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Wisconsin State Genealogical Society-**GenaRama**

24 Mar 2023 to 25 Mar 2023

The Lismore – A Double Tree
by Hilton 333 Gibson St, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Trials and Tribulations of Coming to America. Featuring: Katherine Wilson, Ph.D

Register online:

<https://wsgs.org/events>

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Presidents Message

As I write this, I think about what I can do to find out more about my mom and dad. As I cleaned out tubs of family information, I came across my mother's 11th grade reports card. It got me to think of what clubs my mom attended in High School. What kind of grades did she get in other years? Who were the classmates she hung around with? I then found out that my mom joined 4-H. Among the papers of hers I discovered her Home Economics Project for cooking and sewing. In my mother's later years, she was a quilter. I have photos of her and many of her quilts.

For my dad, I found in year-books his seventh grade and eighth grade pictures. It brought back memories, being at the supper table listening to him

talk about these people not realizing that these people were his classmates (and some relative).

On March 11, 2023 Melissa Barker will be presenting "The Archive Lady" looking at how to find school records.

WAGS Program

April is with Lori Bessler presenting "Planning a trip to the Wisconsin State Historical Society"

May is WAGS Member Susan Oldfield presenting "The Mayflower Society."

June---no program WAGS has open hours for research at the Holly Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Brat Fries



Friday, April 28, 2023 at Fleet Farm, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, May 26, 2023, at Fleet Farm from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday June 30, 2023, at Fleet Farm from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday July 01, 2023. at Fleet Farm from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

If you would like to help please contact Nancy Weasner, President at njweasner@gmail.com or call 715-256-0284.

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July----no program WAGS has open hours for re-search at the Holly Center from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

August---no program WAGS has open hours for re-search at the Holly Center 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BRAT FRY FUNDRAISERS will be starting in April through September. Please watch future WAGS Meeting minutes and Newsletters for more information.

Enjoy your genealogical research as you wait for Spring.

Nancy Weasner,
President of WAGS



New Members

316. Mary Jones

317. Nicole Coonen

Discovered June 2022



This unique **Register of Deeds 1852-1898 Supplement Marriage Index** was discovered and transcribed by long time members of WAGS, Nancy Helbach and Jean Spiegelberg, with permission from the Waupaca Register of Deeds to share this information.

These records were not indexed with other records of this period.

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Cohen Building or "The Egg Building"

The "Egg house"

The Waupaca Foundry acquired the Waupaca Feed and Seed Company in Dec. 1972. The buildings on the property (Durrant property – The "Egg house" otherwise known as Cohen Bldg – Waupaca Feed and Seed Company) were, at that time scheduled to be demolished. The "Egg house/Cohen Bldg" and the Durrant properties were to be leveled and the area blacktopped. The Waupaca Feed and Seed Company was to be leveled and a multi-purpose steel structure to be built, but at the time there were likely changes to these plans. Along with the proposed changes, railroad spurs then separated the brick structure and the seed company would be consolidated into one spur which would be terminated at the east side of North Division Street.

Local resident Bart Sopa's wife's grandfather, Ernest Wysocki, worked in the original mill and said that when the mill was for sale, he wanted to buy it to keep it running.

.Additional information will be available at the Holly Center in Waupaca.

Thanks to the generous research by Jean Speilburg, Nancy & Bruce Helbach, and J.J. Johnson, WAGS Members.



Nicole Coonen Hello all! I'm so excited to have become part of your society, and want to help you get to know me. I'm a Lawrence University alumna, and I taught myself web development and database design/administration while working at UW-Whitewater's libraries.

During my time there, I built custom web applications and databases, managed the libraries' equipment, and provided tech support to UW-Whitewater's Archives and Area Research Center. I've since left UW-Whitewater to earn specialized professional certifications, and got in touch with WAGS through my volunteer work at the Waupaca Historical Society.

My mother and sister have been studying our family's history for a long time, and they got me interested in it, too. So when I learned that WAGS wanted additional help with their website, I jumped at the chance. Technology and history are two of my great passions, and I'm looking forward to sharing them with all of you! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me via info@wagswi.org with comments and questions!

Editors Notes:

Articles should be in WORD format with .doc or .docx files, and pictures in .jpg format. Contact me with any questions. Please e-mail to me directly nadine17543@yahoo.com This will reduce degradation of photos and if I have questions, I can contact you directly.

Please submit your Ancestor Profile 2 to 4 pages is ideal, Veteran, stories, surprise finds, pictures and documents.

Nadine Guilbault, Editor

Mission Statement

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 501c (3) tax-exempt organization as described in the Internal Revenue code.

Officers 2022

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Webmaster: Nicole Coonen

Membership

\$12.00 (Individual, Society or Library)

\$17.00 Individuals receiving via US Mail

\$15.00 Family

\$20.00 Family receiving via US Mail

The membership year runs January 1 through December 31. Newsletters will be sent via e-mail unless otherwise specified.

Please include your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and surnames you are currently researching.

Payment should be mailed to:

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Newsletter

Articles, queries and info gladly accepted (.doc or Word format appreciated for editing). Pictures or scans should be in .jpeg or similar format.

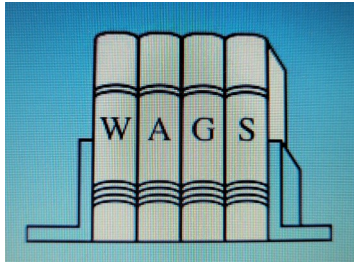
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Deadline 1 May publication for June/July/ Aug

Deadline 1 Aug publication for Sept/Oct/Nov

Deadline 1 Nov publication for Dec/Jan/ Feb



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Upcoming WAGS Meetings

Jun 10 - Round Table, Holly Center
OPEN Hours 10am - 2pm.

Jul 8 - Round Table, Holly Center
OPEN Hours 10am - 2pm.

Aug 12 - Round Table, Holly Center
OPEN Hours 10am - 2pm.

Sep 9 - "On Related Faces" by Tina LaFreniere

WAGS Executive Board would like to have suggestions, to be considered, for 2024 programs.

Please submit your suggestions to:
Nancy Weasner, President at
njweasner@gmail.com

History Flows By The River

Oh, the history that lies in Weyauwega – especially by the water! A. L. Hutchinson, born in Weyauwega in 1859, grew to be one of Weyauwega’s very influential leaders in getting things going in the community. He became an attorney in 1881, developed the post office to a state-of-the-art one in 1882, became editor of the Weyauwega Chronicle in 1886, was elected secretary of the fair association with full management, called for a special meeting for a vote on organizing a high school, AND called for a vote to include Baldwin’s Creamery.

Thus, the Baldwin Creamery Co., of Weyauwega, was organized in March 1892, by C. Baldwin and O.D. Sanders. The creamery plant occupied a building 30’ x 80’ and had a capacity of 8,000 pounds of butter a week in the busy season. Twelve men were employed in the new business that was built very near the Waupaca River, just off North Mill Street and near the dam. The reputation of quality butter was enjoyed particularly in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, and Northern Michigan. After time, milk was also stored in glass bottles in this location and delivered locally.



The pictures provided above are from around 1910. Note that the road veered to the right to go over the bridge, rather than straight as it does today. Then, (fast forwarding), Alfred A. "Sporty" Bartel started the Weyauwega Dairy Bar in the 1940’s. He made delicious home-made ice cream right at this location. He eventually sold it to Fred Maass, Sr. in 1948. Not only did Fred work 12 –16 hours per day, seven days a week making ice cream for the area, but also had two men running milk routes and two men running ice cream routes.

It was one of only two dairies in Waupaca County that still made its own ice cream. The other was in Clintonville. Fred’s entire family worked at the family business. They served up a variety of yummy ice cream, creating two new flavors. Fred’s original Jimmy Carter peanut butter chip and chocolate peanut butter were popular in the 1970’s. When he started, the cost for a dip and a half ice cream cone was a nickel and three dips for a dime. A malt was \$.15 or \$.25. That’s when people say, "Those were the good ole days"!

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**2023 WAGS
BRAT FRYS
10am - 2 pm**

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at the Holly Center

June 30 at Fleet Farm

July 1 at Fleet Farm

July 6, 13, 20, 27 at the Holly Center

August 3, 10, 17, 31 at the Holly Center

August 25 at Fleet Farm

September 2 at Fleet Farm



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Today many community people can recall the time they spent working at this delicious location. Fred sold the Dairy Bar to Donald Miller and his son, Bill, of California, in February 1979.

The landmark building survived close to 100 years. On Tuesday, January 28, 1986, the entire structure became engulfed in flames. The popular stop for local and out-of-town guests seeking delicious homemade ice cream, bulk buttermilk and other dairy products was destroyed. Carl Koch (telephone employee) had been living in the area that had been converted from an icehouse to an apartment. He too lost everything!

It didn't take long before the location was purchased by Gene and Carla Anderson. The Weyauwega Dairy Bar opened as a restaurant on June 15, 1987. The Andersons owned several businesses. But Gene recalled his younger years when, coming to Weyauwega with his brothers, they would cool down with a malt after they had finished their farm work. This was the thought that called them to rebuild and create an ice cream store with Fred's homemade ice cream. They decided to expand the menu to include a standard fast-food menu. With Fred's help they continued to offer his famous home-made ice cream for some time. Anderson said, "It all hinged on Fred". He begged him to work for him. If he had said no, they would have erected a car wash instead." So, he pulled Fred from retirement, and they proceeded with Fred's homemade ice cream. He continued to say, "I couldn't ask for a better location or a better community to work in."

The Anderson's served Weyauwega well until April 12, 1991. By this time, Fred could no longer help make his great homemade ice cream recipes. So, the restaurant was sold to William and Loretta Brace. Knowing ice cream was a great "calling card" for their restaurant, they found a quality ice cream to be served along with great food! . . . and so, they did for four great years.

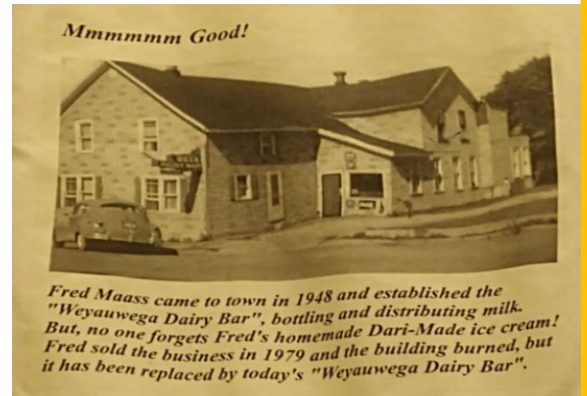
Then, on August 18, 1995, Braces deeded the restaurant to Ralston Restaurants. Ralston's had another restaurant in New London. But they worked at providing great food and ice cream! Ralston Restaurants deeded the restaurant to David and Nancy Ralston on September 21, 2016.

Who would be next to continue this great legacy in Weyauwega? It would be Tim and Shellie Kempf. They purchased (what they would rename the business as The Dairy Barn) in April of 2019. Some modifications were made, and Tim continued to work at Agropur in Weyauwega. They just had a good start in their business when the Covid 19 pandemic hit in February 2020. As we all know, this changed a lot of things in our societal life – less contact with others and harder to find help. But the couple worked hard to maintain until Shellie & Tim deeded the beautiful location over to JD's Café LLC on December 12, 2022. It only took the Domrzalski family a little over a month to make this wonderful location a place Weyauwega continues to be proud of. They have made it their own, including food for fast-paced customers.

Opening at five a.m. seven days a week seems like a real challenge. For more of their personal story, see the January 12 issue of the Waupaca County Post. We welcome Danyelle, Don and Donni to Weyauwega. The Community wishes you well as you continue the great history that lies at 316 N Mill Street.



(Courtesy of PasTimes Spring 2023 Newsletter from the Weyauwega Area Historical Society and reprinted with permission)



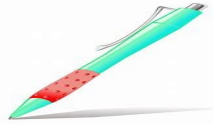
Calling All Candidates...

If you would like to be considered for the position of President, Co-Secretary 1 or Co-Secretary 2 on the WAGS Board, please send your intention in writing to the Nominating Committee Chairperson at 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981, to be received by September 30, 2023.

Thank you.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Sue Goodacre

President's Message



Hello everyone,

Are we enjoying the weather yet??!??

WAGS has had opportunities over the years to promote our society and generate an interest in genealogy. These include paying for a booth at events with WAGS information on it at places like the "WDUX" Home Show, Strawberry Fest and similar events. At these events the WAGS booth is among many other booths of varying interests. At these events as people walk by looking at the WAGS booth, some will stop and ask about WAGS and inquire about how to research their family history/genealogy.

Over the years WAGS has offered genealogy classes at a variety of locations. These people who already have an interest in family history/genealogy sign up to learn more about how to research their family history/genealogy.

Brat Fry Fundraising Season is now upon us. You may ask how this relates to promoting the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society? Promoting means making the community aware of our organization. This may increase interest in genealogy and the WAGS organization and may attract new members. Brat Fry Fundraisers are a fun way to have WAGS Volunteers and others share their family history/genealogy research.

The WAGS Volunteers also inform people (that come here for the summer from Illinois etc.) that may not know about the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society.

All the while, at the Brat Fry Fundraisers we are also raising funds for the WAGS expenses which include but are not limited to Programs, Website, digitization of WAGS collections, possibly developing a scholarship fund, projects to help libraries get the newspapers digitized.

(This is similar to the Weyauwega Chronicle Project when WAGS helped the Weyauwega library microfilm the Weyauwega Chronicle Newspapers.)

Holding Brat Fry Fundraisers, we reach people who may not have known about the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society and our collections at the Holly History and Genealogy Center. (The Holly Center) When we hold Brat Fry Fundraisers at the Holly Center, we encourage people to go inside and see what the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society and the Waupaca Historical Society have to offer. Holding Brat Fry Fundraisers at the Holly Center makes the community aware of a building that they did not know was here in Waupaca. If it had not been for the Brat Fry Fundraisers at the Holly Center some of these people would not have visited the Holly Center.

Thank you to all the WAGS Volunteers who help at the Brat Fry Fundraiser to help promote the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society.

Hope you have a great summer.

Nancy Weasner,
President of WAGS

“You are our living link to the past. Tell your grandchildren the story of the struggles waged, at home and abroad. Of sacrifices made for freedom’s sake. And tell them your own story as well - because everybody has a story to tell.” George H. W. Bush

Letters From Our Soldier Boys

These are actual letters written by the soldiers in 1918, transcribed and published in newspapers, found in the Wayne and Alt Guyant Scrapbook Collection at the Holly History and Genealogical Center. Transcribed as written with any and all errors as in the news articles in the 1918 newspaper by Nancy Weasner.



From Fredrick C. Redfield---France, May 26, 1912

Dear Folks:---Sunday again and I will write a few lines and let you know we are keepink well and feel fine. We got mail last night. We received the Posts for March 28th, April 4th, and 11th; and the Northwestern of April 1st and 3rd. Seems good to get the news again. I spent all last evening with my face in the paper and part of today. The weather is fine and everything growing good. Roses are about to bloom.

We are busy every day but found time to take a swim in the river yesterday, and a bunch of us had a ball game this afternoon and I am lame from running. Wish I could be home for Decoration Day. Have not heard from Oshkosh for a long time. Suppose you are nearly done planting by this time, and hope you are well. Will close with best wishes.

PRI. Frederick C. Redfield.
Co. F. 107th Eng. A.E. F. via. New York.

From Corp Marion Olson---France, Europe, May 29, 1918

To My Dear Mother:---Will write you a few lines tonight to let you know that I am feeling fine. Received your letter April 29th, yesterday, and was very glad to hear from you and that you were all well with exception of slight colds which I have myself. I received the Waupaca Post today; this is the second one I have received while I have been over here. I don't know where the rest of them have gone. Of course papers travel slower than others do. I read the paper through a short time and was glad to hear what the people were doing all they could to help us win the war as quick as possible so we can come back again. It encourages a soldier to know that the people back home are doing all they can to help him fight his battle.

I received a letter from John Faulks the other day; he didn't say how he was or whether any of the other boys are. He did say that he had some experiences and would be glad when and I could get together again so that he could relate some of them to me. I wrote to him immediately. It took almost as long for his letter to get to me as it does for a letter to come from the States.

I was glad to hear that you had received the bonds allright. I think I will be sending some more money home pretty soon as we just got paid yesterday and I had considerable left over from the month before. There isn't much chance to spend money over here unless a person drinks wine or champagne which seems to be quite plentiful in France. Eggs are certainly a good price as they ask 5 Francs per dozen which is about one dollars of our money. I was reading in the paper where it said that eggs were 36c per dozen there. That is some difference from what they are here. We can't buy any good candy over here as they don't seem to have any. About all the sweet stuff we can buy is French chocolate which is not near as good as ours. A package of those Hershey bars papa used to buy, costs 75 centimes. or 15c of American money. But I suppose candy is pretty expensive there too isn't it.

Gardens look nice over here now as there has been lots of rain to make them grow good. I have also seen strawberries in bloom lately. Well as I have written a fairly long letter, I guess I will close for this time hoping that this finds you all well and happy. Please give the date of each letter you receive from me so I will know whether or not you are getting all of my letters.

From your loving son,
Corp. Marion Olson.
128th Inf., 32nd Div. A.E. F.

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Genealogy: Chasing your own tale!

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From Walter Nicholiason--- Spartanburg S. Carolina, June 24, 1918

Dear Sister:---As I am not doing anything this afternoon, I will write you a line, I am feeling fine and hope this will find you the same. I have seen quite a lot of country since I left Waupaca on May 3rd. I went to Columbus Barracks, Ohio first. It is called a receiving station, where I was examined by several doctors and put into a uniform for the U.S. army. They had some mess hall there. They served eight hundred soldiers at one time and believe me we had to eat with some snap. We got about three minutes to eat in. There were officers sent along with us, and when they said get up, we had to quit.

It was the worst rush I ever got into. But I was only there four days. They lined up a bunch containing about six hundred and we marched to the railroad station and boarded a south bound train containing sixteen coaches. We saw some pretty scenery along the line. We went through several big tunnels and several coal mines and along the mountain sides. Most of the dwelling houses were small huts with about seventeen negro kids racing around the house. And to our surprise we landed here in South Carolina, near the fields of growing cotton and the busy cotton mills. We're training in the trenches with the bayonet and gun. We go to the rifle range for a battle with the Hun. And we are using strength and skill while hiking and parading, and in every kind of drill. And besides the pan's and dishes, we must wash our duds. Cut the wood and load wagons and peel a hundred thousand spuds. Bake the beans and boil the coffee, cook the potatoes and the hash. Keep the camp clean for inspection; we do a lot of extra duty but there is no use to kick for we made a resolution, Bill the Kaiser's bunch to lick; They keep pretty busy but we're willing to confess. We all hear the pay day bugle, and the cooks call for mess. In fact, we're rather cheerful and never very sad. But we cannot keep from thinking of the better time we had. Those southern girls are very pretty, but nothing like the girls we used to know. And when we have our mess, we line up, like a bunch of sheep tied up in the barn and wait for our turn to come. And we get all we want to eat, but we get along very nicely just the same.

I have been in this camp a month and a half now. But we are going to move in a few days. I don't know where we are going, but I think the most of them will go to France. Guess I won't get a chance to go. I didn't pass the over C. examination and there was a lot of them that didn't. But I wish I could go with the rest of the boys. They all want to go across after they have been in the army a while. But I am out of luck that's all. I thought at one time that I would have an operation, but the doctors had orders not to operate unless it was a case of have to. Quite a few of the boys here are flat footed. They are giving treatments.

I will close for this time with best regards to all.

Walter Nicholiason

Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina



Interest Evaluation: Trip to WI Historical Society

WAGS is exploring the possibility of a trip to the WI State Historical Society in October for Family History Month. Before we can take the next steps in planning the trip, we need to know how many members would be interested, under the following terms:

1. Interested members would have to pay to attend. Since the purpose of the trip is to facilitate research by individuals on their personal family histories, rather than the business of the Society (expanding & maintaining our collections, space rental, general programming, etc.), Society funds cannot be used to cover the costs, per our by-laws.
2. A meal would not be included in this cost.
3. Payment must be completed at least 30 days before the trip.
4. If a conflict arises and you can no longer attend, your payment will only be refunded if you find a replacement to take your spot and they pay the predetermined amount.

We would need at least 35 members to be interested in the trip to make the cost per member within a reasonable range. **Responses must be completed by Wednesday, June 7, 2023.**

* Indicates required fields

1. Name* _____

2. Email* _____

3. Phone* _____

4. What day(s) of the week would be best for you?* *Check all that apply*

_____ Monday

_____ Tuesday

_____ Wednesday

_____ Thursday

_____ Friday

5. We anticipate this trip costing attendees between \$25 and \$100 each, not including a meal. What is the Maximum amount you would be willing to pay for this trip? *

\$ _____



The Wearing of White Gloves – Yes or No

By Sue Goodacre

I was talking to a friend about the show “Finding Your Roots” and they asked the about wearing white gloves when touching old documents, “Are the white gloves really necessary?” I first said yes, but then I did some thinking and then some “Googling”. Here is what I found.

As genealogists, along with historians, archivists, and curators, we were told to or were required to wear white cotton gloves when handling very old paper, old books or when the paper is brittle and threatens to crumble. However, some experts are now saying that wearing of white gloves only provides a false sense of security and can induce more damage than handling the same documents with bare hands. The better solution is to simply wash and dry our hands frequently.



How and when did the wearing of gloves become a mandatory requirement in some collections for reading rare archival and library material? It seems that the donning of gloves for preservation purposes originated in the late nineteenth century with photographers wanting to prevent fingerprints from marring their negatives. There seems to be no mention of glove-use in the special collection libraries and archives until the last decade or so of the twentieth century. I found mention of October 1999 online discussion on a special collections website where it was revealed that some book curators strongly opposed to glove-use, even back then.

The following information is limited to paper-based collections. Other media types such as negatives, photographs, and slides have their own special handling or unique requirements. It is best to address these with specialists within those fields.

It is argued, by the experts, that when handling most types of materials, white gloves do not help and could contribute to the damage. The gloves could be just as dirty as fingers, especially if they have been previously used and have already absorbed dirt and chemicals from previously-handled papers, along with any oils from hands. Once absorbed into the cotton any dirt, grit, chemicals, and oils can easily be spread from one document to another. The washing of the gloves is only a partial solution, because the chemicals in the detergents are retained in the gloves' fibers and then spread to documents that are handled later.

Secondly the loss of dexterity when wearing gloves is an issue. When wearing gloves you lose the sense of touch which increases the potential for physically damaging fragile material by mishandling. This can be true for extremely thin or brittle papers that become more difficult to handle by not “feeling” them.

Needing to be reexamined are the blanket policies mandating that curators and patrons wear any kind of glove when they are handling archival and library materials. A reasonable and effective alternative would be the implementation of a hand-cleaning policy, whether it be soap and water or disposable alcohol-soaked towelettes.

Some preservation organizations agree that there should be no glove-use, while others instruct conservators to “handle books only with freshly washed hands”. It is also recognized that “wearing white cotton gloves for handling rare bindings is good preventive measure, but turning fragile or brittle pages while wearing gloves may cause damage and is not advised”.

Resources:

“*The Myth of Wearing White Gloves*” Eastman’s Online Genealogy Newsletter, March 13, 2023

“*Misperceptions about White Gloves*” by Cathleen A. Baker (Paper & Book Conservation Consultant) & Randy Silverman (Preservation Librarian), International Preservation News, No. 37, December 2005

“*No Love for White Gloves, or: the Cotton Menace*” by Alexandra K. Alvis, November 21, 2019, Unbound (Smithsonian Libraries and Archives)

Suggested Websites to Check Out

Interment.net (<https://www.interment.net>)

Contains over 25 million cemetery records, transcripts, and burial registers, from tens of thousands of cemeteries across the world, all contributed by genealogists, cemeteries, government agencies, and private organizations.

Olive Tree Genealogy (<https://www.olivetreegenealogy.com>)

Site has Passenger Lists, Immigration Tips, Canada, Military, Genealogy Guide, Loyalists, New Netherland, Native American, Palatine Genealogy, Photo Albums, Almshouse, Lunatic Records, Orphan Records, Huguenots, Mennonites, Quakers, UK Ireland, and Genealogy Secrets!

In Past Print

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From "**Volume XVII The Waupaca Post Thursday February 1, 1894, No.1**"

EAST LANARK

Married---At Rural on Wednesday last, P. Larson and Lizzy Gray. A long life and lot of happiness are the wishes of the scribe.

From "**Volume XVII The Waupaca Post Thursday February 1, 1894, No.2**"

SCANDINAVIA

Miss Andre Oline Thorson was buried at the Scandinavia cemetery last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. O. Nelson officiating. Miss Thorson had been visiting some time with her brother P. Thorson, at Grand Forks N.D. at which place she was taken sick and died from typhoid fever. Her remains were brought back to her home the first of the week. Miss Thorson was twenty-one years old when she died. T. Thorson of Good Forks, N.D. and his brother Martin Thorson of Fargo, Minn., attended their sister's funeral.

SYMCO

Dissolution notice

The co-partnership here-to-fore existing under the firm name Lund & Johnson has this day been dissolved. F.E.Lund will collect and pay all outstanding accounts.----Jan. 8, 1894 F.E.Lund, Chris Johnson

From "**Volume XVII The Waupaca Post Thursday February 1, 1894, No.3**"

Married

At Belmont, Feb. 14, 1894, Theron Trindal, of Belmont, to Miss Hattie S. Robinson, of Dayton, Rev. R.S. Hayward officiating.

Married--- Albert H. Axtell to Miss Helga Feragen, both of Ogdensburg, at the home of Mrs. Clements, Ogdensburg, on Saturday, February 3, 1894, Rev. Enoch Perry officiating. The bride is a young lady of many excellent qualities and quite a favorite among her lady friends. Mr. Axtell; a young man of business ability, of energy and push. Host of friends wish them abundant success and great joy.

DIED

Rasmus Olson died at his home in the First ward on Friday evening last, Feb.2, after a brief illness. If he had lived until the sixteenth of this month, he would have been eighty years old, having been born in Denmark, 1814. Mr. Olson was a farmer in the old country and served for twenty-five years as a member of the Danish parliament. He came to this city in 1879, joining his two children, Ole R. Olson and Mrs. Mary Anderson, who were living here, and he retired from active life. His wife aged 79, and the two children above, were left to mourn his disease. Mr. Olson was a kindly man and well liked by all who knew him. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Nelson officiating and a large number of friends of the family being present.

Miss Minora Dewey was born in Barnard, Vt., June 11, 1826, died in Waupaca, Wis., Feb. 3, 1894. Several years ago, she joined the Congregational church. She has ever lived a beautiful, consistent, Christian life and one of great meekness and humility. Her last sickness which was very severe she bore with great patience and Christian fortitude. It can truly be said of her "She hath done what she could."

Other Conferences, Meetings & Webinars... **SAVE THE DATE!**

Appleton Public Library – Finding Your Ancestors Series (Virtual Program)

To access the library's event calendar go to www.apl.org/calendar. You **MUST register** in advance. Go to Appleton Public Library's website... then Events, Adult Program, Calendar Month, click on the program, follow the registration information listed.

Jun 15 (Thursday) - **6pm VIRTUAL** "*Breathing New Life into Your Boring Ancestors*" by Melissa Barker.

Jul 13 (Thursday) – **6pm VIRTUAL**, "*Homesteading: Land for All*" by Christine Cohen.

Aug 10 (Thursday) – **6pm VIRTUAL**, "*Genealogy of a Neighborhood: Urban and Rural*" by Mary Risseuw.

Sep 16 (Saturday) - **2pm VIRTUAL**, "*Researching Hispanic Genealogy*" by Joy Oria.

** If you missed any of the Find Your Ancestors programs? Check out Appleton Public Library's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/aplref for recordings of past programs. NOT all programs are recorded.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society –

For more information contact WSGS website at <https://wsgs.org> **Need to Register for Webinars**

Webinars (2023) – (LIVE Webinars = FREE / Recorded Webinars = MEMBERS ONLY)

Jun 20 – 7pm "*Vertical Files: Finding Bits & Pieces of Your Wisconsin Ancestors*" by Melissa Barker.

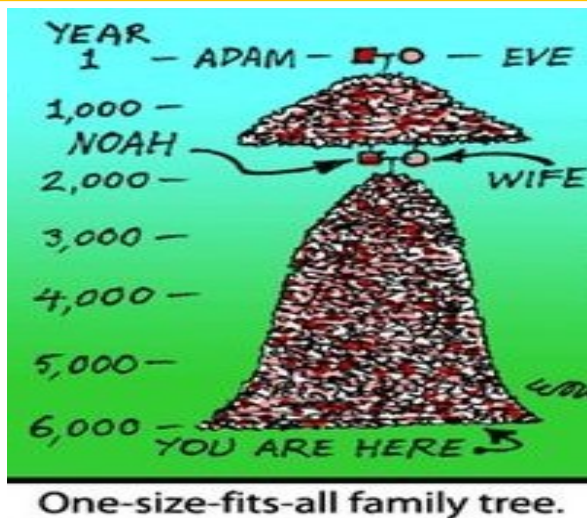
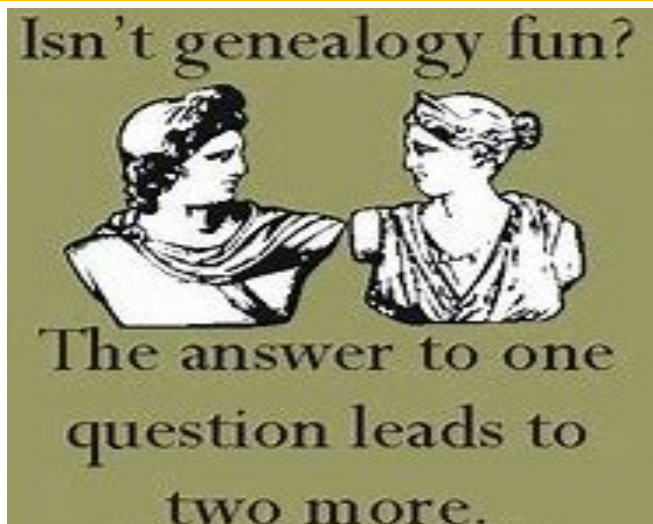
Jul 18 – 7pm, "*ArkivDigital makes Swedish research easy!*" by Kathy Meade.

Aug 15 – 7pm, "*Why is my Ethnicity Estimate Wrong and Does it Matter?*" by Dana Kelly.

Sep 19 - 7pm, "*You Light Up My Census! Researching Beyond*" by Jennifer Roozant.

Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society (SPAGS) -

Jun 7 - 6pm, Cemetery Walk - King's Veteran Cemetery, King, WI. Meet at the Reception Area.



From the Editor

Thank you to all that submitted items for this newsletter.

Sue Goodacre, Newsletter Editor

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Membership

\$12 - Individual, Society or Library
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The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. One (1) Quarterly Newsletter will be sent via email unless otherwise specified.

Please include your name, address, email address, phone number, and surnames you are currently researching.

Send payment to:

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321 S. Main St.
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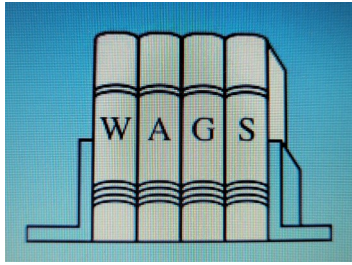
Articles, queries, etc., submitted for publishing in **WAGS Quarterly Newsletter** must reach the editor by the following **deadlines:**
March Issue - February 1, September Issue - August 1, June Issue - May 1, December Issue - November 1

Queries are FREE for members and \$1.50 for each non-member. Please be sure to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE and WHEN with each query send to sgoodacre@new.rr.com.

Please email submissions to sgoodacre@new.rr.com. Please put "**WAGS Newsletter**" in subject. Please make sure any submissions are in WORD format (doc or .docx) or a PDF and pictures are in jpeg format..

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Upcoming WAGS Meetings

Sep 9 - "On Related Faces" by Tina LaFreniere

Oct 14 - No Program

Nov 11 - No Program

WAGS Executive Board would like to have suggestions, to be considered, for 2024 programs. Please submit your suggestions to: Nancy Weasner, President at njweasner@gmail.com

Calling All Candidates...

If you would like to be considered for the position of President, Co-Secretary 1 or Co-Secretary 2 on the WAGS Board, please send your intention in writing, dated and signed to the Nominating Committee Chairperson at 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981, to be received before September 30, 2023.

Thank you.

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Sue Goodacre

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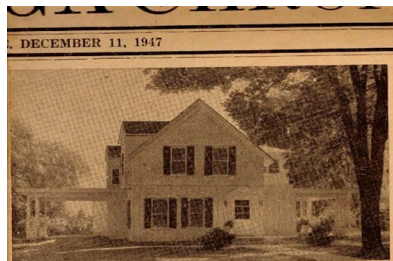
BUSINESS IS NOT DYING IN WEYAUWEGA



In 1866, Mr. Gebauer, sold a building on North Mill Street (next to current Dockside Designs) to William Bauer. It had formerly been operated as a tavern and dance hall. The building soon became a landmark, known as the Bauer Furniture Store.

William raised his family in living quarters at 200 S Mill Street. He established his business of making coffins and furniture by hand. In those days coffins were made as ordered, and the trip to the cemetery was in a limber wagon pulled by horses.

William's son Fritz, and grandson, Ross eventually took over the business and ran it from the North Mill location for fifty years. This location (used for storage at this time) was eventually destroyed by fire in 1972.



In December of 1947, an open house was held for a new funeral home location. Bauer Funeral Home was advertised in the "Weyauwega Chronicle" as, "At long last, Weyauwega takes its places among the first in this section of the State to provide full benefit of modern facilities of an adequate funeral home". This fine facility was operated by F. W. Bauer, Ross W. Bauer, Harry W. Rachu, and J. R. Jens. And, in 1950, a great new building was opened for
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**2023 WAGS
BRAT FRYS
10am - 2 pm**

September 2 at Fleet Farm



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furniture on Main Street (partially located where the City Hall Community Room is located today). Both the furniture store and funeral home continued to serve the people of the area until Ross Bauer's untimely death in May of 1967.

At only 45, Ross Bauer had left a legacy to remember. He loved his county and hometown! He graduated from Weyauwega High School in 1939, then from the University of Wisconsin. He had served as a navigator on heavy bombers with the U. S. Army Air Force in the European theatre and attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

Rev. J. C. Dahlke oversaw his service that was held at the Bauer Funeral Home. Later in 1967, John A. Dahlke (son of the Rev. J. C. Dahlke), along with David Rusch and Wesley Fenske, would purchase the three-generation funeral home and rename it Cline-Hanson-Dahlke Funeral Home. Since July 2005, John A. Dahlke and his son Jon W. Dahlke owned the business. With Jon's father's passing, he is now the sole owner, and continues to look forward, as his predecessors did, generations before him, to "providing full benefit of modern facilities of an adequate funeral home".



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Editor's Note: On June 25, 2023, an open house of this "fabulous addition to Weyauwega's Main Street" was held.



WAGS November Election of Officers

If any members in good standing are interested in filling these positions, please submit your nomination in writing in a sealed envelope and label it:

ATTENTION: NOMINATING CHAIRPERSON

WAGS

321 S. Main St.

Waupaca, WI 54981,

or you may hand it in at a meeting in a sealed envelope by September 30, 2023, to be able to put be put on the ballot.

Any WAGS member in good standing may nominate any WAGS member in good standing for either position at any WAGS membership meeting.

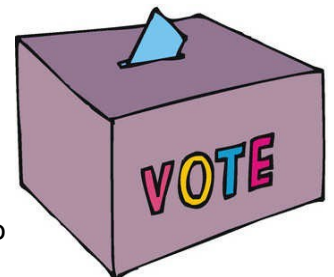
To Vote by Absentee Ballot -

THE ABSETEE BALLOT - **ALL** members requesting absentee ballots **MUST** request an absentee ballot in a written letter (**NOT AN EMAIL**), dated, and signed by the person requesting an absentee ballot, sent to WAGS Absentee Ballot Request, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981.

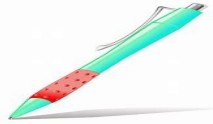
The voting member then votes for the person they want to be elected on the absentee ballot.

That Ballot, dated and signed by the individual submitting the ballot and is placed in an envelope. **There MAY NOT be more than one absentee ballot per envelope to be returned.** Send to WAGS Nominating Chairperson, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981 so it will be received THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE WAGS MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR ELECTIONS. (THIS YEAR NOVEMBER 11, 2023, IS THE DATE OF WAGS ELECTIONS). Please return it so it is received by November 08, 2023.

If there is no signature of the person who requested the absentee ballot, or the signature does not match the signature of the person who requested the absentee ballot, that ballot is not counted.



President's Message



Carolyn West has agreed to run for re-election for Co-Secretary of WAGS and I have also agreed to run for re-election for President of WAGS. We are also looking for another Co-Secretary to fill a vacant position. The Nominating Committee Chairperson will be accepting nominations in writing until September 30th, 2023.

In announcing my candidacy for a fourth term as president, I would like to take a moment to reflect on WAGS accomplishments during my tenure and my vision for the Society.

Early in 2018, WAGS was looking for different opportunities to fund WAGS expenses and projects and how to better publicize/promote the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society to our community and to gain new members. Jeff and I held Brat Fry Fundraisers, raising, and ultimately donating, \$5,647.81 through sales and donations from people who supported my vision for WAGS.

With the money donated in 2018, WAGS held programs following our monthly membership meetings in 2019. That money also funded our 25-year anniversary celebration: a daylong DNA Workshop at the Waupaca Area Public Library with approximately 30 people in attendance, as well as a luncheon for all past and present members.

Between 2019 and 2022, WAGS Brat Fry Fundraisers have raised \$25, 879.07. WAGS has used this money for much needed upgrades. WAGS purchased the binders, bookends, archival sheet protectors necessary to accommodate the largest accessioning project the Society has undertaken in its history, and to rehouse items at risk of being damaged. Technological upgrades include a new computer with a camera, a Zoom subscription for virtual meetings, digitization software, and a web domain. These funds also went towards general expenses including maintenance to WHS, insurance to protect WAGS Collections and liability, membership to the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce to promote WAGS, programs for the WAGS Membership at meetings and in the community, and so on.

Brat Fry Fundraisers have not only funded *everything* listed above but have also always been a great opportunity to spark an interest in people to share and preserve family history and genealogies. Many WAGS members have taken part in sharing their family's stories during the fundraisers, not just with each other, but with community members and visitors from near and far. These conversations have been invaluable for attracting new members and strengthening community ties. I am very grateful that WAGS membership has recognized the value of these fundraisers and voted to continue them.

In 2021, I gave WAGS a stronger voice on the national stage by nominating a delegate to the National Genealogical Society, which allowed WAGS to have input in NGS meetings. I am currently serving my second term as the Central District Representative of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society. I am also serving my second term with the Board of Directors on the Waupaca Historical Society.

I have also been diligent about expanding and strengthening WAGS' local connections. In 2019, I connected WAGS with the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce, providing WAGS with increased networking opportunities with local businesses and organizations. As a member of the Chamber, WAGS has expanded our outreach radius to more than 50 miles. The same year, WAGS hosted the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's Fall Conference. With member's approval, I led classes with 4-H groups, senior centers, and libraries in multiple townships in Waupaca and Waushara counties.

One of the most vital connections WAGS has been with the Waupaca Historical Society. Under my leadership, WAGS has formed a close working relationship with the WHS and Tracy Behrendt, the Director. By strengthening this relationship, WAGS has benefitted through increased publicity, collections advocacy and access, and community outreach. By collaborating with WHS to improve collection organization, more researchers use our materials and learn about WAGS, and WAGS members have easy access to broader collections. This year, I applied for WAGS to become an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Historical Society, which would make WAGS eligible for collection-related grants. While the application process has been slow, I am optimistic about a valuable relationship with WSHS in the future.

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2020 hit with a vengeance with the COVID 19 lockdowns and restrictions. WAGS overcame this by initiating WAGS meetings virtually via ZOOM to assist those members who wished to stay home and for those members that had not previously been able to attend due to distance. During this time, I ensured WAGS continued to raise funds while abiding by COVID protocols, and that members remained connected despite quarantine.

In 2022 the WAGS Executive Board and I have worked tirelessly developing Policy and Procedure for WAGS to ensure that the WAGS Board and Executive Board Members and Committee Chairpersons understand their duties and responsibility to prioritize WAGS' interest. Developing these Policy and Procedures, the WAGS Executive Board also worked on updating WAGS By Laws to include our technology improvements to the Society such as the WAGS website and the WAGS Facebook page, and then these amended By Laws were then sent into the State of Wisconsin which were accepted as written. This is vital to maintaining our status as a 501(c) 3 Nonprofit Organization.

In 2023, WAGS has started digitizing our collections to the WAGS computer and an external hard drive for preservation. WAGS has also started indexing our collections for the WAGS website. This has been a time-consuming process but has also provided increased opportunities to assist researchers at the Holly Center. WAGS has received increased numbers of research requests through the website, and because we have been at the center working on digitization, it has been easier to schedule appointments outside of regular operating hours.

I am very proud of what WAGS has accomplished in the last several years and wish to continue building on that success. If re-elected, I will continue to expand community ties and engage membership through collaborations and events. WAGS is currently planning to hold another membership luncheon for past and present members to celebrate our 30-year anniversary, as well as a day-long workshop through our partnership with the Waupaca Public Library. This will not only benefit members but promote our organization to the broader public, too. I will ensure that the current digitization project is completed to help make our collections more accessible to members, and to provide insight into our resources for the public. Because membership clearly values outreach, engagement, and growth, I am the right candidate. With your support, we can continue to make WAGS the best Genealogical Society in Wisconsin.

Nancy Weasner,
President of WAGS

Work, Work, Work....

Back in 1801 Britain's first census was begun. In a subsequent survey conducted in 1881, residents were asked to furnish their "rank, profession or occupation". Some of the more puzzling responses, as preserved by the London Genealogical Society, included:

Colourist of artificial fish	Maker of sand views	Running about
Knight of the Thimble	Gymnast to house painter	Grape-dryer
Disinfector of Railways	Turnip shepherd	Beef twister
Examiner of underclothing	Emasculator	Random waller
Invisible net maker	Sampler of drugs	
Electric bath attendant	Fatuous pauper	
Proprietor of midgets	Drowner	
Fifty-two years an imbecile	Count as female	
Knocker-up of workpeople	Fish-bender	
Goldfish-catcher	Cow-banger	

WAGS Digitized Collection Items (for WAGS computer & external hard-drive)

Waupaca County Scrapbooks # 1-6.
Waupaca County Obituaries Volumes 1-7 By Wayne and Alta Guyant
Marriages in Waupaca County Volumes 1-19 By Wayne and Alta Guyant
Waupaca Area Birthday Articles Volume 1- By Wayne and Alta Guyant
Waupaca County Anniversaries book 1 & 4 and Volume II & III By Wayne and Alta Guyant
Weyauwega Chronicle Clippings, 1902-1907
Weyauwega Chronicle Clippings, Book 1---1944-1945
Weyauwega Chronicle Clippings, Book 2---1946-1947

Family Histories/Genealogies by Geraldine Trinrud:

Martin J. Adams Sr. Family,
One Branch of the Axtell Tree,
Baker-James Family Part II---The Immigrants,
Barrington,
Belden,
Bruley Ancestors,
The Benjamin Family,
Button Families of America,
Chapin,
Collier Family,
John Collier Family,
Family Tree and Direct Descendants of the Engebret G. Dahlen Family of Iola, Wis.,
The Descendants of Joel Day and Rebecca DeWitt from Huron County, Ohio,
Ericksen,
Faulks Family,
Fisher/Coblentz Family,
The Gillingham Family History,
Hocking Family,
Hole,
Hough & Huff Families in the US 1620-1820 Northeastern States, Vol. II,
Index to A Bit of Green in Lebanon,
The Christian Johnson Family, Town of Farmington, Waupaca County, WI,
Kjendalen,
Miller Family,
Listul & Bestul Families,
Listul Family,
Descendants of John Helleksson Lien,
Knapstein Family Research,
Miller/Rosenau/Close Families,
Murray/Hermanson Family,
Ogden,
Moses and Hannah Olmstead,
Shambeau Family,
Section I, Sether Ancestors, From Luxefjeld, Telemark, Norway,
Schroeder Family,
Skagerrak of Kattegat,
Samuel Simcock Family,
Simcox,
The Descendants of James Stanfield 1800-1875,
Staub Family,
Swan/Potts Family,
Thorson/Grenlie/Knudson Family,
Woyak,
Warren Family,
Waldo,

Cigarette Camps of WWII

By Sue Goodacre

I had never heard of a “Cigarette Camp” before my cousin’s wife asked me if I knew anything about them. She also never heard of them until she came across the mention of a “Cigarette Camp” while doing research on her family members that served in World War II. She did some research and now I am interested in them.

The U.S. Army established temporary “tent cities” around the French ports of Le Havre and Marseilles, following their captures by Allied Forces after the Allied D-Day invasion in June of 1944 and Operation Dragoon in August 1944. A number of these “tent cities”, especially those around Le Havre, were located in an area the Army designated the “Red Horse” staging area and were named after popular brands of cigarettes (Lucky Strike, Old Gold Pall Mall, etc.). There was another group of temporary camps established at the same time in France that took their names from United States cities (Camp Atlanta, Camp Baltimore, Camp New York, and Camp Pittsburgh, and more) and were referred to as “City Camps”. There was one Cigarette Camp, Tophat, which was located in Antwerp, Belgium. These camps were part of the Normandy Assembly Area.

The camps were administered by the 89th Infantry Division, headquartered at Bois-Guillaume, near Rouen. The job of the 89th was to assign the incoming troops to the ETO (European Theater of Operations) to the various assembly camps, provide living and messing accommodations, replace shortages of personnel and equipment of the transient troops, and take up excess equipment such as trucks, jeeps, weapons, blankets, spare clothing, extra field equipment. The Division was also to assist in packing and crating, to make arrangements for transportation to boats, and perform a thousand other details required to swell the tide of homebound soldiers. The Cigarette Camps were used as a staging area and the City Camps were the assembly areas. The plan was for the incoming units to first go to the staging camps, as a pass through, on their way to the assembly areas, and then onto the front.

There are two reasons for choosing the names of cigarette brands and city names: First is security. By referring to these camps without an indication of their geographical location went a long way to ensuring that the enemy would not know where they were. If anyone was listening or eavesdropping to radio traffic they might think that cigarettes were being discussed or in the case of city camps, they were stateside. Secondly, a psychological reason, the thinking that troops heading into battle wouldn't mind staying at a place where cigarettes must be plentiful and troops about to depart for combat would be somehow comforted in places with familiar names of cities back home.

The camps varied in size from around 2,000 to nearly 60,000 in capacity. The “Big Three” camps were Phillip Morris, Old Gold, and Lucky Strike.

The nine French camps were: (See map on next page)

Camp Home Run, Sanvic: 2,000

Camp Wings, on the grounds of the Blaville Aerodome: 2,250

Camp Pall Mall, at Etretat: 7,700

Camp Herbert Tareyton, locate in the Forest of Montgeon (park): 16,400

Camp Twenty Grand, at Saint-Pierre-de-Varengeville: 20,000

Camp Philip Morris, Gainneville: 35,000

Camp Old Gold, at Ourville-en-Caux/Yerville/Doudeville/Yvetot: 35,000

Camp Lucky Strike, at Saint-Sylvain, Seine-Maritime between Cary and Saint-Valery-en-Cauz: 58,000

Camp Chesterfield: unknown

The Belgian camp:

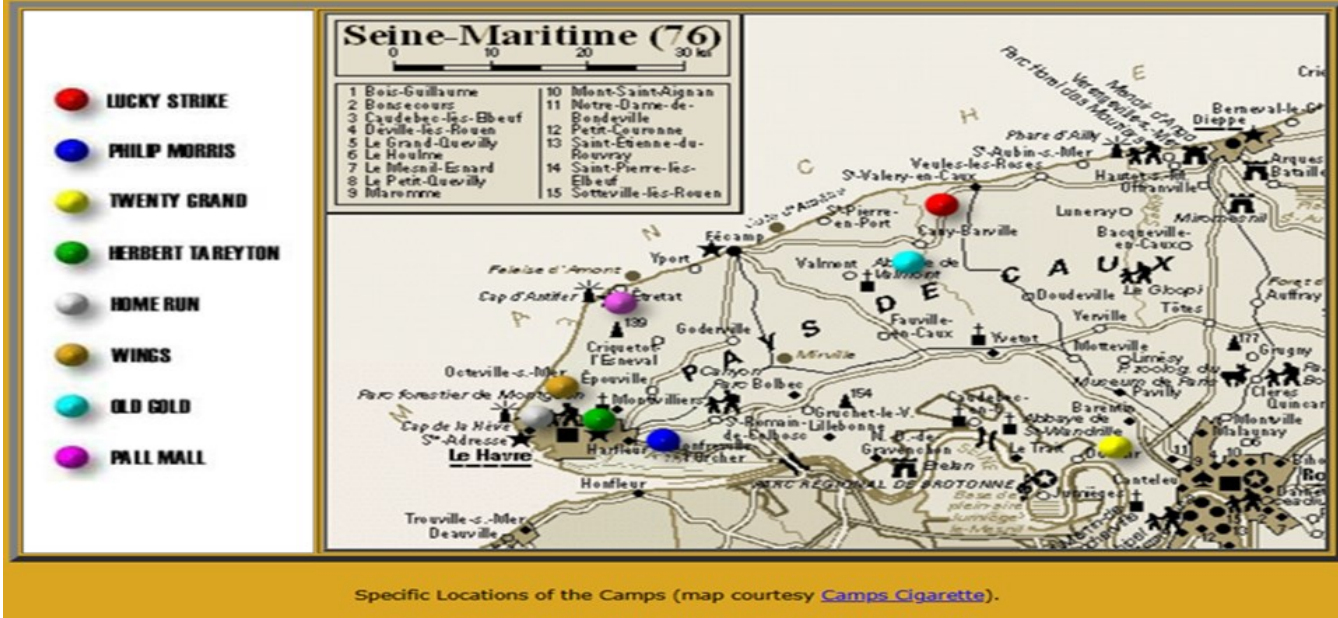
Camp Tophat, near Antwerp: exact capacity is unknown, but the single camp fielded “thousands of black 20-man tents”.

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REJOYCE Genealogists...September has a 3-day weekend!!

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The Cigarette Camps: Area Maps



The roles for both the Cigarette and City camps had shifted by the war's end. They were no longer the gateways to combat staging for GIs, instead they were processing liberated American POWs or RAMPs (Recovered American Military Personnel) and temporarily confining German POWs.

Many of the camps survived post-war with new roles, including housing for displaced persons into the mid-1950s. There is a small memorial situated at a junction of two French country roads (I was unable to find the names) that points to the largest military "Cigarette Camp" the Americans had during WWII in Europe... "Camp Lucky Strike":



Resources:

- Wikipedia (<https://en.wikipedia.org>) Cigarette Camp
- The Cigarette Camps the U.S. Army Camps in the Le Havre Area (<http://skylighters.org/special/cigcamps/cigintro.html>)
- WWII 46th Signal Battalion "Cigarette Camps" <https://sites-google.com>
- World War II Story – Camp Twenty Grand – Chapter 14 – Gallagher (By Robert F. Gallagher) <https://gallagherstory.com>
- VE to VJ Day – Cigarette Camps 89th Infantry Division of World War II <https://89infdivww2.org>
- Traces of War – Monument "Camp Lucky Strike" (<https://www.tracesofwar.com/sights/20981/Monument-Camp-Lucky-Strike.htm>)
- [Monument "Camp Lucky Strike" - Saint-Sylvain - TracesOfWar.com](#)

Happy Halloween...Hope you find your elusive ghost or skeleton!

WAGS will be holding election of officers at our November monthly meeting. Our current president, Nancy Weasner has given why she should be re-elected in her President's Message. Here is a nomination letter for our second candidate, Nadine Guilbault. Nadine has accepted the nomination.

A Nomination for WAGS President

July 24, 2023

To The Nominating Committee, Board Members and Members:

As a member of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society, I would like to nominate Nadine Guilbault for the position of President.

With her family arriving in Farmington in 1870, she has deep roots in the area and local history. She has actively pursued her own family history and genealogy for many years.

I believe Nadine would do her utmost, while working with others, in educating, preserving, and promoting local family history and genealogy as stated in the WAGS Mission and Vision Statement. Nadine would strive to keep accurate records, encourage members to participate in WAGS activities and others to become a member of WAGS.

Nadine is a current member of WAGS. She has participated in the past as a WAGS newsletter editor, webmaster, and delegate to the National Genealogical Society. She is also a current member of the National Genealogical Society, Polish Genealogical Society of Chicago, Polish Genealogical Society of Minnesota, Wisconsin State Genealogical Society where she is the Northwoods District Representative and a founding member of the Steering Committee of Family Roots-Menasha. She has also served as President of the Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society in the past.

She has participated in cleaning, restoring and replacing damaged veteran headstones in the Badger Cemetery as well as being the lead contact for replacing or adding Civil War and other veteran headstones at the Riverside Cemetery in Appleton

After 30+ years working as a Financial Specialist, with a background in Bookkeeping and Auditing of Financial records, Nadine is retired.

Please consider voting for Nadine for President. Voting takes place the second Saturday, November 11, 2023, meeting. Information on voting or absentee voting can be found on the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society's website at <https://wagswi.org> under Membership Only Log-in and then Page 1 Article III Membership Section 3 of the by-laws. Or contact WAGS at info@wagswi.org; 321 South Main Street, Waupaca, WI 54981, or call at (715) 256-9980.

Thank You -
Paula Vaughan



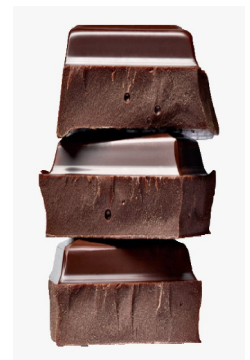
Genealogy is like chocolate

You daydream about it constantly

Your friends wonder if they will ever
get a "piece" of "you"

Your cravings for more are never satisfied

You get so moody and withdrawn
without having some



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Other Conferences, Meetings & Webinars... SAVE THE DATE!

Appleton Public Library – Finding Your Ancestors Series (Virtual Program)

To access the library's event calendar go to www.apl.org/calendar. You **MUST register** in advance. Go to Appleton Public Library's website... then Events, Adult Program, Calendar Month, click on the program, follow the registration information listed.

Sep 16 (Saturday) - **2pm VIRTUAL**, "Researching Hispanic Genealogy" by Joy Oria.

Oct 7 (Saturday) — **2-3:30pm VIRTUAL**, "A Revolutionary War Case Study" by Craig Roberts Scott.

Nov 18 (Saturday) - **2pm VIRTUAL**, "Researching German Ancestry" by Dave Miller
(www.Theancestorguy.com)

Dec 9 (Saturday) - **2pm VIRTUAL**, "Making Sense of All the Research" by Robyn N. Smith.

** If you missed any of the Find Your Ancestors programs? Check out Appleton Public Library's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/aplref for recordings of past programs. NOT all programs are recorded.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society –

For more information contact WSGS website at <https://wsgs.org> **Need to Register for Webinars**

Webinars (2023) – (LIVE Webinars = FREE / Recorded Webinars = MEMBERS ONLY)

Sep 19 - 7pm, "You Light Up My Census! Researching Beyond" by Jennifer Roozant.

Oct 17 – 7pm, "Unearthing Your Ancestor's Stories in Historical Newspapers" by Daniel Horowitz.

Nov 21 - 7pm, "Wisconsin Agriculture: Farming in the Dairyland" by Jean Wilcox Hibben.

Dec 19 - 7pm, "Creating Google Earth Tours" by Karen A. Fortin.

WSGS 2023 FALL SEMINAR - Showcasing Madison Genealogy

Friday & Saturday, October 13 - 14, 2023 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713.

Pre-Conference - Friday, October 13, 2023 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Speakers:

Antje Petty, Associate Director - Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies. Topic: **German American Resources at the Max Kade Institute.**

Dana Kelly, Executive Director - Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library. Topic: **Beyond Basic DNA Matching.**

4:30 - 7:00 PM Local Affiliate **Social Event** at Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, 415 West Main St, Madison for all attendees to visit, socialize and network! Free!!

Fall Conference - Saturday, October 14, 2023 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Speakers:

Lori Bessler, Reference Librarian, Library, Archives, and Museum Collections - Wisconsin Historical Society. Topic: **Wisconsin Historical Society Collections: It's More Than You Think!**
Topic: **Are You Sure You Are Organized and Do You Have a Plan?**

Dana Kelly, Executive Director - Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library. Topic: **Introduction to Norwegian Norwegian-American Genealogy.**

Russell Horton, Reference & Outreach Archivist - Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Topic: **Finding Those Who Served: Military Genealogy at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum.**

****More details will be posted soon on the WSGS.org website

Gene-A-Rama 2024 will be in **Oshkosh April 12th & 13th....Keep your fingers crossed that we do not have repeat of the weather from 2018....BLIZZARD!!**

From the Editor

Thank you to all that submitted items for this newsletter.

Something you would like to share...send it to me at sgoodacre@new.rr.com. Please make sure articles are in WORD format with .doc or .docx files, and pictures are in .jpeg format.

Sue Goodacre, Newsletter Editor



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The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. One (1) Quarterly Newsletter will be sent via email unless otherwise specified.

Please include your name, address, email address, phone number, and surnames you are currently researching.

Send payment to:

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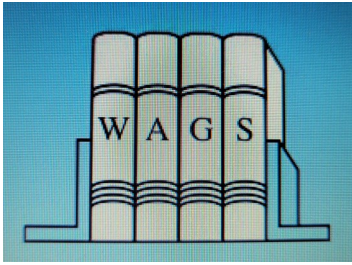
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March Issue - February 1, June Issue - May 1, September Issue - August 1 December Issue - November 1

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Upcoming WAGS Meetings

December - NO Meeting

2024 -

Jan 13 - Round Table Discussion

Feb 10 - "Utilizing Social Networks for Genealogy Research" by Thomas MacEntee

Mar 9 - "What Your Ancestor's Neighbors Can Tell You" by Melissa Barker.

WAGS Executive Board would like to have suggestions, to be considered, for 2025 programs. Please submit your suggestions to: Nancy Weasner, President at njweasner@gmail.com

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The Lost Land of Wisconsin, Before Statehood

Did you know the Wisconsin we know today was once a lot larger? How much larger? Well, there could have been a Chicago, Wisconsin, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Wisconsin or even Marquette, Wisconsin. How do those sound... kind of weird? Today we know these cities are all in different states that surround Wisconsin, but they could have been part of the Badger State. So how did today's Wisconsin become a shadow of its original self? It was not the fault of the leaders of Wisconsin at the time, they were up against bigger forces at work, like the nation's struggle over slavery. Concessions were being made, and not to everyone's liking.

Northwest Territory

The first territory formed after the Revolutionary War was the Northwest Territory, which today's Wisconsin was part of. The Northwest Ordinance in 1787, which created the Northwest Territory, all so known as the "Old



Northwest Territory

Northwest" and formerly known as "Territory Northwest of the River Ohio", covered the land west of Pennsylvania, northwest of the Ohio River, east of the Mississippi River, below the Great Lakes, and what later became known as the "Boundary Waters". There were to be five states carved out of this territory, with there being an east-west line at the southern tip of Lake Michigan which

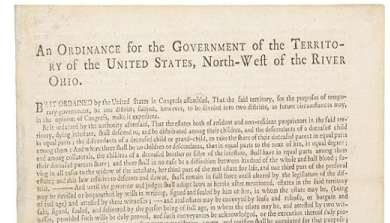
would be the dividing line between the lower three states and the two upper states, according to the ordinance. The preamble to the Northwest Ordinance was quite clear in stating that its articles should "forever remain unalterable unless by common consent."

At the time of the Northwest Territory's creation, it was a vast wilderness and was already occupied by Native Americans including the Delaware (Lenape), Miami (Myaamiaki), Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk, Shawnee, Ojibwe, and Menominee tribes.

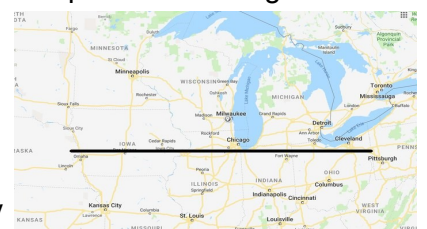
Lost to Illinois

As the states were carved out, Ohio in 1803, Indiana in 1816 and Illinois in 1818, Indiana and Illinois gained land. According to the original ordinance the northern borders of Indiana and Illinois should

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The Northwest Ordinance of 1787



Original East-West Boundary Line

WAGS Programs for 2024

The programs will start at 9 a.m. with the business meeting to follow.

Programs will be both in-person, at the Holly History and Genealogy Center and virtual via Zoom, unless otherwise stated.

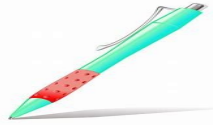
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4. **April 13, 2024** – “*That’s in the Archives! Digging Deeper in the Archived Records*” presented by Melissa Barker
5. **May 11, 2024** – “*So you Think You Know All About City Directories?*” By Paula Stuart Warren
6. **June 8, 2024** - Round table till 10 a.m. if time allows. Open hours from 10 a.m. till 2 p. m.
7. **July 13, 2024** - Round Table till 10 a.m. if time allows. Open hours from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.
8. **August 10, 2024** - Round Table till 10 a.m. if time allows. Open hours from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
9. **Saturday September 07, 2024 - Day long Workshop with Judy Russell the "Legal Genealogist" at the Waupaca Public Library. From 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
 - A) “*Land in the Ancestors: Federal and State Land Records*” - Land records are among the earliest, most complete, and most valuable genealogical records- and often among the most puzzling. Understanding how land was acquired, measured, and recorded under the law is essential to using the records effectively.
 - B) “*Copyright Mythconceptions*” - What we don't know about copyright law can hurt us-right in the pocketbook! Here's a guide to the most common mistakes and misunderstandings about copyright and what we can and can't do with materials created by others in our family research.
 - C) “*The First Trip to the Courthouse*” - If there is one home truth in genealogy research, it's this: not everything is available online. Sooner or later, every genealogist has got to make that first trip to the courthouse to check out the original records available there. How to prepare for that trip, the rules of the road, what to expect, what to ask for, and how to be sure you'll be welcomed back the next time are explored in this lecture
 - D) “*Polls, Personality and Property - Making Sense of Tax Lists*” - Somebody had to pay government bills and they did it through the law by imposing taxes on polls, personal property, and real property. The records of those taxes offer some of the best clues available to our ancestors, their families, and their neighborhoods.
- 10) **September 14, 2024** – “*Tools for Translating and Transcribing Genealogy Records*” by Thomas MacEntee.
11. **October 12, 2024** - WAGS Business meeting. WAGS Celebrates 30 Years.
12. **November 09, 2024** – (WAGS Elections) “*Can I use this in my Genealogy? What should you know about copyright*” by Thomas MacEntee.
13. **December** - No Meeting.

Election Results **Congratulations to the Winners!** Thank you to ALL that participated & voted!

WAGS held their Election of Officers at the November 11, 2023, membership meeting. The positions up for election were President and Secretary/Co-Secretary.

President Elect is Nancy Weasner and one of the Co-Secretaries elected was Carolyn West. There was a tie between Jean Spiegelberg and Jeff Weasner for the other Co-Secretary position. There will be a run-off election at the January 13, 2024, membership meeting. **To request an absentee ballot - send a hand-written request to Nominating Chairperson c/o WAGS, 321 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981.**

President's Message



It is a great honor to serve as the President of the Waupaca Area Genealogical Society for the past six years. Thank you to all WAGS Members who re-elected me for another two years.

As your President I will continue to work with the WAGS Board/Executive Board and WAGS Members, keeping in mind what is in the best interest of WAGS to achieve WAGS goals.

These goals are:

- to generate an interest in genealogy and preserving family history to young and old;
- educate members and the public about genealogy;
- help anyone with their genealogy research;
- provide WAGS genealogical resources for those researching their family history/genealogy.

WAGS will continue to hold open hours weekly.

I as President and Representative of the Society will continue to build community partnerships, and work with other organizations in offering programs, classes and presentations as I have in the past.

WAGS will continue with fundraisers to cover our expenses and also to finance any programs WAGS may hold in the future.

I would also like to thank all the WAGS Members that have volunteered in 2023. Your help has been very appreciated.

May everyone have a safe Holiday Season.

Regards,
Nancy Weasner,
President of WAGS



Welcome New Members And Rejoining Members

#321 - Teresa Bertram

#322 - James Nicolaisen

#323 - Anne Falk

#163 - John Hayward

NEW acquisitions to the WAGS Collection at the Holly Center

Karla Leppen, a member of Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society (SPAGS) graciously donated 82 genealogy related books, that she received from the Ruth (Swan) Steffen estate. Ruth was a long-time member of SPAGS and was a librarian for UW-Stevens Point.

The original list was five pages long. At the SPAGS September meeting members were allowed to take what books they would like, with the remaining books coming to WAGS.

This collection contains books on American, German, Italian, Palatine, and more Ethnicities; General research such as Cemetery, Census, History, Preservation, Procedures, Standards, and Writing; along with re-searching in several states.

Please stop in the Holly Center to checkout the collection.

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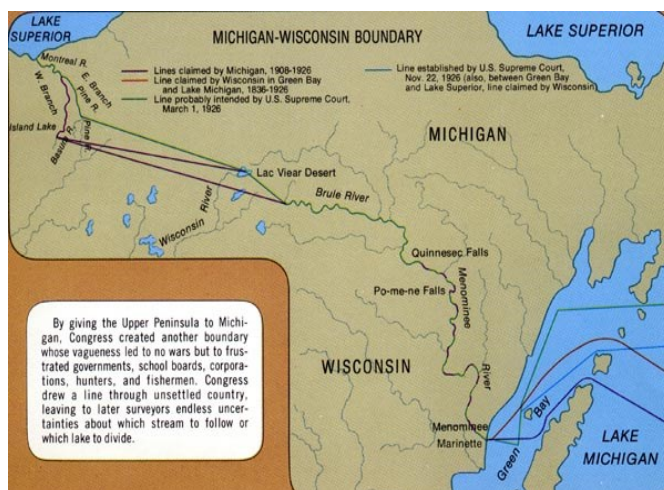
have been no farther north than the bottom tip of Lake Michigan. But the organizers of those states convinced Congress to move those borders north, which gave both states better access to the big lake. Now in the case of Illinois that meant getting about 8,000 square miles from what would become the state of Wisconsin. This land included what would become the city of Chicago. For a time, Illinois claimed that the town of Beloit in Wisconsin was theirs, but Wisconsin said that if Illinois pressed its claims, then it would use the “unalterable” clause to claim Chicago. That put an end to the dispute.

Lost to Michigan

In 1834 the Michigan Territory, which had the remnants of the Northwest Territory, was expanded to include part of the Louisiana Purchase. This new territory included Iowa, the rest of Minnesota and most of the Dakotas east of the Missouri River.

Michigan was not happy when the time came in 1836 for them to become a state, because of inaccurate maps, their southern neighbor Ohio, had a border that was set too far north. With the border set, the southern strip of land under Lake Erie went to Ohio – including the then-bustling Toledo (modern-day Toledo and Maumee Bay on Lake Erie). Ohio refused to budge; this had both sides mobilize their militias in what is known as “the Toledo War.”

Congress had to step in, keeping Toledo and the underwater land (in Maumee Bay) in Ohio but giving all the Upper Peninsula as far west as the Menominee River on the coast of Lake Michigan and Montreal River on the Lake Superior shoreline to Michigan as compensation. At the time, the Michigan territory included part of the eastern portion of the Upper Peninsula. However as it turns out the rivers did not form a complete boundary between Wisconsin and Michigan. Congress appropriated money for a survey of the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, but the appropriation was considered insufficient, and no attempt was made. In 1841 the matter was transferred to the War Department when an Army engineer took up the survey and spent several years trying to determine the line as nearly possible in accordance with official description. In his report he recommended the abandonment of Lake Vieux Desert as a determining factor in the interstate boundary line. In 1836 Congress established the line to be “the mouth of the Menominee river; thence up the channel of the said river to the Brule river; thence up last mentioned river to Lake Brule; thence along the southern shore of Lake Brule in a direct line to the center of the channel between Middle and South Islands, in the Lake of the Desert (Vieux Desert); thence in a direct line to the head waters of the Montreal river, as marked upon the survey made by Captain Cram; thence down the main channel of the Montreal river to the middle of Lake Superior”.



Michigan finally became a state in 1837.

Wisconsin may have lost the Upper Peninsula at this time but in 1926 Wisconsin gained a small payback when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected an attempt by Michigan to push the border even further south.

The Threat to Secede

With the drive for statehood for Michigan, in 1836 the Wisconsin Territory was created. This territory included present-day Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, and part of the Dakotas, east of the Missouri River.

Feeling cheated, Wisconsin’s then territorial governor (1841-1844), James D. Doty, blasted Congress for approving the Illinois border land grab and Michigan’s annex of the Upper Peninsula as “thefts” from Wisconsin and even threatened secession from the Union. Congress seemed to ignore Doty’s complaints.

Lost to Minnesota

In the original Northwest Territory ordinance Wisconsin’s western border was to be the Mississippi River, with

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a line running north from the river's source to Lake of the Woods at the Canadian border. However, when the time came for Wisconsin to make its own push for statehood, the law enabling the Wisconsin Territory to apply for statehood set the western border set along the Mississippi and then following the St. Croix River north.

That land to the west thus went to Minnesota. This slice of territory that was ceded to Minnesota included the cities of St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, and with Duluth having access to Lake Superior.

Part of the blame is on Congress' fevered balancing act between free and slave states. You see to keep things even between the two factions, Congress aimed to admit states in pairs, one where slavery was legal, and one where it was not. So, when Florida and Texas were admitted into the Union, Wisconsin and Minnesota followed.

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Submitted by Sue Goodacre

Member's Query... Can You Help?

Looking for the parents and siblings of Calvin W. DYE b April 12, 1810 NY or CT d October 2, 1822 Northport, Waupaca County, WI m1st abt. 1839 Henderson, Jefferson County, NY Burilla Surname Unknown b 1822 d March 29. 1947 Henderson, Jefferson County, NY m2nd Sept 2, 1847 Henderson, Jefferson County, NY Roaxanne NUTTING b June 2, 1822 Henderson, Jefferson County, NY d August 26, 1892 Northport, Waupaca County, WI.

Calvin and Roxanne DYE (along with their children) came to the Northport/New London area, Waupaca County, WI between 1850 -1860. They remained here until the time of their deaths and are buried in the Northport Cemetery, Northport, Waupaca County, WI.

Children: (The first three children are with his first wife, Burilla)

Fidelia DYE m John MORGAN

James Wilber DYE m Catherine HULTZ

Julia Adelaide DYE m Franklin SIMMERMAN/ZIMMERSON

Sarah DYE m Napolen GOCHA alias Leo R. RICHARDS

William E. DYE

Elizabeth DYE m William Wilson TURNEY

Cora Mae DYE m Daniel ALLENDER

Nora DYE m 1st David WILSON m2nd Charles WILSON

Alice E DYE m1st Elijah HUMES m2nd Joseph CLOSE

Possible father of Calvin could be an Oliver.

If you can help, please contact me, Paula Vaughan at pajolova@hotmail.com or 3141 Elk Ridge Drive Unit G, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Waupaca County's Historic First Car Feature of Taste of Norway

The first car sold and registered in Waupaca County, a 1903 Ford Model A Runabout, will be a featured display at the Iola Historical Society's *2023 Taste of Norway and Lost Arts Fair*, an annual event since 2010, scheduled for Saturday, October 7th. The event is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Iola Historic Village location at 210 Depot Street, two blocks west of North Main Street in downtown Iola.

Acquired by the late Chet Krause in 1972, restored in the mid-1970s, this historic vehicle was displayed at a 1978 luncheon in Milwaukee celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Ford Motor Company. It was regularly featured as an Iola Old Car Show attraction for the next 30 years. In 2006 it was sold to and has been subsequently displayed at the Antique Car Museum of Iowa, located in the Iowa City suburb of Coralville.

The first car sold in Waupaca County, to a Mr. Ware of Waupaca, this vehicle was subsequently traded to the Ford garage in Weyauwega, an agency that was sold to Oscar Weisman in 1927, with the

1903 Ford being included in the deal. Krause acquired the vehicle from Weisman in 1972. It was restored by Milt Colden of Clintonville, with the engine being completely rebuilt by Jack Dietz using parts from two engines.

The 1903 Ford Model A Runabout, Henry Ford's first production model, featured eight or ten horsepower two-cylinder engines, with a combined estimate of 1,700 being produced.



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A Historical Marker in Iola, Wisconsin

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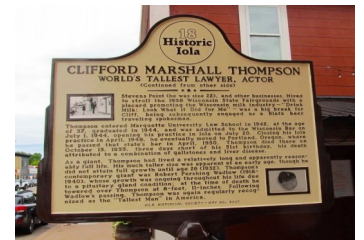
Clifford Marshall Thompson, a giant of a man – The “World’s Tallest Lawyer” at 8-feet, 7-inches – once walked Iola’s streets, practicing law from a front office in the building now serving as the Crystal Café’s “Family Room.” Born in Silva, outside Rugby, North Dakota, on October 18, 1904, Thompson’s family moved to rural Scandinavia in 1911 when he was seven. He attended primary school in Iola and secondary school at the Scandinavia Academy, before attending and graduating from the Central Wisconsin Teachers College in 1926.



Front side of Historical Marker

Thompson in the late-20s became one of America’s best-known circus giants. He appeared as the “The Scandinavian Giant,” “The Wisconsin Paul Bunyan,” and “Count Olaf of Norway,” with the Rubin and Cherry Carnival Company, the Al G. Barnes Circus, The Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus, and the Cole Brothers Clyde Beatty troupes. Thompson also pursued an off-season movie career, reputedly being the tallest to appear in Hollywood films, with credited roles in more than eight movies, including two Tarzan flicks.

Tiring of unending circus travels, Thompson in the late-30s sought a more stable existence, settling in Milwaukee to pursue capitalizing on his size and fame as a product spokesman. He variously appeared for Ford dealerships, emphasizing the car’s roominess, the Big Shoe Store in Stevens Point (he was size 22), and other businesses. Hired to stroll the 1938 Wisconsin State Fairgrounds with a placard promoting the Wisconsin milk industry – “Drink Milk: Look what it did for Me” – was a big break for Cliff, being subsequently engaged as a Blatz beer traveling spokesman.



Back side of Historical Marker

Thompson entered Marquette University Law School in 1942, at the age of 37, graduated in 1944, as was admitted to the Wisconsin Bar on July 1, 1944, opening his practice in Iola on July 20. Closing his Iola practice in April, 1948, he eventually moved to Portland, Oregon, where he passed that state’s bar in April, 1950. Thompson died there on October 15, 1955, three days short of his 51st birthday, his death attributed to a combination of gallstones and liver disease.

As a giant, Thompson had lived a relatively long and apparently reasonably full life. His much taller size was apparent at an early age, though he did not attain full growth until age 26 (1932). Thompson’s contemporary giant was Robert Pershing Wadlow (1918-1940), whose growth was ongoing throughout his life due to a pituitary gland condition; at the time of death he towered over Thompson at 8-feet, 11-inches. Following Wadlow’s passing, Thompson was again regularly recognized as the “Tallest Man” in America.

Marker erected in 2021 by Iola Historical Society.

From the Editor

Thank you to all that submitted items for this newsletter.

Something you would like to share...send it to me at sgoodacre@new.rr.com. Please make sure articles are in WORD format with .doc or .docx files, and pictures are in .jpeg format.



This is a question for the WAGS members that do research for other people... Could you or would you be willing to write an article walking through where and how you find the information that is being requested? Explain the Waupaca resources that you use and how to use them, such as, Bureau of Land Management, Wills and Probate records, other court records, etc..

There may be members that do not know or could have forgot how to use some of these resources.

Sue Goodacre, Newsletter Editor



For Your Information - TRANSCRIPTION ERRORS WITH VITAL RECORDS

A fellow genealogist recently purchased, from a Wisconsin Register of Deeds (ROD) office, a Wisconsin Marriage certificate for DAR purposes only to find out it is NOT the digitized copy of the original record that was filed (Fig. A) that we have been used to seeing and receiving in the past. It is now a fill-in-the-blank form (Fig. B) with much less information, which has been transcribed from the one we are used to seeing, and we in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, can see when visiting our local Register of Deeds office. Apparently, the State of Wisconsin has a new way of issuing "official documents" these days! The fill-in-the-blank version that the State of Wisconsin is using is subject to human error!

This person has seen the digitized copy of the original record version that we, genealogists, have come to know, with all the other information and this fill-in-the-blank version had three major errors that are not on the longer version. The person re-typing the information into the standard fill-in-the-blank form put the married name in the maiden name slot, then listed the mother with her marital last name, and for the father was the mother with her maiden name!

Being the family genealogist and having viewed and transcribed information from this record into the family tree, they knew what information was wrong and questioned it. The translator at the State of Wisconsin made the errors and this was the biggest error the local ROD office had seen come through!

Many states are utilizing this same fill-in-the-blank feature! If you think anything on that record looks incorrect, please **QUESTION IT!**

I have been given permission to print the pictures of both marriage certificate versions, with names showing, for this example.

Fig. A

Fig. B

- “Can’t issue 2 versions? How is a fill in the blank template considered an official record? Original is what is ordered but not received.
- Stone age – human error.
- The fill-in-the-blank version is a false/fake record.
- Those ordering from other states wouldn’t know they received a record with errors if they never seen the original.
- Converting from cursive to typed leaves room for misinterpretation.
- What was the purpose of going digital and scanning each and every document if those are not what’s being issued?
- A grandparent can receive a certified copy of a grandchild, but a grandchild cannot receive a certified copy of the grandparent.
- The new fake document leaves out a lot of pertinent information for a genealogist and/or family member that might be documenting health history.
- Local ROD was contacted about wrong information on a record purchased, after reviewing the original, it was admitted a mistake was made in the transcription.
- Any time a transcription is involved there is room for human error in their ‘idea’ of what a particular word/name should be thus increasing the issuance of false documents.
- Some people are more experienced in deciphering old German script and sloppy handwriting than others.”

Submitted by Sue Goodacre

Other Conferences, Meetings & Webinars... SAVE THE DATE!

Appleton Public Library – Finding Your Ancestors Series (Virtual Program)

To access the library's event calendar go to www.apl.org/calendar. You **MUST register** in advance. Go to Appleton Public Library's website... then Events, Adult Program, Calendar Month, click on the program, follow the registration information listed.

Dec 9 (Saturday) - 2pm **VIRTUAL**, "Making Sense of All the Research" by Robyn N. Smith.

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Jan 13 (Saturday) - 2pm **VIRTUAL**, "10 Must Haves for Genealogy Success" by Thomas MacEntee.

Feb 10 (Saturday) - 2pm **VIRTUAL**, "Finding Relations When No Family Stories Exist" by Debra Dudek.

Mar 9 (Saturday) - 2pm **VIRTUAL**, "Finding What You Need and Make the Most of It" by Pam Vestal.

** If you missed any of the Find Your Ancestors programs? Check out Appleton Public Library's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/aplref for recordings of past programs. NOT all programs are recorded.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society –

For more information contact WSGS website at <https://wsgs.org> **Need to Register for Webinars**

Webinars (2023) – (LIVE Webinars = FREE / Recorded Webinars = MEMBERS ONLY)

Dec 19 - 7pm, "Creating Google Earth Tours" by Karen A. Fortin.

Gene-A-Rama 2024 will be in Oshkosh April 12th & 13th....**Keep your fingers crossed that we do not have repeat of the weather from 2018....BLIZZARD!!**

Waupaca Area Genealogical Society (WAGS)

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Please include your name, address, email address, phone number, and surnames you are currently researching.

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