

# Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

## Quarter Newsletter

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### Message from the President

Hello Members –

My New Year's resolution as President of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society is to promote, promote, promote our wonderful organization. I have learned that, "You only get out of it what you put into it."

WAGS is celebrating 25 years in 2019. How exciting! Looking back, it started with 3 people with an interest in sharing genealogy, meeting in their homes and has grown over the years.

As my husband Jeff and I hand delivered flyers for WAGS January Program and the WAGS and Waupaca Historical Society brochures to county wide libraries and senior centers, we asked if there was an interest in genealogy for young and old. The response was overwhelmingly YES!

I presented this information to the WAGS Board at a Board Meeting and it was decided to proceed in developing service projects to increase interest in genealogy and to engage those interested in their family history.

To highlight some of WAGS activities in 2019, in January 2019 WAGS began a genealogy class at the Waupaca Area Senior Center for four weeks. The turnout for the first class was 14 attendees of which 10 joined WAGS. The second week we had two new attendees join the class and they became WAGS members.

I believe the WAGS members involved in teaching the class enjoyed the camaraderie of interesting people, sharing their knowledge of genealogy and the satisfaction of helping others.

Welcome to all the new members.

In February, March and April WAGS will be working with the Waupaca Area Public Library on a Youth Program, "Family Genealogy Adventures". The objectives of this is to develop an interest in local and family history, engage new families to learn more about local history and host a multigenerational experience that serves as a conversation starter. Anyone interested in helping with this and other service projects please let me know.

In May WAGS will be holding an Open House to kick off summer open hours at the Holly History and Genealogical Center. WAGS members are encouraged to attend the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Waupaca to help our wonderful WAGS organization in celebrating 25 years.

In 2019 my hope for the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society is that all WAGS members make it a goal to contribute to our genealogical society and to reap the benefits. The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society will continue to engage others to learn their family history and the importance one family can make in the history of the world.

The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society now has a Facebook page. Please visit it and like it. Any suggestions for postings let me know.

Your President, Nancy Weasner

Since our last newsletter, the following new listings have been entered:

**Family History Files:**

1. Mooney - Family Information

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**2019 WAGS Programs Schedule**

All programs to be held at 10:00 AM



**GENEALOGY 101**

**Guest Speaker: Dave Baker**

Saturday March 9, 2019 at 10 A.M.

321 South Main St, Waupaca

At the Holly History and Genealogical Center

**RESEARCHING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS**

**GUEST SPEAKER: DAVE MILLER "THE ANCESTOR GUY"**

**SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019 AT 10 A.M.**

**AT 321 SOUTH MAIN STREET, WAUPACA AT THE HOLLY HISTORY AND  
GENEALOGICAL CENTER**

May 11	WAGS Open House and Brat Fry
June 8	TBD
July 13	Russell Horton---Military History – discussion of Military Headstone applications and what the abbreviations mean
August 10	TBD
September 14	DNA Workshop Mary Eberle 9am-4pm
September 21	Cemetery Walk
October 4-5	Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Fall Conference--Host WAGS
October 12	WAGS Celebration
November 9	WAGS elections and By Laws Review
December 14	Christmas Brunch

## WAGS Member Spotlight

### **Richard Townsend**

Hi. My name is Richard Townsend. I was born in Iola. I attended school at Townsend School and graduated from Waupaca High School. I went to UW Madison and worked in various parts of the U.S. I returned in 2012 to the farm of my ancestors.

In 2012 I received documents left by my father and also documents from my uncle referencing my mothers' family. This sparked an interest for me in genealogy. I find genealogy very stimulating, to learn ones' own family history.

I joined WAGS in 2015 to learn and gain knowledge on genealogical research as I don't use computer, internet, and IT technology very well.

I am researching the surnames of Townsend, Carver, Buckman, Skorven and Johnson.

In 2018 I applied for a Pioneer Certificate and with Darlene Ryans' help, my family was presented the Pioneer Certificate. Bob Cloud of the Waupaca County Post, interviewed my family for a featured article in the Waupaca County Post during Family History Month which was in October. I hope to share the Pioneer Certificate experience as part of Waupaca History.

### **Deborah McHarky**

Hi. My name is Deborah McHarky. I am a Great Grandma. I have lived within one mile of Highway 10 for over 50 years, where ever I lived.

My interest in genealogy started about 30 years ago when I helped my son on a school project. We went back 5 generations! I also learned that we have 3 ancestors that served in the Revolutionary War!

I joined WAGS in January 2019 when a genealogy class was presented by WAGS at the Waupaca Area Senior Center. I hope to get started again to find more ancestors, the jobs they did and the things they did. I find that the difficulty I am having is that there are too many people with the same last name around 1750.

The surnames I am researching are McIntyre and Koch.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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May 2, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 1, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 22, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
July 6, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
August 3, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
September 7, 2019	10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Spring Workshops offered through The Wisconsin State Historical Society - held in Madison:**

Tuesday March 12, 2019	Irish Genealogy (Ulster County Historical Society)
Saturday March 23, 2019	Thomas MacEntee
Saturday April 06, 2019	DNA Tools and Genealogy (Mary Eberle)
Saturday May 18, 2019	The Legal Genealogist Judy Russell

**Programs offered at the Appleton Public Library:**

Saturday March 16, 2019	2:00 pm Meeting Room C - DNA from A to Z	Dr. Daniel Hubbard
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**Thrivent Offers Options to Donate**

Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Team grants. Members can apply for either one or two Action Team grants per calendar year. These grants provide \$250.00 gift cards for your organization of choice to put on a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event.

If you have Action Team grants available to you or someone you know ( as you do not have to be a member of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society to apply) and would like to work the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society on a fundraiser, monthly program, service project, DNA workshop in September, please let the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society know!

Your donation is greatly appreciated. You can contact the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society at [WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com](mailto:WaupacaAreaGenSoc@hotmail.com) , Send a letter to WAGS, 321 South Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981 or call 715-256- 9980 and leave a message.

**Thinking of a Spring Research Trip to Madison?**

Now you can take the Lamers Bus from Stevens Point to the door of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library.Park and purchase tickets at the Olympic Restaurant on North Division Street in Stevens Point. The bus leaves at 8:40 a.m. every day and arrives at the entrance to the WHS Library at 10:55 a.m.

Have lunch at the student union across the street and spend the afternoon using one of the country's best American history and genealogy libraries. Lots of great 19th century county histories and free access to subscription databases such as [fold3.com](http://fold3.com) and [Americanancestors.org](http://Americanancestors.org) are among the reasons to visit.

The bus leaves the WHS library at 4:50 p.m. and returns to Stevens Point at 7:10 p.m. Cost for a round trip is \$51.00 for seniors and slightly more for non-seniors. For more information, call Jack and Glenda at 715-256-1939.



WAUPACA COUNTY  
 PLAT: 1901  
 HARRISON

Owner's Name	Section
A.T.	30
Aasen, J.	36
Anderson, A.	32
Anderson, A.	33
Anderson, C.A.	32
Anderson, N.	30
Bergen, G.	04
Bergen, G.	22
Bergen, G.	27
Bergen, G.	28
Bergen, G.	29
Berulfson, O.	30
Berulfson, O.	31
Bestul, J.R.	34
Borikins, K.O.	07
Brotten, C.	20
Brotten, C.E.	19
Burbank, E.H.	22
Buslett, J.A.	26
Buslett, O.	32
Campbell & Cameron	04
Campbell & Cameron	09
Campbell & Cameron	10
Campbell & Cameron	15
Campbell & Cameron	16
Carnady, M.	25
Chapin, E.	26
Churchill, C.	06
Churchill, C.	15
Churchill, C.	16
Churchill, C.	20
Churchill, C.	22
Clough, J.	36
Dahlen, O.C.	29
Dahlen, O.O.	20
Davis, S.	26
Davis, S.	35
Davis, S.	36

Dickson, H.	21
Douglass, C.M.	15
Douglass, C.M.	22
Douglass, H.M.	22
Draland, J.	32
E.W.	29
Earle, G.C.	36
Ellefson, J.	18
Ellefson, T.	17
Ellefson, T.	18
Erickson, E.	07
Erickson, E.	16
Erickson, E.	19
Evenson	20
Evenson, C.	35
Evenson, E.	19
Evenson, H.	17
Evenson, J.	06
Foldet, O.	17
Forseth, J.	33
Forseth, J.J.	29
Fox River Co.	35
Fox, J.	32
Froland, H.	34
Golie, A.O.	35
Golie, E.O.	35
Golze, O.E.	34
Gullikson, O.	19
Gunderson, S.	32
Gunderson, S.	33
Guthre, A.P.	16
H.H.	34
Halverson, O.	23
Halverson, O.	24
Hanson, H.	07
Hanson, H.J.	22
Hanson, J.	18
Hanson, M.	30
Hanson, T.	32
Hatch, J.M.	29
Helgerson, H.	06
Hellen, E.O.	21
Hellen, J.	21
Herbjornson, G.	17
Hermenson, S.	07
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Hess, O.	28
Hess, T.	34
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Isakson, T.	17
Johnson, M.	19
Johnson, M.	27
Johnson, O.	06
Kittleson, O.	21
Kjer, H.	30
Kolden, J.	33
L.Y. Lumber	04
Langdock, G.	08
Langdok, G.O.	33
Larson, M.	32
Lashua, A.	35
Lashua, D.W.	28
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Leon, M.C.	29
Loberg, J.	30
Loberg, J.O.	19
Loken, H.	14
Loken, H.	15
Loken, H.J.	15
Maney, B.	36
Maney, R.E.	36
Mathison, S.	29
Matson, L.	16
McGinnis, T.	36
McRoy, J.	26
Mead, A.	03
Meiklejohn & Hatton	08
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Rice, E.	26
Rierson, O.	20
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Rollafson, O.	20
Russolt, A.	34
Selmer, A.	25
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Sether, H.	25
Sether, O.C.	14
Sether, O.C.	29

Shoemaker, L.F.	11
Skaarm, G.H.	36
Solie, M.	17
Solom, C.A.	21
Solom, O., Mrs.	28
Solom, O.A.	28
Soper, C.E.	26
Soper, C.E.	27
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Staub, A.	26
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Stiles, E.	22
Stiles, S.	23
Stubrulen, C.	29
Taylor Brothers	26
Taylor Brothers	27
Taylor Brothers.	36
Thompson, E.	08
Thompson, F.	08
Thompson, T.N.	22
Thorson	33
Thorwolt, C.	28
Toe & Selmer	24
Townsend, E.	21
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Townsend, E.	33
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Weinmann, A.	29
Weinmann, A., Jr.	24
Weinmann, A., Jr.	25
Wirth, M.	34
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**Officers****President: Nancy Weasner****Vice-President: Susan Goodacre****Secretary: Carolyn West/Deb Anderson****Treasurer: Pam Sannes****Committees****Accessioning: Sue Dunbar****Historical Scrapbook: Pam Sannes, Nancy Weasner****Pioneer Certificate:****Newsletter Editor: Deb Anderson****Website Manager: Paula Vaughn****Research Committee: Sue Dunbar, Jean Spiegelberg,  
Kevin Knitt**

The mission and vision 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, to educate members and others in genealogical research techniques, to make available historical and genealogical material to the general public, to receive, hold and invest monies, dues, gifts, sales, interest, etc. and to hold and administer property for the benefit of the society and for its educational purpose.

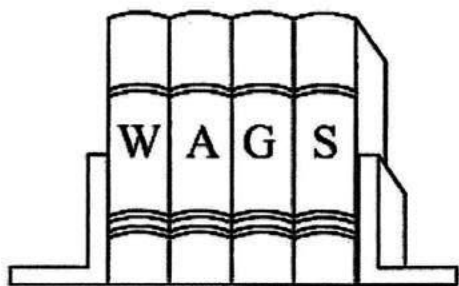
The Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) is classified as a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Membership: \$12.00 Individual and \$15.00 family (two people living at the same mailing address). Please include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and surnames you are currently researching. Newsletters will be sent via e-mail unless otherwise specified. Send check or money order to WAGS, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981. The membership year runs January 1 through December 31 & includes the quarterly newsletter.**

**Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must be received on the first of February, May, August or November to be considered for the next newsletter. All items submitted will be published as space permits.**

**Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meetings are open free to the public. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca. Please check the website for any changes in meeting times or location.  
[www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm](http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm)**

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### Message from the President

As WAGS continues to celebrate 25 years, there have been 6 new memberships for a total of 25 new members since January. Let's welcome all the new members. WAGS will do everything we can to help you in your research. Any questions please ask.

A reminder to all members of the open hours at the Holly History and Genealogy Center at 321 South Main Street in Waupaca. Open hours are Wednesday and Friday noon to 3 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays during the summer 9 a.m. till noon. If you wish to volunteer on a Saturday during the summer please let me know.

I presented to the membership that libraries are interested in having WAGS do youth programs during the summer and possibly as an after school program in the fall. Membership agreed to continue these types of programs as this may engage youth interested in their family history.

Here are the programs and some of WAGS activities for 2019:

Saturday June 8, 2019 at 10a.m. - WAGS member Richard Townsend will give a presentation on his pioneer family and share with us how he discovered a Revolutionary War Spy in his family history.

Thursday July 4, 2019 - WAGS will participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Waupaca. Pam Sannes will be driving a vehicle with banners that say Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Celebrating 25 Years. Anyone who wishes to participate in the parade please let me know.

Saturday July 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. - Russell Horton, from the Division of Veterans Affairs in Madison, will give a presentation about military genealogy—including reading and understanding military abbreviations.

Saturday August 10, 2019 at 10a.m. - Round Table Discussion. Bring your discoveries over the summer and any queries you may have.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 NO WAGS MEETING - Mary Eberle DNA Workshop from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Waupaca Area Public Library. Once the event has been placed on the Waupaca Library Website you may register online, by phone or in person at the Library. This workshop is limited to 65 participants.

Saturday September 21, 2019 - WAGS/WHS Cemetery Walk time to be determined.

Friday and Saturday October 4 & 5, 2019 - WSGS Fall Conference. WAGS will be hosting at the Ramada in Waupaca. DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!!!!

Saturday October 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. - WAGS BIRTHDAY BASH!!! Come and celebrate with us!!

Sue Dunbar, JJ Johnson, and Darlene Ryan have retired from all of WAGS Committees. WAGS has been fortunate to have these knowledgeable members serve our great organization for many years. Let us wish them well. WAGS now has openings for the following committees: Research Committee, the Pioneer Certificate, the Collections Committee, and if you are crafty you can join the Scrapbook Committee. Anyone interested please let me know.

Paula Vaughan has volunteered for the Informational Resource Committee that includes accessioning.

WAGS again will be holding Brat Fry's for fundraising. These Brat Fry's not only help WAGS raise money for WAGS programs and community outreach, but also serve to raise awareness of WAGS to the public.

Be safe and have some fun with your families.

Nancy Weasner,  
President of WAGS

## WAGS Member Spotlight

### **Marlene Netzler**

Marlene is a retired Administrative Assistant who is married and has one child. Marlene has been doing genealogy research on and off since the 1970's when she ACCIDENTILY found her mother's family that came after the orphanage, indentured and adopted finally after marriage. Her husband did his research at U.W. Stevens Point Library. The surnames Marlene is working on are: Flagerty - Campbell and Netzler - Olson in the Iola Area.

The brick walls she is currently working on are with other genealogists whose families crossed into hers and have supplied her with lots of research. Marlene has nothing on her father's side beyond the Grandfather or the Great-Grandparents' children.

Marlene does not own a computer and recommends asking family members if they know information or if they can direct you to someone who does.

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### **Deb Guiggre**

Deb is retired. She is from Pine River, is married and has one child. Deb began her genealogy research at the Senior Center Class that was offered in January 2019 in Waupaca. The Senior Center Class helped her learn how to research her family history. The surnames she is researching are Knuettel, Hein, and Sylvester. Deb recommends findagrave.com and familyhistory.com for researching. Deb is interested in military records.

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### New on the Shelves

The following donations have been made since the last newsletter:

Donated by Sue Dunbar – 1850 Indian Land Marquette County Census  
1860 Townships Dayton, Farmington and Lind Census  
Caroline Radley Journal 1901-1937

Donated by Lois Alfsen – Waupaca High School Scrapbook

Donated by Kevin Knitt – *A Faith Journey*

Donated by JJ Johnson – *When Then Was Now*  
Magazine holders

Donated by Paula Vaughan – Magazine holders & metal bookends

Donated by Nancy Helbach – Scrapbook #16 – Mostly obituaries

Thank you for your donations!

If you would like to make a donation to the WAGS collection please contact the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society at 715-256-0284

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### **An interesting tidbit submitted by JJ Johnson:**

#### **Waupaca County Post**

**April 21, 1960**

Weyauwega – Harrison M. Bennett observed his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary Tuesday, April 19.

He came to Weyauwega in 1886 from a farm in the town of Royalton where he was born. For many years he had a jewelry store and did watch and clock repairing. Since retiring from active business, he has been cleaning and repairing organs and clocks.

Mr. Bennett, better known as Harry, comes of pioneer stock. His great grandfather on his father's side, Ensign Robert Monroe, was the first officer to fall in the Revolutionary war. He is a descendant of Miles Standish on his mother's side.

Reminder to all members: If you wish to have your membership contact information NOT published please let Pam Sannes (WAGS Treasurer) know. The only information that the membership will have will be your name and the surnames you are researching. If someone wishes to contact you regarding your surnames, they will let Pam Sannes know and Pam will pass their information to you and you may contact them. You may also change this at any time.

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Friday – June 14, 2019 at Fleet farm 2016 Farm Dr. Waupaca – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Thursday - June 20, 2019 at the Holly Center 10 a.m. -4 p.m.  
Thursday – June 27, 2019 at the Holly center 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Friday – June 28, 2019 (PLACE TO BE DETERMINED)  
Friday – July 5, 2019 at Fleet Farm 2016 Farm Dr. Waupaca – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Friday – July 12, 2019 (PLACE TO BE DETERMINED)  
Thursday – July 18, 2019 at the Holly Center 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Thursday – July 25, 2019 at the Holly Center 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Friday – August 2, 2019 (PLACE TO BE DETERMINED)  
Friday – August 9, 2019 (PLACE TO BE DETERMINED)  
Friday - August 16, 2019 at Fleet farm 2016 Farm Dr. Waupaca – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Friday – August 30, 2019 (PLACE TO BE DETERMINED)  
There may be more added as time passes

## **Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Collections Update**

We have been busy at work organizing, repairing, and updating the WAGS' collection which is held at the Holly History and Genealogy Center in Waupaca. Many of you may already know that the Holly History and Genealogy Center is a non-lending center which houses both the collections of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) and the Waupaca Historical Society (WHS).

The work on the WAGS' collection began with an inventory in April. Once this was completed, we moved on to first color coding and then re-arranging the collection. The collection has been arranged for easier access and for greater ease in finding books by topic.

The books have been arranged in the following manner:

- Family books remain located on the shelving unit under the front windows and are color coded with red. Plat maps are also located on the bottom shelf of this unit.
- The Geraldine Trinrud Collection is now located on the shelving unit to the left of the office door and is colored coded with yellow.
- The scrapbooks are located to the left of the Geraldine Trinrud Collection/office door and color coded with blue.

All other books have been color coded green and have been intermingled with the WHS collection by topic. The topic areas are marked with name plates as to which section it is. So, if you are looking for a book(s) about the city of Waupaca these books should be together in the City of Waupaca area where as before you could find them in several locations. The exception to this is all books in the Geraldine Trinrud Collection (no matter the topic) can be found in the Geraldine Trinrud Collection area.

The Geraldine Trinrud Collection was donated to WAGS in 2005 when Geraldine Trinrud, one of WAGS founding members, became ill and then passed away. This collection includes records she had been given by Wayne and Alta Guyant, records from research she had done for others and resources she had collected throughout the years. The collection contains obituaries, cemetery listings, marriages notices, family reunions articles, birth announcements, and much more. Much of this collection has been indexed. It was Geraldine's request that this collection be kept and displayed together. The next step in our work is to stabilize the books to keep them falling from the shelves. This will be done by resizing some of the binders, magazine holders and bookends. Work is also being done at this time on the scrapbook collection. Indexing is being updated and some scrapbooks are being copied to help preserve the original papers.

When this work has been completed, we are in hopes of having a complete updated listing of the WAGS' collection and a completed index of all scrapbooks, etc.

This project will take some time and we are asking for your patience while it is in process. We are confident the changes will help both in preserving the information as well as making it easier to locate items when doing research.

I would like to take this time to thank those who have helped me in this project – without them I could not get it accomplished. A BIG thank you to Sue Dunbar, Nancy Helbach, JJ Johnson, Pam Sannes, Jean Spiegelberg, Carolyn West and Nancy Weasner.

Submitted by

Paula Vaughan - Resource Committee Chairperson/Accessioning

Plat map and Index submitted by member Juniper Sundance

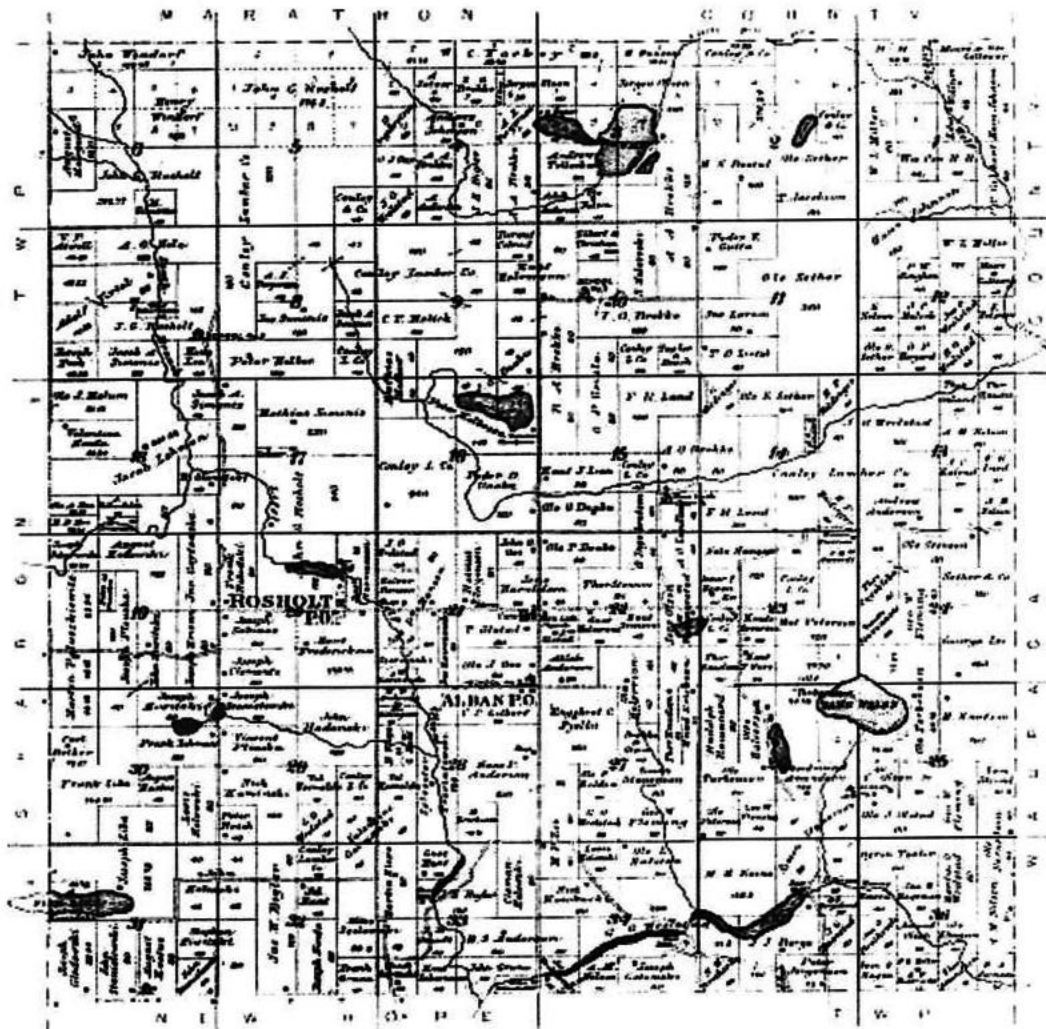
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PLAT OF  
**ALBAN**

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

Township 25 North, Range 10 East

of the 4<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian



PORTAGE COUNTY  
 PLAT: 1895 ALBAN

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The mission and vision 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, to educate members and others in genealogical research techniques, to make available historical and genealogical material to the general public, to receive, hold and invest monies, dues, gifts, sales, interest, etc. and to hold and administer property for the benefit of the society and for its educational purpose.

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

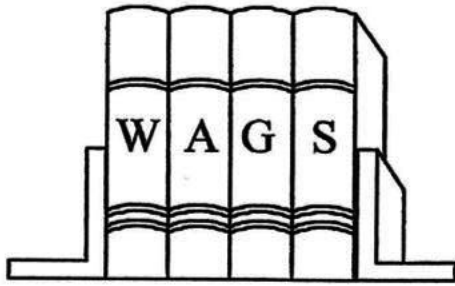
**Membership: \$12.00 Individual and \$15.00 family (two people living at the same mailing address). Please include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and surnames you are currently researching. Newsletters will be sent via e-mail unless otherwise specified. Send check or money order to WAGS, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, Wisconsin 54981. The membership year runs January 1 through December 31 & includes the quarterly newsletter.**

**Articles, queries, etc. submitted for publishing in the newsletter must be received on the first of February, May, August or November to be considered for the next newsletter. All items submitted will be published as space permits.**

**Waupaca Area Genealogical Society meetings are open free to the public. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Holly History and Genealogy Center, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca. Please check the website for any changes in meeting times or location.**

**[www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm](http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/WAGS/WAGS.htm)**

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### Message from the President

Greetings Everyone,

Wow - has this summer gone by quickly! Brat Frys have been great in many ways. At one Brat Fry someone paid for the next person who bought a brat. For the next several people who brought brats everyone paid it forward. What a blessing. The last person to receive this gift was an elderly man. How blessed WAGS was that day to be able to provide that service! Then there was a person who came, shared her genealogy and history of the area. She spent about 30 minutes sitting with us and sharing with members who are familiar with the area. Then she asked for our WAGS flyer, went to her vehicle and came back and paid to join. She left very excited that she found a group she can share with. These are only a few of the moments those who help with the Brat Fry's share with others.

Paula Vaughn has taken down the WAGS site on the wigenweb page. Paula Vaughn still remains the county coordinator of that site. Please continue to visit this page. It has a lot of great Waupaca information. Please be patient with us as a new WAGS Web Page is developed. Jim Gardner has offered to be WAGS Webmaster. The site will include a Members Only Site and other features. If anyone has suggestions on what to put on the Members Only Site, please let us know.

This past year I have followed the following criteria to advance WAGS Organization:

- 1.) Anyone who we meet or anyone who has an interest in family history/genealogy.
- 2.) Ask the question if they have a real need?
- 3.) Does WAGS have the ability to provide this service?

With this, WAGS continues to grow as we offer as much as we can to those with a need that WAGS can provide.

WAGS now offers a Members Only Day, the third Tuesday of the Month from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Hopefully, this offers those who work in the morning, afternoon and night help on their genealogy.

Don't forget to sign up for the DNA Day Long Workshop at the Waupaca Public Library.

WAGS will be celebrating 25 years Saturday October 25, 2019 at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. Hope many of you can attend.

Nancy Weasner  
President of WAGS

### **An interesting tidbit submitted by Darlene Ryan:**

Just a note for those of you that are new to genealogy. When you come across a John Smith, Sr. & John Smith Jr., do not assume that they are Father and Son. Years ago it was common practice that if two people in the same area had the same name the eldest was called Sr. and the younger was called Jr. to keep them separated. They may have been distant cousins or even Uncle and Nephew. Be sure to prove your ancestral family line always.

### Newly Accessioned Items – As of July 10, 2019

The following books have been added to the collection since the last newsletter:

Waupaca County Scrapbook #1 (consists of news articles, obituaries, etc.) –  
donated by member Nancy Helbach.

Waupaca County Scrapbooks #3, #5 and #6 (consists of news articles, obituaries,  
memorial cards, wedding announcements, etc.) – donated by members Nancy  
Helbach & Sue Dunbar from the collection of Eugene & Elizabeth (Cook) Pitt of  
Waupaca, WI and their daughter, Sharon Pitt Harris.

The following additions have been made to the Family File folders.

#### **Photos of:**

Cook, Mildred  
Grogan, Tillie & Son  
Hall, Mabel  
Jensen, Amanda  
Jensen, Carrie  
Larsen, Christina  
Larsen, Flo  
Miller, Archie & Family  
Nelsen, Lydia & Margaret  
Nicholiason, Albert & Laura  
Peterson, Myrtle & Ellen  
Rasmussen, Ted & Della  
Unidentified

Donated by members Nancy Helbach & Sue Dunbar from the collection of Eugene & Elizabeth  
(Cook) Pitt of Waupaca, WI and their daughter, Sharon Pitt Harris

Civil War Pension Records of George Allen, Adam Ballard, John E. Cartwright and  
Joseph Chapin were donated by member, Ramona Ivashchenko.

#### **A big thank you to all those making these donations!**

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#### **A note from Vice-President Sue Goodacre:**

I was given this information to pass along. The following website warns of a DNA scam:  
[https://www.komando.com/happening-now/582683/dont-fall-for-this-dna-scam?utm\\_medium=nl&utm\\_source=alerts&utm\\_content=2019-07-23](https://www.komando.com/happening-now/582683/dont-fall-for-this-dna-scam?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=alerts&utm_content=2019-07-23)

#### **A note from Mary Mathwig regarding DNA kits:**

I got through to Ancestry.com today and they assured me that the DNA kits that I have do not have expiration dates on them, at all, as long as they have never been opened.  
Would you please offer them for sale at your meeting? I'm willing to take \$45 each, which is less than half what I paid.

Please contact Mary directly at [mary.mathwig@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.mathwig@yahoo.com) if you are interested in purchasing these DNA kits.

**Research websites to assist with your genealogy:  
Submitted by Nancy Helbach**

Hathitrust Digital Library has many books digitized. Most are searchable, and entire books are viewable, searchable and can print or save a page. It is a wonderful resource. Use "Waupaca" as the search criteria. Two book examples are:

- History of Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Published in 1890 by J. Wakefield
- Commemorative Biographical record of the upper Wisconsin counties of Waupaca, Portage, Wood, Marathon, Lincoln, Oneida, Vilas, Langlade and Shawano.

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/ls?field1=ocr;q1=waupaca%20county%20wisconsin;a=srchls:lmt=ft>

Searching on the internet, for a listing of Waupaca County Cemeteries;

<http://www.wigenweb.org/waupaca/Cemmisc/waupcem.htm>

The Wisconsin Historical Society has many sources and resources. The 14 Area Resources Center Networks will bring information closer to you, as information can be sent between the different Resource Centers.

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4000>

Cyndi's List has Genealogy sites on the internet of the United States and many countries, bringing information closer to you.

<https://www.cyndislist.com>

Do you do Norway family history? The Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library has many research links. Included are links with getting started, naming patterns, Norwegian terms, plus an introduction to the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library.

<http://www.nagcnl.org/research-links/>

FamilySearch.org has a "wiki" for information, research and record types to utilize.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Norway\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Norway_Genealogy) Available on FamilySearch.org are word lists to help with translations. Examples:

Døde or død died, death	Kone, wife
Dødfodt, stillborn	Menn, Men
Copulere, marriage	Kone, wife
Mann, man	

Also written Norwegian has three letters not found in the English alphabet: Æ (æ), Ø (ø), and Å (å). In most record sources prior to 1915.

The Sons of Norway also have some helpful links-

<http://www.norwaydc.org/genealogy/resources/characters> examples are:

Type the Æ, Ø, and Å using the 10-key pad ("Num-Lock" on) and the Alt key.

When you want to type a Norwegian letter hold down the Alt key and type a code into the 10-key pad. Once you release the Alt key, the letter will appear. The codes are:

æ – ALT + 0230 or ALT + 145	Ø – ALT + 0216
Æ – ALT + 0198 or ALT + 146	å – ALT + 0229 or ALT + 134
ø – ALT + 0248	Å – ALT + 0197 or ALT + 143

## USING THE FAMILY SEARCH WEBSITE

Are you getting the most out of FamilySearch? Find this FREE website at [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and create an account to be able to use all of its features. When you click on "Search" on the home page a drop-down menu shows the following selections: Records, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books and Research Wiki. Use them all!

### Records

You can search for records on the website in three ways. On the left side is "search historical records" with a search form for an ancestor's name, birth/death dates and locations. Generally, name and a date or location is the best way to start. Here you can also restrict records by clicking "Type" and asking for only census records, vital records, etc.

On the right side of the page you can search by location by clicking on a country and selecting a state or province.

Below the map is Find a Collection where you can choose to "browse all published collections" and view an alphabetical list of every record collection. TIP: click "last updated" to see the most recent additions to this list.

### Family Tree

Several years ago FamilySearch created one single family tree by combining all the records from the IGI (the international genealogical index), the Pedigree Resource File (a collection of user-submitted genealogies), and the Ancestral File (another collection of user-submitted pedigree charts and family group sheets). You can see that this in turn created many duplicate names, and FamilySearch has hopes that its community of users will help to merge duplicates. You can search here for deceased ancestors. There are no guarantees that the information is properly sourced, but volunteers are slowly adding correct names, dates and sources.

### Genealogies

Since the goal of FamilySearch is to eliminate duplicates in its family tree section, any GEDCOMS or other submissions of family trees are now placed here instead of in the Family Tree. It is searchable with a deceased ancestor's name.

### Catalog

Use the catalog to search for records available in a place where an ancestor lived. As you type a locality, possible matches appear in a drop-down box. Select your match and click search. Church records or vital records would be most useful from the next list. Eventually you may find a link to digitized records for your location. Some of the digitized records can only be viewed at a family history center, but many can be accessed on your home computer. FamilySearch will also link to websites that contain digitized records available for searching. One example: searching for Norwegian villages and choosing church records leads to a link to an "arkivvervet" site where you can view digitized church records.

### Books

Here's what FamilySearch says about the "books" section:

"FamilySearch has created a new online digital library, known as "FamilySearch Digital Library." Researchers are able to search all of the digitized publications for personal names, localities, maps, and other search terms. After typing a search term (for example, the name of an ancestor), click on "*Full text results*," then "*View*." Search terms are highlighted. Users are able to search within a document, print, or download files as a .pdf."

If a book is under current copyright, you will not be able to view it. However, some of the copyrighted books can be read at a local family history center.

### Research Wiki

The FamilySearch Wiki is a guide that lists websites, records and resources for almost any topic or location. Search for locations or genealogy subjects. In many cases links are provided to digitized records outside of the FamilySearch website.

I would be happy to try to answer any specific questions about FamilySearch. Email [xwordsmith13@gmail.com](mailto:xwordsmith13@gmail.com).

Annette Rietz

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### **New WAGS members since January 2019 and the names they are researching:**

#266	Mary Young	Reneink, Stepaniuk, Young
#267	Deborah McClarky	Koch, McIntyre
#268	Jan Beekman	
#269	Lynn Hansen	Howard, Siegar
#270	Cheri Swortz	Ceaserano, Fisher, Fischer, Mech, Swortz, Tilger, Tremmel
#271	Mary Solberg	Nelson, Timm, Wagner
#272	Debra Giuffre	Hein, Knueppel
#273	Nancy Wendtland	
#274	Julie Wurth	Frazier, Miller, Walker, Wurth
#275	Dotty Hetman	Mulbach, O'Brian, Zadrayet
#276	Lane and Dorothy Streck	Kuzenski, Maxam, Streck
#277	Rita Ann Rochon	Kern
#278	Marlene Netzler	Flaherty, Netzler, Olson, Wedell, Wadell
#279	Janice and Fred Koch	Beer, Koch, Leweling, Loeffler, Steinbush
#280	Tom Stephani	
#281	Nadine Guilbault	Basford, Brown, Kett, Morey, Neilson, Olson, Platta, Pudroski, Puzdrowski
#282	Art and Michell Bolen	Adams, Bachar, Bolen, Burcham, Christianson, Janzen, Prindle, Selin, Vedum
#283	Walter and Julie Schmidt	Lenz, Mortenson, Packard, Peterson, Roberts, Schmidt
#284	Debra Wied	Wied, Wood,
#284	Jerry and Debbie Galovic	Isaacson, Neuman, Schofield
#286	John and sally Hoftiezer	Dayton, Hudnall, Bemis, Nulton, Hoftiezer,
#287	Rebecca Steagall	Johnson, Taylor, Webster, Colby, Fletcher, Marshall, Bingham, Jorgenson, Booth
#288	Jean Jernberg	
#289	Mike O'Shea	Johnson, Jorgensen, Nelson, Nicolaisen, Neilson

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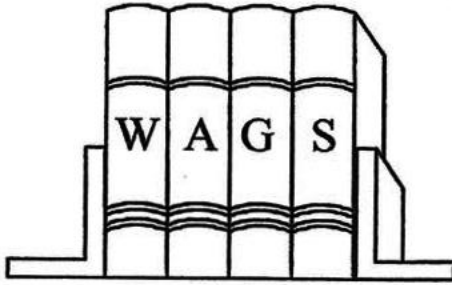
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### Message from the President

Season's Greetings to All!

2019 has been full of events and the WAGS Board is busy planning new events for next year with suggestions given by members and others. I'd like to take this time to review the event-packed 2019 WAGS' year.

### **This was the year the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society Celebrated 25 Years!!!**

In January WAGS held five Genealogy Classes at the Waupaca Area Senior Center. Our Speaker for the WAGS Meeting was Jim Walker presenting: Researching in Your Pajamas.

In February WAGS had one more Genealogy Class at the Waupaca Area Senior Center. We added 12 new members out of the 16 people who took the class. The speaker for the WAGS meeting in February was Jane Myhra who spoke on Self-Publishing. WAGS also held a Child's Program at the Waupaca Area Public Library one of three titled The Universe of Stories.

In March, Dave Baker, a member of WAGS, gave a presentation on Genealogy 102—Breaking Down Your Brick Walls. WAGS also held the second of three Child's Programs at the Waupaca Area Public Library. Richard Townsend shared some of his ancestors' tools and information about them in a display at the Waupaca Library that ran through the month of April.

April, Dave Miller gave a presentation on Irish research. We also had our last child presentation at the Waupaca Library.

Then came May. WAGS had a Brat Fry in Iola to start off our Fundraising for 2019. An Open House was held with a Brat Fry at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. Three more Brat Fries were held on the Thursdays of May at the Holly Center and one was held at Fleet Farm in Waupaca.

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, WAGS held another Brat Fry in Iola. Richard Townsend gave a presentation on Robert Townsend a Revolutionary War Spy. WAGS continued with three more Brat Fries on the Thursdays of the month of June and two more Brat Fries on Fridays, one at Fleet Farm and the other at the Holly Center.

July was an exciting month. WAGS was in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade!!!!!! Russell Horton gave a presentation on how to find military information on our ancestors. WAGS had another brat fry in Iola, three brat fries on the Thursdays of the month of July and three more brat fries on the Fridays of July. One at Fleet Farm and two at the Holly Center. Sally Hoftiezer applied for a Pioneer Certificate.

In August, WAGS had a round table discussion after the business meeting. Brat Fries continued four Thursdays and three Fridays of the month at the Holly Center and one Friday at Fleet Farm. In August, WAGS started a Members Only Day.

September WAGS was busy getting ready for the Mary Eberle DNA Workshop that was held at the Waupaca Library. Members worked to put together Tri-folds of "Waupaca Area Genealogical Society - Through the Years." We collected pictures and articles of as many years as we could find of the 25 years and attached them to tri-folds. It is interesting to see how WAGS has grown over the years. WAGS continued with another

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**Members Only Day.** WAGS partnered with the Waupaca Historical Society in the second Cemetery Walk, with the Hutchinson House being open and a brat fry at the Hutchinson House. WAGS also had three more brat fries. Two at the Holly Center and One at Fleet Farm.

October WAGS celebrated 25 Years by inviting all former and current members of WAGS to come to the celebration as they are part of the family that has grown over the 25 Years. The downstairs was decorated and the meal was catered. WAGS had some former members renew their membership. WAGS handed out Volunteer Certificates to all Volunteers, WAGS pins to all the officers and name tags to the current officers. At the Celebration, members played Genealogy Jeopardy to test their knowledge of Genealogy. WAGS had another Members Only Day, and another Brat Fry at Fleet Farm.

November quieted down a little. WAGS held another Genealogy Class in Pine River at the Pine River Library. WAGS held elections and finished up loose ends of the year at the business meeting. WAGS continues to hold a Members Only Day and WAGS had our LAST Brat Fry for the year 2019 on Orange Friday at Fleet Farm.

The Brat Fries are Fund Raisers, but they also give WAGS a chance to speak to people about Genealogy and share with them information about our society. WAGS has added to the family with several new members this year. WAGS will also be having our Christmas Gathering at the Holly Center December 14, 2019 from 9a.m. till? If you attend please bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided.

The WAGS Board is planning another exciting year for 2020.

As we look forward to 2020, I wish all of you a Very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy creating memories with family and friends!

God Bless You All,  
Nancy Weasner  
President of WAGS

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### **Upcoming Programs at Appleton Public Library**

**Finding Your Ancestors: They Came to America: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors by  
Deb Anderson, Director of UWGB Archives and Area Research Center  
Saturday December 7, 2019 Meeting Room C 2p.m.-3:30p.m.**

**Finding Your Ancestors: Finding Your Belgian Roots by sue Havel  
Saturday January 11, 2020 Meeting Room C 2p.m.-3:30p.m.**

**Finding Your Ancestors: Researching Religious Records: Where to Start  
By Dave Miller  
Saturday February 1, 2020 Meeting Room C 2p.m.-3:30p.m.**

**Finding Your Ancestors: Unraveling the Mysteries of Your Female Ancestors  
By Mary Risseeuw  
Saturday March 21, 2020 Meeting Room C 2p.m.-3:30p.m.**

**ALL GERMAN ALIEN  
WOMEN MUST REGISTER  
BETWEEN JUNE 16 AND 26**

All natives, citizens, denizens, or subjects of the German Empire or of the Imperial German government, being females of the age of fourteen years and upwards, who are within the United States and not actually naturalized as American citizens, are required to register as German alien females.

The registration will commence at six a. m. on June 17, 1918, and continue successively each day thereafter, between the hours of six a. m. and eight p. m., excepting Sunday, June 23, 1918, until the 26th day of June, 1918, at eight o'clock p. m.

Persons required to register should understand that in so doing they are giving proof of their peaceful disposition and their intention to conform to the laws of the United States.

How many of our ancestors may have been impacted by this newspaper announcement? We were using the newspaper microfilm at the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison this summer and I noticed the article while searching for obituaries. This would seem to explain the notice I found many years ago placed by Katherine Schmidt Nickel, my great-great-grandfather's sister, explaining that she would now be writing her name "Nicol, as that was the original spelling and would seem more American." Her announcement appeared in the same issue of the County Post as this article.

Submitted by member Annette Rietz

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

#290 Francine Hassman-----DeRango, Doucette, Gentile, Hassman, LeBlanc, Tenuta  
#291 Don McAllister  
#210 Tom and Kris Shambeau  
#292 Susan Ruegen -----Weller, Welty  
#293 Becky Horviefl-----Becker, Bordhard, Briden

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MEMBERS RENEWING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2019  
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REQUESTING NEWSLETTERS MAILED THROUGH  
THE US POSTAL SERVICE INSTEAD OF EMAIL.

Dayton Historical Bibliography  
Waupaca Public Library

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"Parfreyville," pp. 82-83

"Soil Map," p. 104

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Dec. 6, 1990, p. 24, Woolen Mill 1884?

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May 16, 1991, pp. 51-52, tidbits early 1990's

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Sept. 9, 1993, p. 162, early potato warehouses

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"Town of Dayton," by Mrs. Walter Ciura, pp. 195-207

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Chap. II "The Indian Tribes"

Chap. III "The First Pioneers"

Chap. X "Columbia Lake"

Chap. XI "The Twin Lakes: Dake & Miner"

Chap. XII "Long Lake"

Chap. XIII "The Little Chain"

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*Rural on the Crystal Historic District* pamphlet

Compiled by Diane Pinkalla, Dayton Historical Committee, 2017

## USING THE FAMILY TREE IN FAMILYSEARCH

Have you explored the Family Tree section of FamilySearch? It would be very useful for beginners who have not yet purchased a software program, but is also worthwhile for anyone who has been researching for years. Several years ago, FamilySearch merged all of the family histories that had been submitted into one "world tree." It was their hope that users would add information, make corrections, and input sources so that each individual would only appear once and all of the details would be accurate.

The easiest way to begin is to select "Find" under the Family Tree tab. Enter a deceased ancestor in the search field to see whether information has already been entered for that person. (You can start a tree with yourself; information for any living person cannot be viewed except by the person who entered the name.)

Here are tips from the FamilySearch Wiki page:

- There is no guarantee that the information in Family Tree is accurate. Data comes from many sources, and anyone can edit the information in Family Tree. It is your responsibility to verify names, dates, places, and family relationships, and to provide sources when available.
- Remember that your data will be subject to editing by others.

Once you have located an ancestor, take a look at the options on the person page. Notice that the name of the person who added information is included. You can contact anyone by clicking on their name; familysearch sends the message. You can also make changes by clicking the blue "edit" button.

Details: shows vital records and other information, including the parents, spouse and children, if known.

Time Line: provides a chronological list of events and a map where they occurred.

Sources: shows all records that have been added for the person.

Collaborate: a section where you can add special information or initiate a discussion about a problem.

Memories: photographs or documents related to the person.

On the right side of the person page:

View Tree: click here for a pedigree chart.

Watch: click the star and FamilySearch will send an email anytime someone makes a change for that person.

Research Help: a blue square appears with a suggestion for a source, such as a census page or vital record. You must decide whether it applies to your ancestor. A red square appears with correction suggestions.

Search Records: links to websites that might have information; you need subscriptions to search each site except for FamilySearch. Geneanet also seems to have some free information.

Latest Changes: lists any changes made in your ancestor's information and who made them.

Tools: self-explanatory, except for the "merge" item. Plan to ignore merge suggestions until you have become accustomed to the site and the "tree." Making a mistake here can cause many problems!

Print: several options are available for printing information.

If you cannot locate an ancestor and want to see what a person page looks like, use my grandfather. In the "Discover Your Deceased Ancestors" search field use Arthur Ernest Smith, born in Waupaca, Wisconsin in 1888. He should be the top result when you click "Find."

Have Fun!

Annette Rietz

## THE QUERY

Correspondence may be our first direct contact with an individual regarding our family line, but most likely the initial contact really began with the query—yours or theirs.

The purpose of the query is to bring people together through their common ancestry, so they may share the information they have already accumulated, and work together in accumulating more data. Remember, two or more heads are better than one. Therefore, the query is one of the most important tools at our disposal, and much thought should go into its form, and the information given. A QUERY SHOULD BE SHORT AND TO THE POINT, BUT ALSO CLEAR AND INFORMATIVE.

1.) We start our query by supplying the surname of the ancestor for whom we wish to acquire information. If at all possible follow this with the given name. It is important to note that our ancestor was not the only person in the world to hold ownership to that particular cognomen, so it is vital to supply other data to help narrow down the field, or pinpoint, as it were, the individual we are seeking.

2.) The next step would be to give an event. Usually this would include birth, death, marriage, or residence.

3.) Event is followed by two things— place and date. I combine them here, because it does not really matter which one precedes the other, as long as they are included. Let me elaborate: I ask for information on Enos THOMAS, no other data. What is likely to happen is I am going to receive letters from people whose relative came from a totally different time period and location. Their time and SASE's as well as my own time, have been wasted. Another scenario to this may be that if a query is too vague you may not receive any response to it at all. If you have no other knowledge on your ancestor than a name, start with the closest relative to that person, e.g., son or daughter, for whom you can give a good description. Even if you do not know the exact date, you do have an idea of the approximate time period, and that is where the "circa" comes in handy. If a full date is given, it should be arranged: day, month, year with no spaces in between. You also most likely have a general idea where this particular person was located. The ideal presentation of location is town, county, and state, or if outside of the United States include country. But if all you know is state - that is better than nothing. At least it gives a general area for the reader to work with, and decide if there may be a connection.

4.) To further identify your ancestor it is a good idea to name the spouse, and, or parentage, if known. Children or siblings is optional. Sometimes it can be helpful, especially when your ancestor has a very common first and last name, e.g., John SMITH. But if your ancestor description is fairly complete, there probably is no need to include this information in your query

5.) Ask you question. What do you want to know? Be brief. Need information on, need ancestor of, need proof of marriage, etc.

Example query submitted:

Enos THOMAS born Moon Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 6 December 1816, parents Levi Lewis THOMAS and Mary YAUGER, wife Lydia COLEMAN. Need Ancestors of Levi and Mary.

Some genealogical societies and magazines have a specific format they wish to follow. They will also state whether they want you to do your own abbreviations, or not. If they do, a list of abbreviations they wish for you to use will usually be provided. If this is the case, I must stress that it is very important that you submit your query exactly as is specified; otherwise, it will not get printed, and you will have to do it all over again, which is valuable time wasted.

The query is a tool to use when we find ourselves completely stuck for information on that elusive ancestor. It should not be our only tool, and we must be willing to give as well as take.

This was an article from the Everton's Genealogical Helper

May-June 1992

By: Jacqueline Reid

Submitted by Nancy Weasner

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