelberg also serving on this committee.

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.

WAGS

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

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This summer has been very busy with little time to be on the road for research. My paternal side of the family celebrated our 40th Family reunion on a beautiful summer day. This year I told the basic stories of my Aunts and Uncles; where they were born, baptized, went to school, were confirmed, met, married, lived and died. I then asked family for memories of their parents or grandparents and put together a book for future generations. We honored our veterans with a board listing their names and the branch of service they served or are serving and did the Pledge of Allegiance. A cemetery walk was put together by a cousin and conducted to remember the eleven children. All but one are buried in Concordia cemetery in Waushara County right across from where we meet each year.

I would like to wish our member, Faith a speedy recovery after her emergency surgery this past month, and both her and Ray **Congratulations** on their 58th Wedding Anniversary this past August.

On a sadder note our condolences go out to JJ on the loss of her brother, Ray whom passed in August of this year.

Remember that the WSGS 2014 Fall Seminar is being held in Wisconsin Rapids and hosted by the Heart O' Wisconsin Genealogical Society this year with Jay Fonkert, CG, as the speaker. For more information go to WSGS.org.

A very big "Thank You" to our volunteers this past summer on Saturday mornings at the Holly History and Genealogy Center; Pam Sannes, Sue Dunbar, Elva Larsen, George & Lois Alfsen, Carolyn West, Ann Sosinske, Nancy Helbach, Glenda Rhodes and Robert & Jean Spiegelberg.

A personal "Thanks" to Sue Dunbar who filled in whenever I asked her to open the HHGC for research by request on days the building was not open to the public and I had a scheduling conflict that did not permit me to assist the person myself.

*Happy Hunting,
Darlene*

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JON BOEHM

Jon and Sandra Boehm live in Findlay, Ohio where he is retired from his position with the Department of Transportation. Not one to let moss grow under his feet, he continues to work part time as a Quality Control Technician at a nearby stone quarry while pursuing "the story that never ends", his family history.

Jon's family has ties to the areas of Weyauwega, West Bloomfield, Fremont, Manawa and Royalton areas in Waupaca County and encompasses such familiar surnames as Buchholtz (with all its myriad of various spellings), Handrich, Yanke, Behm, Fenske, Fischer, and Thiel. In fact, Jon surmises the family ties in to pretty much anyone from that area.

He joined WAGS in 1997 but his research began back in 1992. He had just started looking at his maternal line when his Grandma Buchholtz gave him her copy of a family history that had been started by one of his cousins. During his research he connected with several people who were kind enough to share family histories which they had spent years of their lives documenting back in the pen and pencil days before computers made recordkeeping so much easier to make additions and corrections. He still has boxes of paperwork and family trees waiting to get entered into his computer and are treasured as much of the information in the boxes are of the nature that are not available online. As Jon stated, "one thing led to another and things just snowballed from there. Just staying current is a challenge!"

Over the years Jon says he has received a lot of help and while he has appreciated all of these times a number of instances do stand out from during his years of research. One of the best was when his cousin Bill Handrich gave him four BIG notebooks of family history. There was so much information that it took Jon a month or two to input all the data into his system. The books solved a lot of Jon's "roadblocks" but opened up a lot more avenues of research to explore.

Jon also is very thankful to Darlene Ryan, a blood cousin on his Yanke line, Lois Fischer from Fremont (a cousin once or twice over through the Handrich, Buchholtz and Fischer lines). Another wonderful notebook filled with some information he may not ever have known about otherwise came from Margaret Johnson of Scandinavia in regard to his Thiel lines. Margaret passed on without Jon having ever had a opportunity to meet her but with her help and that of other family members from Waupaca County he received a LOT of information from "way back when".

AND his mother's memory is a continual blessing in his journey. She has the amazing ability when talking about family with Jon to say such things as "well, that would be cousin so-and-so's brother to my mom's uncle's sister's brother" or "would be your first cousin to your uncle.." Something most of us would need to pull out the charts for figure out the relationship!

And there are those wonderful "finds" that come in from unexpected sources. Jon has a cousin in Michigan who received twenty some notebooks – complete with indexes – from a lady. Ironically the lady who sent the notebooks to Jon's cousin in Michigan was from a lady who lived in the same town as Jon in Ohio. The lady got them from where she used to work in the clerk of courts office and went back to World War I. And yes, they were ALL family! And yes, they are among the papers Jon is working valiantly to get added into his records.

Jon uses Ancestry in his research but stresses that you have to be careful to know what you are looking at and to be aware there is a lot of erroneous data posted. Still it is a good resource for providing a direction to take in doing research. He is also a big fan of FindaGrave. He is able to get help with obituary information and photographs. He checks for information from a lot of funeral homes which are making their information more and more accessible to researchers. And of course he reminds people that the genweb sites that Paula Vaughn helps to maintain contain a WEALTH of information!

As far as other resources he adds "Waupaca County does an excellent job keeping open access to the birth/death and other records. Also, any type of cemetery records are great. And if you can find access to any of the older church records from the area they are a Godsend. The Holly History and Genealogy Center at Waupaca also has a lot of good information." There are also those times when you can get the information you are seeking from the "in-law family" that will tie back to what you are seeking and he often ends up "working both ends from the middle".

And Jon sent a special thank you to "the kids from WAGS ... and all the extra help that I've had." Like many of our WAGS members, Jon faces the challenges incumbent to living out of state and researching his home ties to Wisconsin and Waupaca County but has an adage – Have data base will persevere – and share.

OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

September 3, 1868

WAUPACA COUNTY

Special Correspondence of Daily Northwestern

WAUPACA, August 24th, 1868

In our last we stated that an addition to our report from this place was not improbable, hence we once more, and for the last time, appear before the readers of the NORTHWESTERN, as "ye traveling correspondent, Lillie Pushen." While in our wandering hither and thither through Waupaca County, we have found much to condemn, we have found more to admire and praise. Last Thursday evening, during a temporary sojourn at Weyauwega, we attended a quadrille party at the "Northwestern" House, gotten up by our friend Tarbell, and we gladly insert a word of decided commendation of the same. The music was excellent, the refreshments ditto, and the pretty country lasses as coquettish and enchanting as ever. The suspicious opening of the Northwestern House will, we trust, be but a harbinger of a successful future. Success, therefore, to Geo. D. Tarbell, its agreeable and attentive landlord. We omitted to mention when speaking of the above named house in our last, that a new and pleasant billiard room has been opened in the basement by Mr. Harmon. Thither, all Weyauwegans repair, and each enriches its proprietor with a "little twenty cents" before leaving. We would also state to our patrons, that if when visiting the pleasant village of Weyauwega, they desire to take a drive through the environs, they can secure an excellent rig of Mr. H. Crane, proprietor of a good livery stable. An exchange of "O Reservoir's" with our Weyauwega friends, and we are riding through the country, between Weyauwega and Waupaca. Upon our right we notice the splendid hop yard of Mr. Vaughn, the finest in town, and upon every side, even upon land which would be deemed by many almost wholly unproductive, were seen splendid fields of cereals and hops. Upon the summit of a mountain far away to the left can be plainly discerned, the "Lone Pine", standing *solitaire*, far away from its kindred. But what meaneth those spires, and roofs of buildings glistening in the intense sunlight. *Those* are Waupaca. We ask, "Why is thus?" Echo replies, "It cannot was." But we must drop the pencil of the newspaper writer, and taking up that of the artist attempt to sketch the beautiful village of Waupaca, nestling cozily in the valley, with its rough rocky background, in the middle distance. But we fear we have already ventured beyond our depth, and will discourse somewhat upon the practical, merely referring to a few matters, unintentionally neglected, upon a former visit. Messrs. H.C. Mead & Co., proprietors of the Bank of Waupaca, are, we should judge, finely established in business. With Mr. Mead, we had an agreeable chat, and for the first time learned, that Darling, the Fond du Lac frog doctor, had practiced his wild cat system of banking in Waupaca, a few years ago, but finally left to save (?) his reputation. H.J. Perkins, "ye Waupaca artist," showed us several fine samples of his handiwork, which would certainly do no discredit to a much larger place than Waupaca. The Waupackers seem to be provided for in this matter of music, having a good cornet band under the leadership of E. Thompson, Esq., and a string band of which Mr. A.P. Buck is leader.

In this, our concluding report, we feel that we would be doing manifest injustice, in the event of making no reference to the "Putnan" and "Raymond" hotels, both of which take precedence of many hotels at which we have eaten and lodge in the Northwest. The former house, under the proprietorship of A.A. Putnan, Esq., is well managed, and its rival, presided over by Mr. N. Raymond, none the less so. The "Putnan" House is now, we understand, offered for sale, as its owner wishes to engage in another business. It is a very desirable institution in every respect, and one in which the proper man cannot fail to obtain a fine subsistence. But the shades *noctis* are gradually enveloping me in their ample folds, therefore, Avoirdupois,

LILLIE PUSHEN

Waupaca Republican
February 7, 1878

Mrs. Ole Larson died on last Friday night, and was buried on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Larson was esteemed, as a very excellent woman. Her funeral, from the Danish Lutheran Church, was largely attended.

THE WAUPACA REPUBLICAN

July 13, 1876

HISTORY OF FARMINGTON

Read by C. L. Green, at the Dayton Celebration

Township No. 22, North of Range No. 11 East, known as the town of Farmington, was first settled by Ambrose M. Gard, who made his claim in the month of September, 1849, on the north east quarter of the north west quarter, of Section No. 25.

As the tide of emigration was fast pouring into the then far West, the country soon became settled. Among the first settlers may be named Roswell Hicks and Granville Jones, who made their claims on Section No. 27, in the fall of 1849, building the first house in the town, into which they moved about the 28th day of December, having passed a portion of the winter in a cloth tent at Waupaca Falls, undergoing all the hardships and privations of frontier life; being surrounded by Indians and wild beasts, living for several months upon corn ground in a common coffee mill, and deprived of all of the comforts of civilization.

The first plowing was done by Mr. Jones, in the spring of 1850. The nearest grist mill being at Plover, Portage County, they were obliged to take their grain there to be ground, it taking them three days to go and return, with oxen.

The first white child born in the town was Rollin Jones, in 1851.

C. O. Brown, a native of Sweden, came here in 1849. Going to New York in 1851; he returned with about seventy families of his native countrymen, a number of whom settled in the north east quarter of the town.

On the fourth day of July, 1851, just a quarter of a century ago, the patriotism of the country swelled forth in the first grand celebration of American Independence held in Waupaca county, on the farm of Granville Jones, on the north side of Maple Island Lake. The orator of the day was Wilson Holt, then residing in Waupaca. There were fifty persons present at the celebration, coming from all directions on foot and with oxen.

As the land in this part of the country had not yet come into market, it could not be entered. It was not until the year 1852, that it was offered for sale. In that year the following persons entered land at the Land Office at Menasha: Abigail C. Sessions, Horace Dewey, John McArthur, Robert Morrison, Roswell Hicks, Ambrose M. Gard, Merrick Barton, Caleb Preston, F. L. King, A. R. Gray, C. O. Brown, J. K. Parish, Geo. W. Ross, Jonas Nordeen, Otis Beck, John Harris, Francis Beardmore, A. E. Erickson, Alfred Godfrey, Maurice Hearn Eastman, Amie Oco Roberts, Wm. Pitt Edwards, Granville Jones, and S. Leonard.

On the 15th day of April, 1853, the town was formed, the name Farmington being given it by Francis Beardmore, not because he thought it the best farming town, but because he was a farmer and thought it the most appropriate name. Previous to that time it belonged to Waupaca.

The first election was held at the house of John Fisher, on the first Tuesday of April, 1854. There were forty votes cast. The officers elected were: Granville Jones, Chairman; Merrick Barton and C. O. Brown, Supervisors; Francis Beardmore, Town Clerk, and C. O. Brown, Town Treasurer.

In 1861 an effort was made to build a railroad from Fremont on the Wolf River, to Stevens Point, on the Wisconsin, via Waupaca. Aid was asked of the several towns along the line of the road. Farmington responded by voting seven hundred dollars, also by subscriptions from private individuals. The funds were used, the grading partly finished to Waupaca and then abandoned. Since that time the Wis. Cen. railroad has been built, passing through the town, thereby giving to the inhabitants a better means of transportation. There is now one flouring mill, one post office, a hotel, two stores, one church, three cemeteries, one railroad depot and seven school houses in the town, with about four thousand acres of land under improvement, and a population of about eight hundred. The principal occupation of the inhabitants is farming. The chief productions are wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, hops, and wool. There are a number of fine residences in the town; also several beautiful lakes, which are the resort of pleasure and fishing parties.

One little incident may be mentioned, relating to the defenses of the country in its early days. A large black bear having invaded the territory, the neighbors congregated together to drive him away. He was driven across Maple Island Lake on to what is called Raspberry Island. Roswell Hicks seizing his large sabre in his teeth, swam across the lake, drove him back to the main land where he was slain by the land forces.

C. L. Green.

Waupaca Republican
November 10, 1905

FROM AN OLD PIONEER.

Dorchester ("Dot") Jones, son of Granville Jones,
Who helped stake out the First Homestead Near the Beautiful Chain o' Lakes,
Writes of Early Reminiscences - Only two Log Homes in Waupaca.

St. Joseph, Mo., Oct. 25, 1905.

W. H. HOLMES, EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

Dear Sir: - I sincerely hope you will pardon my seeming indifference to your kind favors received on the first of last month, as it was not intentional. My name is on record in the City Directory, as a Pen Artist and although (strictly speaking) I am out of business I occasionally accept an order if the subject strikes my fancy. This happened to be the case when your letter reached me, the work consisting of title page illustrations for sheet music. You can have but a poor idea as to the amount of comfort your favors give me the perusal of the papers bring to the surface such a flood of pleasant memories that I hardly know how to thank you. I am especially pleased with your kindness in sending me the Post's Souvenir. The illustrations give me keen pleasure, and as well a glimpse of the past. You will doubtless better understand the situation when I inform you that my father, Granville Jones, was the first man to pace off a Homestead on the Chain o' Lakes and that I was undoubtedly, the first white boy to set foot on their frozen surface. I also assisted my father in building the first white man's boat ever floated in their beautiful waters. Not a cranny or nook on the entire coast line of the Chain o' Lakes, I have not visited time and again in this self same boat, sometimes with boon companions, but more frequently by myself. It was then I loved to indulge in Dreamland, to give my fancies full swing and perchance build a castle or two.

Game of all kinds in abundance and fish without limit; Ah! but those were happy days. Do you wonder if I am the least bit homesick. If my memory serves me right, I was fourteen when we landed in Waupaca, eighteen when we left the farm for Stevens Point, now I am speeding my seventieth year. I can hardly realize that half a century has passed since I bid goodbye to those old family scenes. It was late in the fall of 1849, or 1850, that we entered Waupaca in company with Mr. Roswell Hicks and family, at that time (if I remember right) there was but two log houses in Waupaca and they were covered with bark stripped from the Basswood or Linn tree and occupied by the Hibbard and Sessions families. We went into camp under the bluff north and next the river, erecting a temporary shack with carpets for sidewalls and rough pine boards for floor and roof. Lumber was a difficult proposition at that time so great was the demand. How well I remember Mrs. Sessions and my step-mother; will ever remain fresh in my memory. Snow had fallen to great depth and provisions were getting low, to replenish, a road had to be opened to the nearest town and that required the absence of every man able to swing an ax. One day my step-mother expressed some anxiety over the return of the absent, observing to Mrs. Sessions that she had a pot of beans on the stove, but they would not taste natural without a piece of salt pork to season them. Why Mrs. Jones, (says Mrs. Sessions), I have a small piece of pork I will loan you to season your beans, but as soon as they are done you must return it, as it is all I have, Mrs. Session's kind offer was not accepted, and the beans I expect, tasted rather flat to the rest, but to my youthful mind, the humor of it was all the seasoning necessary. The first house erected on the Chain o' Lakes was by Mr. Hicks, my father assisting. It was a log house of four rooms and both families occupied it until we erected a frontier palace on our place. Next came Morris Hearn, from Canada, he built the first frame house, and as well the first frame barn. Following came the Bartons, the Prestons, the Amies, the Gees, the McClaulies and Mr. Frank Beardmore an English bachelor. Mr. B. and I were great friends, and often changed work, his English oddities and his numerous, "His" were a continual source of amusement to me. One day he criticized my idea of harrowing directly after plowing, arguing that I should let the atmospheric hair pass through hit first; naturally the boy wanted to know what kind of "hair" that was. One cold, drizzly spring day, while I was working at his place, the constable at Waupaca rode out to serve some papers on him and was invited to take tea with us, which he gladly accepted as he was chilled through and through. I think the constable's name was Barr, at all events that is what we will call him. The hot tea naturally set Mr. Barr to shivering and presently attracted the attention of Mr. Beardmore, who cried out, why mon yer most staved, Mr. Barr, colored and coughed a bit, but resumed his eating, so did the shivers. Whereupon our genial host, again called Mr. Barr's attention to his staved condition.

Now thoroughly embarrassed, Mr. Barr shoved back from the table completely cured of the shivers, if the color of his face was any index as to his condition, and I, well I just collapsed, both staring at me in astonishment, but when I recovered sufficiently to explain all joined in the chorus, except mine host, who refused to be comforted until Mr. Barr, sat up and finished his dinner.

I derive great comfort in knowing that the boys in blue have found a haven of rest on the Chain o' Lakes. I was a boy in blue myself during the civil war and fully appreciate the magnanimous spirit shown by the loyal people of Old Wisconsin. I find it difficult however to locate most of the illustrations, which is due, principally to the absence of a map and the change of names, you will find enclosed a rough map of the lakes as I remember them naturally it must be inaccurate, when you consider long absence. I use the names that were in vogue during early days which I will explain together with several peculiar features that may have escaped your attention. The principle lake contains three Islands, No. 1. We called Hemlock, because it was covered with a dense hemlock forest, so dense in fact, that scarce a spear of grass would grow twenty feet from the margin. The foliage that had evidently been falling for ages lay at great depth and responded to the tread much as a Brussels carpet. Next the water a few red cedars grew and on the south side was a small group of Highbush cranberries, the only berries of the kind I ever met with and if there grew any Hemlock in the surrounding country I never heard of it. No. 2. We called Choke Cherry because it contained the only Choke Cherries in the country surrounding the lakes. Island No. 3, we gave the name Maple, because it contained the only sugar tree forest I ever heard of in the town, on the north shore near the north east corner of the lake was two good sized cotton wood trees, the first and only trees of the kind I ever met with before coming to Missouri about two hundred yards from this point, to the northeast grew a large shell bark hickory, I never met another in the county. To give you an idea of the depth of refuse covering Hemlock Island I will relate that one day Morris Hearn went on the Island to secure a piece of timber, taking his boys with him, to keep the boys from getting chilled he built a fire expecting it to exhaust itself, he left it burning and it continued to burn for over a month completely destroying the beauty of the Island. The following season it grew up a perfect bramble of Red Raspberries. Round Lake was so called because of its shape. Pike Lake, because it was headquarters for that sort of fish. Marl Lake because of a peculiar deposit of that nature to be found therein. Otter Lake because of an incident in which both my father and myself figured. We were skirting the lake looking for partridge when we were started by a commotion on the lake, and there we discovered as fine a specimen of the Otter family as one would want to see. He was amusing himself by sliding into the water through a hole in the ice and repeating the operation as it pleased him. It was a long shot and a doubtful one. When you consider that we had nothing with us in the shape of ammunition but bird shot; but the temptation was too great and the next time he showed upon the ice, father pulled the Trigger, and to our surprise he turned on his back without a struggle, but imagine our astonishment, when upon examination we could not discover the first sign of a wound or blood on him. When we removed the pelt however, we made the astonishing discovery that only one shot hit him that entering the orifice of the ear had penetrated the brain (lucky that). The pelt brought \$800. I fancy the illustration showing Otter Creek, is in fact the connecting link between Otter Lake and Marl Lake (now Taylor Lake - EDITOR REPUBLICAN). Do you know if there is a map of the lakes in existence, if you do I wish you would inform me where I can procure one, and give the price. I have a good map of Wisconsin but the lakes are not down, what I most want is the present names of the lakes so that I can locate the several points of interest. That would be difficult to do without a map and a knowledge of the location of the many improvements made since I was on the ground. Your communication has done me one good turn, in jogging my memory, when I first noticed the name of Daney Dewey I could not place him; but now I recollect him well; the name has brought to light the fact that a Miss Diantha Dewey was employed by my father to teach the younger children at home, having failed in an effort to organize a Public School by subscription. I would be pleased to hear from any of the old settlers who remember Dot Jones, and would take pleasure in answering any communication with which they might favor me. I would be especially pleased to hear from any member of the Hicks or Hearn families, they were our nearest neighbors.

Most Respectfully,

D. Jones, 809 N. 13th St., St. Joseph, Mo.

Waupaca Republican
November 17, 1905
CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

You may put it on Record that the first Fourth of July celebration to take place in Waupaca County, was on the Chain O' Lakes, near the northeast corner of Crystal Lake. Mr. Hicks, Mr. Hearn and my father met in solemn conclave to arrange the preliminaries but a few days before the fourth, but so well they managed, that everything came off in fine shape. Runners were sent to notify the people and arrange for refreshments. Morris Hearn furnished the pole, Mr. Hicks attended to the table arrangements and my father painted a flag, all told, there was about sixty people assembled, only one family remaining away in the whole surrounding country. Had a jolly time. That you may know how plentiful game was at that time I offer the following evidence. My father had promised a roasted venison for the Fourth and so sure was he of landing the game when desired he never made a move until four p.m. on the third and in less than one hour was back for assistance to bring in the quarry. The roast was done to a turn by morning. You wish to know who I am and no doubt, what I am. You would hardly come up to the requirements of a wide awake newspaper man if you did not. My name in full is Dorchester Jones. I was born July 18, 1836 in the city of Toledo, Ohio, where my mother died, my father married again and then moved to Milwaukee, he was an architect and builder, and I think built the first brick block put up in Toledo, he also built the Goodrich Mills at Milwaukee, and several other buildings of prominence at the time, coming to Missouri in the year 1858, we located in St. Joseph, but remained there but a short time, going on a farm near the city. In the pastime of shooting that followed I participated from the beginning to the end. Always as High Private in the rear ranks, except when on special duty. My father died May 5th 1865 and I was mustered out of the 1st. Mo. Cav. in St. Louis, July 15th 1865 having served in the Ragtag and Bobtail, in the Enrolled Militia, Johnson Battery of light artillery mounted, which was mustered into the 1st Mo. Cav. the year 1864. My last years service was in the Military Telegraph Corps. I entered the first organizations from necessity, my father was an invalid with a farm and a large family to care for and by entering this service I expected to be able to assist in the management but I was doomed to disappointment. Rebs were organizing all about us one good sized body only four miles away, forced my brother Hampton, to desert his growing crops and leave the country, he made his way to Keokuk Iowa, where he enlisted in Co. "G" 2nd Iowa Cav. He was wounded severely down in Mississippi, but recovered. He was the oldest, and was, during the early days, employed at Little River Mills. He died here ten years ago. My only full sister Mrs. Whitney died at Deadwood, S.D., several years ago. Mr. Whitney owned the Knowlton Mills at one time, I am the only member of the original family now living. I have six half brothers however, scattered over the west. Granville and Ira B. were born at the homestead on the Chain o' Lakes, Gran resides in St. Joseph, Ira B. at Salt Lake City, he is a caller at the Stock and Miner's Exchange of that city, Charles R. who Dianthy Dewey hung up to an overhead beam with a rope under his arms lives in Elwood just over the river from St. Joseph. She strung him up to induce him to name the letter P but he failed, he stands six foot in stockings. The rest are in Oklahoma. Few men at my age enjoy the health and strength that I do, I think nothing of walking eight or ten miles on a stretch and make a practice of walking three miles very night before retiring, taking in the large retail establishments, where there is always something new to be seen. I am unfortunately, shut out from active business pursuits, because of deafness and the loss of my left arm just below the arm pit that occurred near four years ago and was the result of a fall. You perhaps, will not understand but my arm, now in a jar of alcohol at the Central Medical College, this city, is so far as the sense of feeling is concerned, still with me and never free from pain, except when I retire at night, then sleep gives me relief. Were I young I would soon be free of it. Since coming to Missouri, I have engaged in farming, in contracting and building and for eight years was actively engaged in conducting commercial schools. I have a comfortable home here on one of the most slightly residence streets in the city and other property interests and in all probability, will remain here until the end. I expect however to manage in some way to visit my first love (the Chain o' Lakes) before that time arrives. I have praised the lakes so much to my family, that I feel like furnishing ocular evidence to sustain my statements, consequently if I ever should make the trip, my family (consisting of wife and two daughters) would accompany me. I was greatly pleased to hear the good report of the Waupaca Potato and its superior qualities. I have tried potatoes from Iowa, Cal., Col., and Neb. but they do not come up to Waupaca product. Nebraska comes next. I used them last winter, they were brought down by a attendant of mine, I am extremely fond of potatoes. I drove a breaking team for Frank King over in Pleasant Valley one spring and he actually accused me in presence of my father of

eating sixty potatoes at one meal and I guess I did, but they were new and very, very small. I expect you will be somewhat disappointed with my poor effort, but must bear in mind that I seldom ever write anything except a business letter and for the last few years very little in that line, however, if you can find anything in this bunch of stuff, that you think will interest the readers of the WAUPACA REPUBLICAN, you are at liberty to use it if not chuck the whole business and no offence.

I can relate many humorous incidents that occurred in Waupaca County, can tell you of an exciting bear hunt extending from the highest point of the mainland to and through Hemlock Island and thence by water to the opposite shore and as well my experience with a wolf on Crystal. Any information you may desire that I can furnish, you have but to command and it will be furnished freely and with pleasure. The Pen, is my one comfort and serves a good purpose in diverting my mind from my poor old left. I am compelled to use it with discretion however for, notwithstanding the continued improvement in my eyes for the last few years I do not care to tax them too much. I am not totally deaf but my eyes in a great measure serve a double purpose. I suppose you are posted as to the many points of interest concerning St. Joseph. Nevertheless I will mail you a batch of printed matter on the subject. Please excuse my seeming vanity in the display on the envelope, I am not vain so far as my work is concerned as it is not up to my standard, but I am vain of the capacity to do the work at my age. I wish to remind you that I was always addressed as Dot Jones. With many thanks for favor; and sincere wish for continued prosperity in your chosen profession, am,

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[Our readers will notice Mr. Jones' reference to "display of pen work on envelope". We must say it was about as fine work in its class of any we ever saw. The address "W. H. Holmes Publisher REPUBLICAN Waupaca Wisconsin" was put in a combination of scroll and flower work, scrip and text shaded, really resembling lithograph work so perfect were the letters made and blended. In fact, it has excited the admiration of all who have seen it and all wonder how a person of Mr. Jones' years could carry such a steady hand and do such intricate fancy pen work and he has an original hand writing on the semi-print plan that is as plain to read as a book. We received later a small map of the Chain o' Lakes drawn from memory by Mr. Jones giving the names of lakes and Islands known to the settlers. He has the position of the main lakes nearly perfect. In return we forward Mr. Jones one of Mr. F. M. Benedict's modern maps, giving all the lakes and general outline of sections, electric line, etc., also part of Waupaca. Many would be glad to see the worthy son of Waupaca's early pioneers. He would find many changes here. - ED. REPUBLICAN.]

Waupaca County Post October 29, 1931

Community Club Members Go To Aid of Neighbors' Spud Field

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jensen, almost rubbed their eyes last week when they saw the N.R.G. community club marching on their 5 acre potato field 18 strong, armed with a team and digger and supported by 36 pairs of willing hands carrying pails and crates with which to harvest the crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are elderly people who are not able to work as rapidly and as hard as they did. Their potatoes were late in getting in last spring and of course the digging was also late for the community.

The N.R.G. club whose name means just what the letters indicate, "Energy", was organized in June 1928 and has since held as one of their objectives the helping of their neighbors when any should need help.

Those who helped in the harvesting of the Jensen's potatoes were: Mr. and Mrs. George McCoy, George Brown, Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson and son Robert, Mary Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Nelson, Albert Hoppe, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Youngston, Albert Nelson, Arthur Boutwell, Tom Button, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pope.

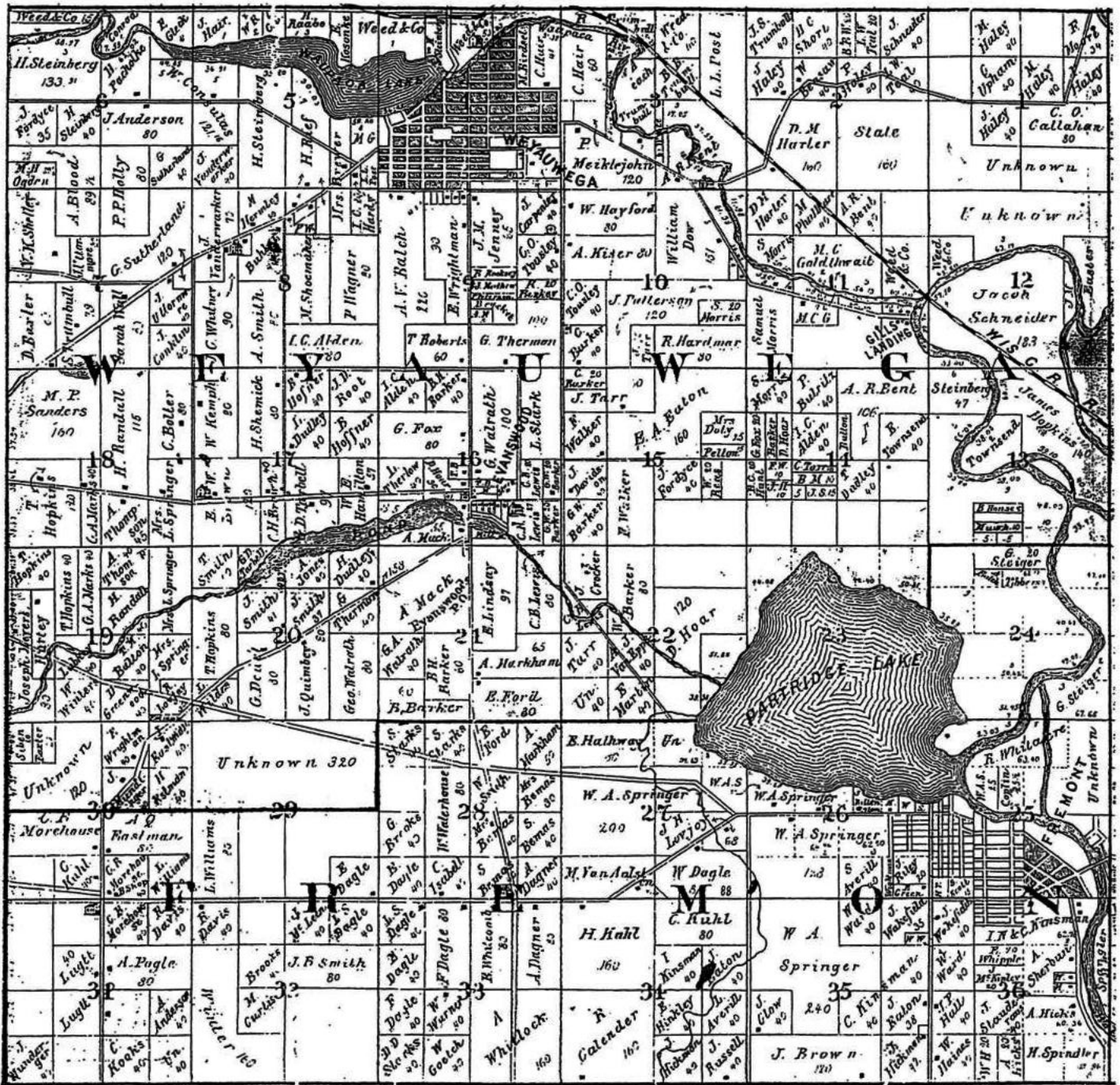
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To contact officers, please send to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com.

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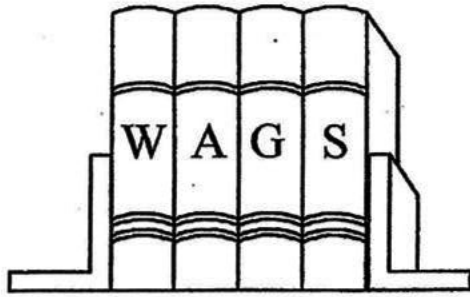
As you will note this space normally lists the publications we currently have for sale. There is good news and bad news - the publications have sold out. The publications the society/members had put together are: *At The Graveside (2007)*, *A Genealogical Research Guide to Waupaca County (2002)*, and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

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.

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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Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

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Christmas is just around the corner and as 2014 quickly comes to an end so does the twentieth year of WAGS. In our March newsletter I told you a little about our start as a group and now I would like to reminisce some about our last years.

We started out at \$5/person for our membership and finally in 2001 went to \$10/person and \$15 for family, which is the same amount for our dues today mainly due to the technology and the fact we are able to send newsletters via e-mail.

The Holly History and Genealogy Center (HHGC) was staffed by WAGS members when it was opened in 2001 and we continue to staff on Saturday mornings during the summer months. WAGS started to accept genealogical donations from individual members and moved the genealogical materials into the Holly building so they would be accessible to everyone doing research in the Waupaca area. We have added items from the late Geraldine Trinrud's extensive collection and also from Wayne & Alta Guyant's over the years and still take donations of genealogical materials from individuals.

WAGS conducted workshops on genealogy open to everyone on German and Scandinavian research; paid tribute and did a book on Benjamin Hilliker, Civil War Veteran and a Medal of Honor recipient from Waupaca County; DAR application class, Waupaca Courthouse tours of Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court; Circuit Court and County Clerk; WSGS Pioneer/Century Certificate Program by Jack Brisse; for the Waupaca Sesquicentennial, a publication "At the Graveside..." with guided cemetery tours at Lakeside Memorial Park; Research Guides were published for Waupaca County; donated to Preserve the Pensions for the War of 1812; individual presentations to our community by members as an outreach to promote genealogy and we started a Pioneer Certificate Program for Waupaca County. WAGS has had many individual speakers over the years on many different subjects of interest to our members. Many more items have been accomplished in our twenty years. This November, our members Nancy and Ann did a presentation on what we as individuals can do with our hands to promote family and genealogy.

Perhaps we can be most thankful for our WAGS newsletter. Agnes Golla started a simple one page publication for the members to let them know what was happening. It was to keep our members informed of what we were doing as a society and also news and items of genealogical interest to our members that could not attend the meetings but had "roots" in the Waupaca area. It has become much more over the years - filled with the current research opportunities along with history articles of our Waupaca area with Sue Freistadt, Paula Vaughan and now J.J. Johnson as our Editors. Our newsletter is exchanged with other genealogy & history groups and is also available at the Allen County Public Library.

One of the projects that I feel has been a benefit for many of our members was doing the index for the Waupaca and Waushara County Naturalization project which is now available to everyone on our WAGS website. Our Paula Vaughan has been the webmaster for the Waupaca County GenWeb Project which includes the WAGS website since 2000.

Looking back there is much that I have missed and so many people whom have been of great help to our WAGS organization. Without all of you we would not be around after 20 years.

Wishing you all a Blessed Holiday Season!

Darlene

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: PATRICIA LAKHAN

Patricia, who describes herself as the "Unofficial Family Historian", lives in Eagan, Minnesota with her husband Haresh and enjoys traveling, hiking, gardening, knitting and reading. When she eventually retires she is looking forward to spending more time with her research – spending more time visiting cemeteries, courthouses and libraries. The main surnames she is researching at this time are Baumgart, Berner, Henn, Landwehr, Leirich, Pingel, Steenbock, and Wilken.

She joined WAGS in 2006 and also belongs to the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society and Waupaca Historical Society but her journey in researching her family actually began in the early 1980s. Like most of us, in the beginning her search was sporadic and notes were not always compiled in a chronological order. Her interest began during family reunions where her mother's sister brought a family history book containing family group sheets and documentation of family records. At the time she had little information on her father's side and had never had the opportunity of knowing his parents. Patricia decided to compile a documented record of her father's side of the family with hopes of learning when and why they left Germany and eventually settled into a new life in Waupaca County.

One of her current brick walls is trying to find a record of the birth and subsequent death of a baby brother in 1955. Before her mother passed away, she was told details of his birth and death numerous times and was in the process of trying to locate the records. The event was also recorded by her aunt in the Henn Family History Book. Another aunt remembers being pregnant at the same time as Patricia's mother. According to Patricia, she "could not find any mention in the Clintonville paper about his birth and death in the Vital Statistics section of the paper. There is no birth or death record at the county or state level, and I was informed that the event might have been recorded as a Fetal Death, and all records would be in my mother's hospital records. I was trying to locate them at the time she passed away. The Clintonville Hospital had been shut down, with the records transferred to another location, of which I could not find anyone who knew if they even existed anymore. This baby was buried in the same gravesite as an earlier baby's death in the family, but the grave marker was not changed to reflect the later event. I was also informed that some of the church's records were destroyed in error, and, at this point, have been unable to find a record when the gravesite was re-opened. The funeral homes in Clintonville, also, were unable to help me. So at this point, I am trying to figure out what other avenues I can venture down to find documented proof that the event happened."

As far as websites she would recommend to others, Patricia has a membership with Ancestry and has used the Wisconsin Historical Society's website, the Latter Day Saint's website – FamilySearch.org. She used these extensively in the beginning of her research but cautions others about using some of the information on Ancestry as she has found a number of entries posted in family trees regarding her own family that was incorrect and even after contacting the person with the right information the site was not corrected. Patricia has also found family group sheets attached to some of her families which her research has not been able to collaborate and when she contacted the person for guidance she was informed the submitter could not say how the two families were connected. In light of this, Patricia strongly recommends that when you are using a website you need to verify the information through actual records at county and state levels. She adds: "Please just do not add the information to make your family tree grow, unless it is verifiable."

Early in her endeavors, Patricia used *The Handy book for Genealogists* and *The Redbook* which provided her with information on the formation of counties and changes in their boundaries. She also took classes through BYU Independent Study to learn what sources were available to genealogists. From there she proceeded to garner information from the Waupaca and Outagamie counties courthouse records and the microfiche records available through the Latter Day Saints depositories. Their local libraries are a wonderful source of microfilmed newspapers dating back into the 1800s as do many of the local historical and genealogical societies. Through the Waupaca Historical Society cemetery plat maps Patricia located her great-great-grandfather Steenbock's burial site and from the Wisconsin Historical Society's archives at the University of Stevens Point library she was able to find her great-grandfather Pingel's and grandfather Wilken's naturalization records.

Her "most exciting find" was when she was able to get a copy of one of her paternal great-aunt's baptismal certificate – a document most of her family never even knew existed! Because there wasn't a lot of information known about this particular family member, Patricia started a search for the record of the great-aunt's birth and to try to learn what happened to this relative. While she was looking, she was able to locate

another great-aunt on both the Hamburg Departure lists and the New York arrival lists. While pursuing this path, Patricia experienced another exciting but sad find when she came across information on both of these great-aunts. It turned out that her paternal great-grandparents had lost a child shortly after immigrating to Milwaukee and later gave birth to another child while still living in Milwaukee who died within a few weeks. She found both of these great-aunts' burial sites in the Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee and that her great-great-grandfather had been buried in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

Currently she is at the never-ending project of recording and re-organizing all the information she has gathered, which at this point consists of ten huge three-ring binders of data, and trying to locate pictures of her ancestors and distant cousins. To aid her in these endeavors she is researching how to best preserve the photographs and artifacts that have been entrusted into her care. Once she has completed the projects (as much as any of us ever gets these efforts completed) she would like to start researching German records.

**Manawa Advocate
June 12, 1913**

Sunday Train Service
From Manawa to Green Bay \$1.30 round trip.
Train leaves Manawa at 8:59 a.m.
To Stevens Point \$1.00: to Grand Rapids \$1.35 round trip.
Train leaves at 10:04 a.m.

**Waupaca Paper
October 12, 1882**

MARRIED: More-Darling – In Dayton, October 4th, 1882, by Capt. Baker, Esq., Mr. Elmore More, of Waupaca, and Laura May Darling, of Dayton.

MARRIED: Shearer-Jeffers – In Waupaca, October 5, 1882, by Rev. Edward Jones, Mr. Caleb J. Shearer and Miss Florence E. Jeffers, all of Waupaca.

**Waupaca County Post
January 20, 1949**

Hold Rites for City's First Woman Voter

Funeral rites for Mrs. Frank A. Houseman, 83, who died last Thursday, were conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday in St. Mark's Episcopal church by the Rev. William C. Way, Fond du Lac. Burial was in Lakeside cemetery.

Pallbearers were Don D. Barnes, Milwaukee; Miles Loberg, Kyle Anderson, Reuben Danielsen, John Pelton and Henry Wiegel.

Death came to Mrs. Houseman after a two week illness. A pioneer Waupaca resident, she was active in civic affairs and bore the distinction of being the first woman to vote in this city.

The former Belle Eva Woodnorth was born August 27, 1865 in Waupaca, the daughter of Paul S. and Sarah Astley Woodnorth. Both parents were born in England.

Four brothers and a sister preceded Mrs. Houseman in death. They were Col. J.H. Woodnorth, former commandant of the Wisconsin Veterans' Home (now King), Frank, Jeff, George and Amelia, Mrs. Tom Pipe.

On Oct. 28, 1891 she was married to Frank A. Houseman and moved to Chicago. The couple lived there and in Milwaukee until 1905, when they moved to Waupaca.

Mrs. Houseman assisted in the register of deeds office, and in the office of city clerk when her husband held that office. She was secretary-treasurer of the Waupaca Cemetery Assn., from 1936 to 1947.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, Rebekah lodge, of which she was a past noble grand; St. Mark's Guild and St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Surviving Mrs. Houseman is a daughter, Jeanette, a teacher in the public schools.



Original Photograph



Charcoal Mourning Picture

While it sometimes has been thought that the large charcoal mourning picture of Beth Parish, located in the Hutchinson House Museum, was created from a picture taken because she had been ill for a long time and not expected to live, the following obituary indicates that her death was actually unexpected.

WAUPACA REPUBLICAN
July 17 1885

DIED

In this city on Monday, the 13th inst., of brain fever,
Beth Parish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Parish, aged 11 years and six months.

Only a few days ago Beth Parish, a sweet little lady – a mere child, but with manners so lady-like and womanly, was to be seen on the street on some accustomed errand for her parents, or with some of her playmates. Only Saturday it was reported she was very sick with brain fever. The news Monday evening – “Beth Parish is dead!” was certainly a shock to those who knew her, and a sad blow to the father and mother brothers and sister who almost idolized her. The funeral service was held from the family residence in this city Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J.R. Creighton delivering brief but touching words of consolation. A large congregation of people of the city attended and followed the remains to the City Cemetery where, in a beautiful white casket she was laid beside others that have gone before from the same household. There were many elegant floral offerings made by friends, which were arranged in beautiful taste.

The photo did however lend itself very well to the Victorian mourning drawing.

In the mourning picture Beth is drawn smaller than in the original photo, perhaps to indicate the shortness of her life but in both rather than looking out towards those looking at it, she is looking off in a manner to lend the idea of looking off to the land beyond the great divide. As is often the case in mourning portraits, Beth has been placed in a setting that was familiar to her in life.

The window has been expanded to show that it is open – an indication that the subject’s soul has flown up to heaven. The elaborate molding added behind Beth and under the window are also symbols used in many

mourning portraits. It appears the drawing has been lightened – perhaps to show Beth has “gone into the light” on her path to heaven. The open book is also often used in mourning drawings.

As far as her appearance, the dark clothing and pearls are both considered symbols of mourning.

Another mourning picture in the Hutchinson House Museum is of Abraham Lincoln. In this picture an empty chair is placed to represent a child that has preceded the deceased in death and the insertion of the portrait of the child in the background represents another of Lincoln’s children who had died earlier.

While infant mortality rates were high in Victorian times, they were often sudden and unexpected; leaving the grieving family without a picture of their small loved one. Mourning artwork allowed the family to have a likeness of the one they lost. Also, many times relatives lived vast distances from one another and photographs allowed these members of the family a record of the child. It was not unusual for the child to be photographed in its casket – sometimes with the remaining family members gathered around the casket. Many times the family even had photos of the floral arrangements taken.

Other symbols in posthumous mourning pictures would be: a rose held downward or drooping from a broken stem symbolized an innocent life cut short. Generally a broken stem indicated the picture was made after the person’s death. Pulling a rose from a growing bush indicates the person is being cut off from the family’s growth.

A morning glory symbolized a child’s short existence.

Roses of Sharon and apple blossoms were placed in vases which carry the legend: “Remember me”;

Water was most commonly favored in life portraits of men who had trafficked on the sea, however, when employed as a death symbol it became a visual metaphor to indicate that the passage to death had been either been easy (calm water) or difficult (turbulent water).

Sometimes fruit was placed in the picture. In these cases the number of sections shown represents the number of members of the family, and the unbroken inner fruit was a symbol of their reunion after death.

A boat sailing on the far horizon depicts the passage of life to death.

An infant borne up by angels is a symbol the child is heaven-bound.

Watches were set to the hour of death.

Many other symbols of mourning can be found by taking a walk through most cemeteries.

OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

November 5, 1868

WAUPACA COUNTY

The Town of Lind – Farming and Farm Lands –
Lillie Pushen in a New Role – Soil and Character of the Country
Correspondence of the Daily Northwestern.

LIND, Waupaca Co., Oct. 19, 1868.

A few weeks ago, we made a kindly avoirdupoise to Oshkosh, its mills, steamers, homes, men and handsome women and after a wearisome five hours trip up the Wolf on the Northwestern disembarked at Fremont after having attended to the landing of our personal and impersonal property were soon seated upon a load of the same and riding toward the setting sun. (It would be well perhaps to insert a note just here to the effect that we have become a farmer.) A ride of twelve miles and we are at our destination, whose distinctive name heads this letter. A very pretty place it is situated upon the main thoroughfare between Waupaca and Berlin, almost entirely surrounded by ranges of hills, crowned with the oak, maple and laurel. A lovely chain of small, inland lakes, in our immediate vicinity, and an abundance of wild game would render this section of Waupaca county one vast Elysian field, were it not for a superabundance of sand, which in the eyes of a stranger is usually a complete offset to the charms which the country possesses. To illustrate: Aggravation is defined by Webster as “the act of increasing severity or heinousness.” Now Webster, although doubtless a true friend to the human family, never lived in Lind, or he would have given as a broader definition of the word. Here is an

instance of true aggravation. Yesterday after we had donned our robes for church, a large flock of nice, fat prairie chickens appeared in a field, but three or four rods from the house, three of them, however, remained in trees near by acting as sentinels. They must have known the day, as well as we, as we approached very near (under cover of nothing but the blue *canister* of Heaven) and still they remained. Just think of the above situation. If it had only been washing day we might have "gone for them" and not have violated an injunction of the Decalogue. But it was Sunday; therefore we shot not. Illustration No. 2 – A few nights since, we chanced to be driving along the highway, but a half mile from here, when a huge Bruin attracted toward us by a lantern, came so near through the dense oak undergrowth by the wayside that the homes were considerably frightened, particularly as his bearship snorted prodigiously, but we do not see why it is necessary to multiply instances of the above character, it sufficeth that there exists an infinite variety of wild animals in these parts from mice and gophers up to bears and deer. We usually approach bears so near as to daub their several noses well with molasses, and then capture and our homeward march triumphant, are equally certain.

FARMS AND FARMING

Although the soil is of a sandy nature, it is quite arable, easily tilled, and yields abundantly when properly tilled. Never seen such nice potatoes, taken as a whole, as were grown in Waupaca county this year. The crop is quite large, the tubers selling at from forty cents to six shillings per bushel. The wheat grown in this section is of average quality, and yields from fourteen to twenty-five bushels per acre. Excellent hops are annually produced here, much better this year, at least, than those raised in Winnebago county. The soil of Waupaca county seems peculiarly adapted to corn, and an excellent crop of this cereal is harvested annually. One thing more and we have done with this branch of our letter. The farmers of this favored portion of the Badger State, particularly, are just beginning to appreciate the true value of fruit, and as those orchards which have thus far been set out are doing nicely, farmers are encouraged and we hope soon to see the entire landscape dotted with clumps of fruit trees, amply remunerating the fruit grower for his labor in caring for them.

AMATEUR FARMING, &C.

Your correspondent is an amateur farmer, as any sane man would soon discover were he to examine our work. The other day we were out with a Yankee male cousin, and were amused and surprised to see him feed corn in the ear to his horses. (This concerns our novitiate) we asked him innocently if they swallowed the whole, thinking of course they couldn't chew such hard food, where upon he lifted up his voice and brayed, and at once rushed into the house with a "ha, ha, ha, oh gracious, ho, ho, he the darned goose thought the horse had a crop like a hen, ha ha, ha!" We next assayed to harness a horse and didn't exactly get the crooper over his nose, but got the collar bottom side up and worked like a Trojan to work the hames, after securing the same drove the horse six miles and escaped dangers of every description. But as an oxen drivist we excel, yea verily we are blessed (?) with the proprietorship of a very unruly yoke of cattle, and so soon as our attention is diverted from them off they go at a tangent, through the garden, towards a corn field, after having performed in this manner a few days since, our ire – land arose and compel them to retrace their steps, and whip them severely for their misconduct. Securing a long oaken rod, we went for them, but the miserable creatures minded not our "whoa back, haw," but rushed over flower beds, currant bushes and shrubbery, tore down apple trees for the sake of variety, we finally succeeded in expelling them from the garden precinct oxen driving is not our *forte*.

We throw up the sponge, &c.

Last Sabbath we attended divine services at he "Dist. School house," conducted by an illustrated "circuit rider" whose first remark we stereotyped thusly. "Is there any hymn books present," we thought there were a few *tardy* or *absent* as but one was produced. He requested his audience to sing a hymn (a line or two of which he repeated) on the 553d page, one man (the owner of the hymn book) made an examination and said, "I think you must be mistaken sir", "well," said the preacher, "I know it is around there somewhere, refer to the index." The discussion as one might have expected, abounded in ungramaticisms, but was decidedly pointed, and this rural Henry Waid Beecher, will doubtless be heard from eventually in the outer world.

A long trace of stony land but a short distance from here has been assigned a nitch in local history, and is known by the dignified appellative of the Devil's Garden, but if his satanic majesty could walk through his domains, and not break his bones, he would do remarkably well. In order to enter this wild and romantic region of country, where one may enjoy almost captivating period of rustication, hunting, fishing, boating, and riding, it becomes necessary to take a steamer of the Wolf River line, at Oshkosh, disembarking at Fremont.

But we fear the Northwestern readers have wearied of this rambling prosy letter therefore
Bon Jour,
RIP VAN WINKLE

Weyauwega Chronicle
October 7, 1882

MARRIED: At the residence of Mrs. Schemmelfennig, October 9th, 1882, by Rev. Wm. Bennett, Miss Amy West of this village to Mr. Frederick Fadner, of Chilton, Wis.

Weyauwega Chronicle
October 23, 1880

Jacob Shafel, an old and respected citizen who lived in the eastern part of the township, died Sunday, and was buried Tuesday. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place.

Miss Addie Billington, tiring of the infelicities of single life, took up the burden of wedlock on Sunday, a Mr. Desshaw being the other party in the transaction. Justice Isbell officiating. No cards. – Thus misfortune lurks in every form.

FROM TAX RECORDS – WAUPACA COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Transcribed by Jean Spiegelberg

1921 Good Templars sold Town of Dayton – all of Lot 4 NW of HW – Sec. 4, Town or Blk 21, R'g or W'd 11 – Sold to County

City of Waupaca – 1921 Joseph Whittington – S 47 ft. of Lot 5 Block Main St. going south

City of Waupaca – 1921 Lot 31 – Nels Peterson

1922 Colyer Brothers - listed

1923 Sale (1922 taxes) – Town of Dayton
Sophie Peterson – Lot 18, Sec. or Lot 5, Town or Bl'k 21 R'g or W'd 11 – Sold to County

1924 Dayton
Chas Peterson – Lot 19 - 5, 21, 11 – sold to A. Johnson
Sophia Peterson – Lot 18 – 5, 21, 11

1925 Sale of 1925 (tax year 1922)
City of Waupaca
Lena Peterson Lots 1 & 2 Block 6 – Ware's addition
Sold to Alfred Johnson

1925 Town of St. Lawrence
J. E. Moore – SE SE, Sec. or Lot 16, town or Blk 23 R'g or W'd = 12 40 acres sold for \$1403.25 –
Sold to County
J. E. Moore – all dry land north of mill pond of NE NE 21, 23, 12 – 15 acres \$1521.25 – possibly sold to
Alfred Johnson

1925 Town of Helvetia
Hans Peterson NW NW Sec or lot 33 – Town or Bl'k 25 R'g or W'd 12 - 40 acres
Hans Peterson NW SW 33, 25, 12 – 40 acres

City of Waupaca – 1928 Lot 31 – John Mortenson
Lot 30 – Edw. Prink
Lot 29 – Grace Allen

Lot 27 – Louis Larson
Lot 25 – Leonard Crosseth & Riley
2 warehouses and tanks (Standard Oil)
Lot 37 – Adolph LaSage
Lot 38 – B. Crossen
Lot 39 – W. G. Horton
Lots 40-41 – Cassie M. Horton
Lot 42 – Waupaca-Green Bay Railroad

City of Waupaca – 1929 Lot 31 – John Mortenson

City of Waupaca – 1931 Bartlett St. Addition – John Mortenson

City of Waupaca – 1932 Lot 31 – John Mortenson
Lot 30 – Ed Prink
Lot 28 – Mrs. Grace Allen
Lot 27 – Part 28 Green Bay and Western Railroad
Lot 25 – Leonard, etc.
2 warehouses and tanks on railroad land
Lot 42 – Green Bay and Western Railroad
Lots 40-41 – Cassie M. Horton
Lot 38 – Adolph LaSage
Ex. part used by light co.

City of Waupaca – 1933
Lot 31 – John Mortenson
Lot 30 – T. Penney
Lot 29 – Grace Allen
Lots 26-27 Green Bay and Western Railroad
Lot 25 – Leonard, etc.
Lot 42 – Green Bay and Western Railroad
Lot 40-41 – Cassie M. Horton
Lot 39 – W. C. Horton
Lot 37 – Adolph LaSage
Ex. part used by light co
Bulk plant on railroad line

City of Waupaca – 1934
Lots 6-7 – Shell Petroleum Corp
Lot 25 – Leonard, etc
2 warehouses and tanks on railroad land
Lot 31 – John Mortenson
Lot 30 – Roy Bruce
Lot 29 – Grace Allen
Lots 26-27 – Green Bay and Western Railroad
Lot 37 – Adolph LaSage
Lot 38 – B. Crossen
Lot 39 – Wallis Horton
Lot 42 – Green Bay and Western Railroad – Railroad
Right-of-way

MANY THANKS BILL!

We want to again thank member Bill Handrich for providing the series of Township maps of 1874 which we have been so enjoying.

Nancy Helbach is looking for a family member to give a 1880's Bible back to, and it has Joe A. and Mary E. Hudson Chandler (Mary E. Chandler Hudson Taylor) on the front. English. Part of Kimball T. Chandler family. If this is your family and you would be interested in receiving the Bible, please contact Nancy at nhelbach@gglbbs.com

NEW ON THE SHELVES

The Atlas of the Civil War, edited by James M. McPherson – donated by Paula Vaughn
When Oshkosh Went to War, by James I. Mertz – donated by Paula Vaughn
All For the Union Wisconsin and the Civil War, by Richard H. Zeitlin – donated by Paula Vaughn
Gettysburg National Military Park, by Frederick Tilberg – donated by Paula Vaughn
The Amazing Civil War, by Webb Garrison – donated by Paula Vaughn
Uniforms of the Civil War, by Philip Haythornthwaite – donated by Paula Vaughn
The Flags of the Iron Brigade, by Howard Michael Madaus and Richard H. Zeitlin – donated by Paula Vaughn
Voices of History 1941-1945, by Bradley G. Larson – donated by Paula Vaughn

NEW FAMILY FILES

Humiston/Homaston/Hummiston – genealogy information, census records, map
Hart, Edward and Verna – Census Record, article, obituary
McHenry, Wendell (Judge) – Census, obituary
Johnson, Clifford E. – Census, obituary
Mannel, Frederick (Fred) G. – Marriage information, obituary
Scott, Allen Winfield and Vivian – Genealogy information, obituary

The Obituary File has many more obituaries added through the generous donation of Vera Dueserbeck. The names have been added to the index list at the Holly History and Genealogy Center to assist anyone searching for a special person. The list of family files and names in the obituary file can also be accessed at the WAGS website: WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

For those who have Norwegian ancestry, Jean Spiegelberg has found a Norwegian/American website that she would like to share: <http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/about/newsletters/Summer%202011.pdf>

Kevin Knitt has shared the following information:

Records that were held by the Red Cross' International Committee have been uploaded onto the following website: <http://grandeguerre.icrc.org/>

For those doing research in Michigan he recommends the website: seekingmichigan.org This site is the Michigan Historical Center's online platform.

He also reports that the search engine <https://millionshort.com> can remove the most popular websites from your search which he says can be very helpful when looking for records of your ancestors.

As most of you know, Dar has been doing a remarkable job helping people who have contacted WAGS with research requests but will no longer be able to handle these due to time constraints and her health. Thankfully Jean Spiegelberg, Mary Mathwig, Sue Dunbar and JJ Johnson will be stepping in to fill this void for requests regarding this area. Also, Kevin Knitt and Lois Alfson have volunteered to help when the request involves checking at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point Archives. Inquiries should be sent to the WAGS website from which they can be forwarded to the appropriate person. Our thanks to these members who are willing to assist in attempting to answer the various requests and a special thanks to Darlene for handling this service these past years.

WINSLOW HOLMES

Winslow Hale Holmes (W.H.) was born December 18, 1843 in Concord, Michigan, the youngest of eleven children born to Winslow H. and Hetty Holmes. His parents were both born in Michigan and his grandparents had all been born in New York State. His family moved to Pulaski, Michigan when he was five years old. The next ten years he worked on his father's farm and attended school during the winter months - walking two to three miles to the nearest district school.

He was able to attend the East Side Union School in Jackson, Michigan during the winter of 1858-1859. That summer instead of returning to his father's farm he obtained an apprenticeship as a printer from C.V. Deland at the Jackson Weekly Citizen where his brother David was also working. He left this position to attend the First Union School during the winter of 1861-1862. He was able to spend six months completing his education. Between the end of his schooling and the fall of 1862 Winslow worked as the foreman of the Ann Arbor Courier where he remained until the fall of 1862. The following eight years, with the exception of 1864 to 1866 when he returned and worked on his father's farm, he worked as either the foreman or business manager of newspapers the Three Rivers Republican (1863), the Ann Arbor Courier (1862), the Marshall Statesman (1867-68) and the business partnership with J. Saunders at the Charlotte Republican (1869).

In 1870 he became the foreman at the Hastings Banner, eventually obtaining an interest in the business. He later purchased a half interest in the Hastings Journal in the spring of 1873. He worked there as the business manager and assistant editor and one of the publishers until early 1881. While at Hastings he married Hetta Keziah Lathrop in May, 1874. Hetta was born in Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan but her family moved and she spent her childhood in Barry County, Michigan.

In the spring of 1881 he moved to Ripon, Wisconsin where he became the foreman of the Ripon Free Press. Early in 1882 he was elected secretary of the Northwestern Colony Association. It became part of his duties that summer to go to Montana to lay out the village of Park City, Montana (which he reportedly named) along the Northern Pacific Railroad and assemble people to move to the community. He returned to Ripon that October.

Then in January, 1883 he moved to Waupaca to help Mr. Hodges with the Waupaca Republican who was having heart troubles and needed assistance running the newspaper. A.T. Glaze had a part interest in the Republican and when Mr. Hodges died that November Glaze leased the office for a few months. Winslow purchased the Waupaca Republican from Mr. Glaze. He would edit the Waupaca Republican until 1908 and then move to Bayfield, Wisconsin where he founded the newspaper the Bayfield Progress. While at Bayfield he was able to expand his interest in horticulture by organizing the Fruit Growers' Shipping Association.

He was married Hettie K. Lathrop. They had six children were: D. Etta, Eletha A., Carrol, Glenna, Shirley, and Willys L.

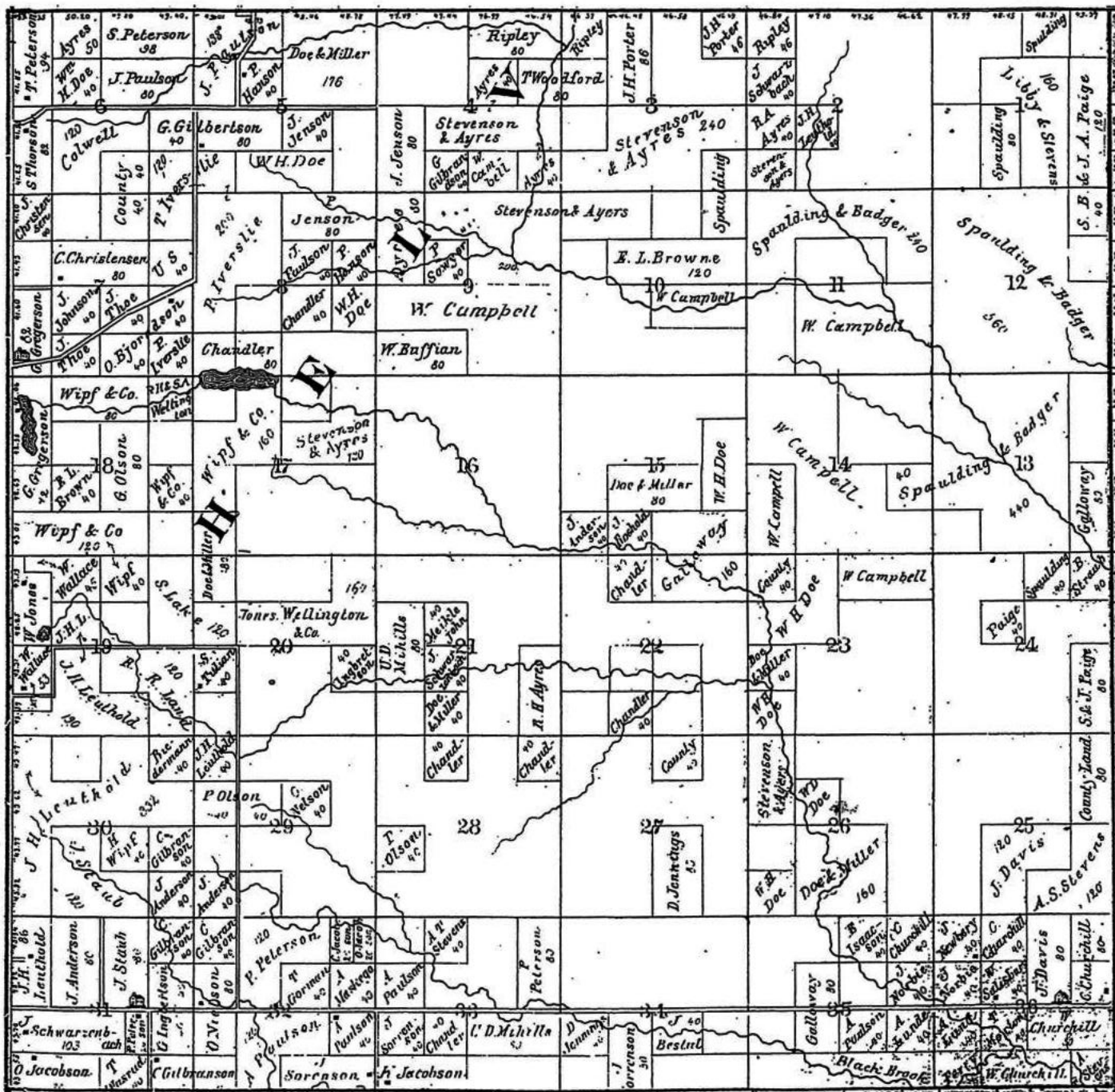
Sadly Eletha became ill in the early fall of 1890, suffered complications and then contracted the grip over winter. Never fully recuperating, she became seriously ill in mid-May of 1891. The family called in a doctor from Oshkosh but on May 14, 1891 she passed away.

In reference to his time in Waupaca, his obituary in the Waupaca Record Leader stated he "was good hearted, kindly disposed toward all men and had for them a cheery greeting; although unblest in abundance of material things he never lost heart and was always optimistic. To him, long before their realization, it was given to dream dreams and to see visions of waterworks and other municipal improvements in this city; of an electric line to "the Home", of the opening of the Granite Quarry. He was eloquent and persistent in his plea for these things. through his persistency in advocating such impossible things, all now realized, he earned the sobriquet of "Grandma" which became as mellowed with passing years a term of endearment."

After the death of his wife in 1913 he retired from the newspaper business and about two years later took his first vacation, traveling to California to visit friends and relatives and then stopping in Concord to visit his old home before returning to Waupaca. While at Concord he died from a stroke of apoplexy in Concord, Michigan on April 21, 1916 while visiting friends and relatives but his remains were buried in Waupaca beside his wife who had died at Bayfield but brought back to Waupaca for interment.

Waupaca Republican, January 19, 1883 - Died, Jan. 5, 1883, at Spring Creek, Nasman county, Minnesota of consumption, Mr. M.L. Winslow, aged 76 years 10 months and 4 days. Mr. Winslow was a resident of Waupaca for several years, and carried the mail from this place to Plover.

HELVETIA



1874

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.

December 13, 2014 10:00/10:30 a.m.	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Meeting – Christmas Brunch At King’s Table in King, Wisconsin. Dutch treat, members order from menu.
January 10, 2015 Saturday	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
February 14, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting – Round Table discussion
March 14, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting - Mini Series !!! - Midwest U.S. Trip: Research steps for locating a family site of interest by Nancy Helbach
March 27 & 28, 2015	Gene-A-Rama 2015 WSGS Spring Conference at the Sheraton Hotel at Madison, Wisconsin.
April 11, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
May 9, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
June 13, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
July 11, 2015 Saturday	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting – Enjoy your family and summer.
August 8, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
September 12, 2015 Saturday – 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
October 10, 2015 Saturday, 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
November 14, 2015 Saturday, 9 a.m.	Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting
December, 2015	No Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Meeting – Christmas Brunch. Time and location to be announced.

A MESSAGE FROM J.J. JOHNSON

The WAGS newsletter is YOUR newsletter. Do you have a brick wall? Why not share it and see if someone is able to help you find a solution? Do you have a story about one of your ancestors or an interesting story about an experience you encountered while researching one of your ancestors? We would love to hear from you. Please send to: catunga@sbcglobal.net

The internet is a wonderful tool to aid you in your research, although all information should be verified, but there is something special in connecting with other people doing genealogy research who will understand your joys and disappointments and can offer help in conquering your brick walls or even find a previously unknown cousin working on the same line. Nothing can compare to the comradeship experienced in belonging and connecting with a genealogy group. While work does not permit me to attend meetings at this time, the time I was able to attend meetings have blessed me with some of the best friendships I have known and my wish to you is to have that same joyful experience.

Officers

President: Darlene Ryan
 Vice-President: Nancy Helbach
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Committees

Accessioning: Sue Dunbar
 Historical Scrapbook: Jean Spiegelberg
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 Newsletter Editor: JJ Johnson
 Publication Committee: Paula Vaughan & Jean Spiegelberg

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.

To contact officers, please send to: WAGS, P.O. Box 42, King, WI 54946-0042 or email WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com.

Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must reach the editor by the following deadlines or the item will be held over for a future newsletter. All items submitted for publication will be published as space permits. Queries are free to members and \$1.50 per query to non-members. Items submitted for publication can be sent directly to: JJ Johnson, 725 Larsen Street, Waupaca, WI 54981 or emailed to catunga@sbcglobal.net

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.

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.

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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