



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP



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NEWS OF OUR GROUP

RAILROADS

George Winkler's program about the railroads of our area was a very informative and interesting experience. It is obvious that he has researched his subject extensively and enjoys his subject. He came prepared with maps and pictures which he used to show the railroads' place in shaping the history of this area.

Other areas were settled using the rivers as the means for transporting goods to and from the towns. Marshfield had no river and relied on the railroad for transportation. It is evident that without the railroad, there would not be a Marshfield.

HOLIDAYS!

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the holidays. Here is a thought for all of us. If you have Christmas traditions which you follow, take the time to write about them so they will be able to be shared with future family historians. Many of us are busy trying to find out how our ancestors celebrated the holidays to add interest to our family histories. How nice it would have been if our grandparents had taken the time to write it down in story form and passed it on.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The January 17th meeting will be given by Joann Rhoades and Karen Boerboom. They will give an overview of researching in Germany. Joann and Ray Rhodes recently traveled to Germany and Karen is our group expert on German research. This will be a good opportunity for those of us who have family links to that country to learn the ins and outs of gathering the information we need.

The meeting will be held at the McMillan Town Hall. A map is provided on the next page for those who are not familiar with the area.

Schnitz will be taking pictures of your pictures after the meeting. If you have a large amount of pictures you need taken, it would be best to make an appointment for another time so he isn't busy all night.

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Our February 21st meeting will be Show and Tell. This will be an opportunity for us to get better acquainted with each other and what types of research we are all involved in. It is also a good time to relate interesting experiences we have encountered while working on genealogy.

If you have a problem area in your research, this is an great opportunity to ask for input from the group. One of the reasons for belonging to a group is to be able to benefit from the experience of others.

Unfortunately, we don't have a meeting place lined up for the February meeting. Please call Deanne Reyer, Karen Boerboom or Susan Weber to where the meeting will be held.

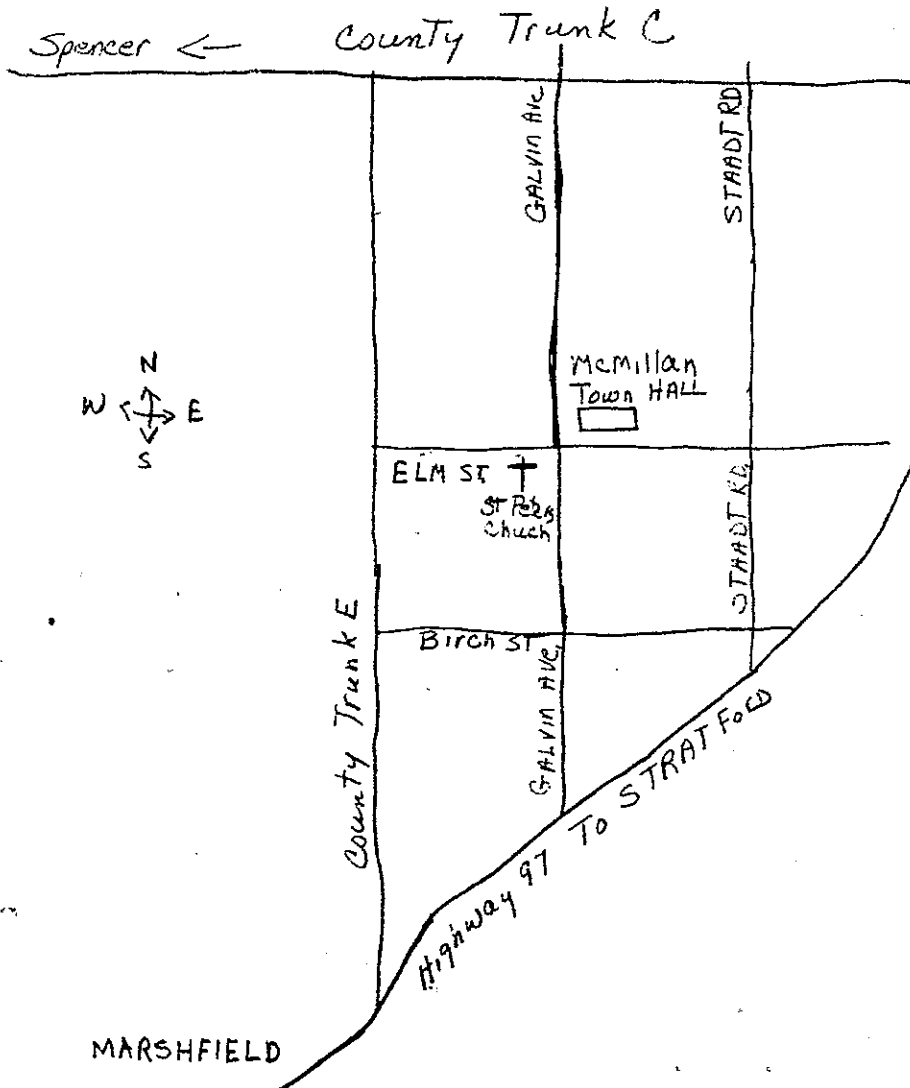
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We have experienced conflict with our meeting date. It seems that the third Thursday of the month is a very popular meeting date. Since many of the groups that are meeting on

that day also seem to have quite an interest in genealogy, it has been proposed that we move our meeting the second or fourth Thursday of the month. We will talk about the date change at the January meeting so please check your calendars to see how this will affect you. The interest of current members must be served first.

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We would like your suggestions for subjects you would like to see covered in future meetings. We need to hear from you to know your interests and needs in genealogy. Please contact any of the officers and we will try to find speakers to help you with your research.



The McMillan Town Hall is located on the corner of ELM and GALVIN,

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members!

MILTON AND JUDY LUCHAU - 206 N. Central Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449.

RON KONOPA - 1501 S. Cherry, Marshfield, WI 54449

LUCILLE LEICK - 1702 N. Peach Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

MRS. JEROME BINDER - 1245 Shadow Lane, Green Bay, WI 53404

Please feel free to contact other members of the group if you feel you would like some help with problem areas of your research.

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TOWN OF DAY BOOK

The Centennial book for the Town of Day, Marathon County is available through our group for \$15.00. (Add \$1.00 for mail orders). The book was written by group member, Patti Laessig-Zimmerman and covers 101 years of Town of Day history.

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GERMAN RESEARCH

Just a reminder to those of you with German research to do. Karen Boerboom has a nearly complete set of German phone books. She will search them for surnames. The charge to members is \$2.00/surname, non-members \$5.00/surname. Money is refunded if no name is found. Send requests to : Karen Husemeyer Boerboom, 8354 Richfield Dr., Marshfield, WI 54449 or see her at meetings.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in Madison will be moving its entire microform collection and reading room in order to obtain more space for its expanding collection.

The major portion on the move will be carried out during the University of Wisconsin midyear recess from Dec. 20, 1984, to Jan. 20, 1985.

The library will remain open during the move, but some material, especially microfilms, will be unavailable during January. Users can also expect some inconvenience due to noise and dust associated with the move.

Potential users planning to visit the library between Christmas and the end of January are advised to call ahead to confirm the availability of needed material. Call (608) 262-3421 for library information.

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MERRILL STARTS GROUP

A group of genealogists in the Merrill area are starting a genealogical group. Member Patti Laessig-Zimmerman has recently moved to the Merrill area and has requested some input from our group. Anyone interested in meeting the Merrill group is invited to attend a meeting there on Jan. 24 at 7:00 at the Scott Library. The library is located on highway 64.

We wish you success with your new group, Merrill, and offer our help if you need it.

The MARSHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY is on the move!

In early January, we'll be relocating temporarily in the downstairs level of the Central Square Mall located just up the block at 171 S Central Avenue. We'll be taking books, magazines, and all the other materials our patrons need for a nine month stay while the building and remodeling program continues at the permanent location.

Please pay close attention to the information below. To do so will help minimize any confusion resulting from the move. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience. We look forward to serving you in our new, temporary location.

Through January 5, look for us at our permanent location. Until then, our hours are as follows:

- * Regular hours through Saturday, December 22.
- * Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 23-25, closed for Christmas holiday period.
- * Regular hours Wednesday through Saturday, December 26-29.
- * Sunday, December 30, and Tuesday, January 1, closed for New Year's holiday
- * Monday, December 31 we will be open for service from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
- * Tuesday through Saturday, January 2-5, we will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No evening hours.
- * Monday, January 7 - Saturday, January 19. THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED FOR MOVING.
- * Monday, January 21, we will open for limited service at our new, temporary location. Hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with no evening hours.
- * Monday, January 28, regular hours resume.
- * There will be no Sunday hours during the month of January.

For additional informatin as to hours and other matters, dial 387-8494. We'll be glad to help you.

G. Johnsson, Director
and Staff

FROM OUR EXCHANGE MAIL

CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER:

BELGIAN RESEARCH

For those of you with BELGIAN roots, an excellent publication is called BELGIAN LACES. Membership is \$6.00 a year and includes a quarterly newsletter. Write to Micheline Gaudette, The Belgian Researchers, 8 Wyckoff Avenue, Holyoke, Mass., 01040.

PROBLEMS WITH THE BIRTH INDEX

This information, concerning the microfiche available at the Area Research Centers and the Historical Society Library in Madison, comes to us from Eau Claire Area Research Center: Richard Pifer, Director and Rita Sorkness, Associate: (This involves BIRTHS only)

1. Names indexed with a D or DX in front of the reel number refer to collection of delayed birth records which we have not yet received.
2. For the first part of the records (Adams County to the 1899 records of Outagamie County), a baby that had not been named at the time of registration was indexed under the last name only with the first name left blank (e.g., Martin, _____).
BUT from the 1902 records of Outagamie County to the end of Wood County an unnamed baby was indexed under the FATHER'S first name with an F (Female) or M as the middle initial (e.g., Martin, Frank F. would be an unnamed female baby).
- AND the Outagamie County records from 1900 to about May, 1902, were not filmed. They are available at the Bureau of Vital Statistics (1 West Wilson St., Madison) and/or the county courthouse in Appleton.
3. All of the records for the counties that begin with an S are indexed under the wrong county name:

St. Croix	is indexed as	Sauk
Sauk	"	Sawyer
Sawyer	"	Shawano
Shawano	"	Sheboygan
Sheboygan	"	St. Croix

4. Part of the records for Outagamie County (Reel 224, doc. 1000-1359) are INDEXED as being in Columbia County.

PEDIGREE POINTERS, STEVENS POINT AREA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

DRIVERS LICENSE

Did you know that 1928 was the beginning of drivers license registration? Contact your State Department of Motor Vehicles to attempt to find a copy of your great grandfather's drivers license!

PEDIGREE POINTERS (con't)

FRAUD? Add these to your list of genealogical firms and people offering genealogical services which should be used cautiously:

Alabama G. Qurly & Bruce Howard of Mobile, AL
 Journal of Genealogy & Robert D. Anderson of Omaha, NE
 Genealogical Reference Builders Newsletter of Post Falls, ID
 Diana Hanson of Oahu, Hawaii
 Eric L. Jonasson & Wheatfield Press of Winnipeg, Canada
 Susan Pelton of Oakley, ID
 Richard E. Redding, Jr. & Tree Seachers G. Service of Englewood, FL
 Barbara Van Hart, formerly of Ft. Wayne, IN
 Roy D.J. Droddy, recently of Salt Lake City, UT
 Merly Starke of Eagle Grove, IA
 Jack Evans

UWSP ARCHIVES: The current temporary hours for the archives through December will be: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday until noon.

In about October of 1985 the archives will be moved into the UWSP Learning Resources Center which has been under construction (adding on to the present library). The archives will be housed on the same floor as the materials for government documents.

SEQUOIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INC. NEWSLETTER, VISALIA, CALIFORNIA:

A recent and practical help is to be found in the CHANGING TIMES Magazine for November, 1984, page 96 on the page entitled "THINGS TO WRITE FOR"

RAGU, the spaghetti sauce people, will help you Branch Out in the exciting adventure of climbing your Family Tree. Write for their booklet, BRANCHING OUR: A GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR LIVING FAMILY TREE, 15 pp.. Adres: RAGU FAMILY TRADITION, 415 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. Include \$1:00 for postage/handling.

CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON:

The Clark County Genealogical society has sent us it's directory for 1984-1985. Included in the directory is a list of their exchanges with other genealogical societies. It would be a good idea to look over the list to determine if some of the exchanges are from areas you would be interested in. Perhaps they would be interested in exchanging newsletters with our group. It is not economically feasible to exchange with everyone, but if someone in the group would benefit from the exchange we could attempt it. Let one of the officers of our group know if you find one you would like us to contact.

The directory may be found in our library and the exchanges are listed on pages 39-57. This Directory also includes many other interesting items which are useful to genealogists. We recieved the directory as part of their exchanging newsletters with us, which shows the value of exchanging with other groups.

PINERY PEDIGREE, MARATHON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

GENEALOGY CLUB OF AMERICA: Membership includes the GENEALOGY DIGEST (quarterly genealogy magazine), Free ancestral information sharing, discounts on genealogy forms and research. The cost of membership is \$18/yr or \$30 for two years.

Send to: The Genealogy Club of America, 420 South 425 East, Bountiful, Utah 84010. For more information send a SASE.

MARATHON COUNTY CEMETERY INDEX: The index to the Marathon County cemeteries has now been photocopied and placed in the Marathon County Public Library.

GERMAN EMIGRATION: Marathon County Genealogical Society meeting schedule shows that their March 12 meeting will cover the subject of German Emigration. Harlan D. Grinde, European History Professor, University of Wisconsin, Marathon County Campus, Wausau, will be their speaker.

FOX VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, APPLETON, WISCONSIN:

WINNEBAGOLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY has formed with dues of \$5/yr. Mailing address is: c/o Local History & Genealogy Office, Oshkosh Public Library, 106 Washington Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901-4985.

CLALLAM COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON:

OCCUPAYSHUN - CENCUS TAKER "I am a cencus taker for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in resent years and now, in 1865, it has becum a hard and consooming job to count all the peepill. There are not many that can do this werk, as it is nesesarie to have a ejucashun, which a lot of pursons still do not have. Another atributeart needed for this job is good spelling, for meny of the peepill to be caounted can hardle speek inglish, let alone spel there names."

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Member Patti Laessig-Zimmerman has a new address: N629 Hilly Road, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

SURNAMES

We didn't have much response to our call for updates in surnames. Wasn't sure if this was because everyone was up to date or if they had forgotten to send them in. Will hold off publishing until the end of January for anyone who needs the extra time.

HELP WANTED

We have had some donations to our research library but help is needed to get everything listed and carded. If you can spare an afternoon to help with this project, please contact Susan Weber. Thank you to all who have donated your items. It is appreciated.

QUERIES

Seeking information from descendants of VALENTINE STRUAB born 1821 at Rissian Darmstadt, Germany and wife ELIZABETH. Their children born in Wisconsin: JACOB, WILLIAM, CATHERINE, FREDRICK born 1855, VALENTINE born 1858, ELIZABETH born 1860. Lived at Germantown Sheboygan County, Wis. in 1860.

Also seeking information from descendants of THOMAS and JOHANNA BUTLER born 1814 and 1815 in Ireland. Came to Buffalo, New York with MARION and JAMES. ELIZABETH, JANE, and WILLIAM were born in New York. HARRIET born in Wis., married _____ Rondau, lived at Duluth, Minn. in Nov. 30, 1926. MARY born in 1844 in Wis. JULIA born 1858 in Town of Scott, Sheboygan County, Wis.

Please contact EDNA LOISELLE, 804 S. Palmetto Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449.

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NEWS FROM LDS LIBRARY

Our Genealogical friends at the LDS LIBRARY in Salt Lake City have sent us this bit of news. If you have a typed family history and would like to have it preserved, they will microfilm it for you. Send them a copy and include a letter giving them permission to microfilm it. They will keep a copy in their vaults and send you a copy. Send to: LDS LIBRARY, 50 East North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The Marathon County Genealogical Society is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. They extend the following invitation:

The Marathon County Genealogical Society will be ten years old in January of 1985 and we are going to have a party! There will be old friends and acquaintances, memories, good times, door prizes, plus dinner and cocktails.

You are invited, along with ex-members, soon to be members and even those who think we are a little off-the-wall, or more appropriately, off-the-tree. Spread the word and register as soon as possible.

Date: Feb. 16

Place: 6:00 Cocktails

7:00 Dinner

Price: \$10/person (Includes tax and gratuity)

Reservations must be made by January 18, 1985. Money must be paid by Feb. 1.

Send to Mary Waack, 3715 Sternberg Ave., Schofield, WI 54476.

Congratulations Marathon County Genealogical Society!

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COURTHOUSE RULES

We are still trying to compile a folder of the rules for courthouses in Wisconsin. If you are visiting a courthouse, please ask them for a copy of their rules and the hours they are open for genealogical research.

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News Letter - Susan Weber (temporary)
Form Sales - Joann and Raymond Rhodes 387-4570
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP entitles you to all of the groups services. It includes a subscription to the newsletter that is published six times a year, free queries and surname listings in the newsletter, the right to check out any of the groups library holdings that are for circulation, the right to vote and help in making decisions affecting the group, notification of upcoming events in the area and notification of meeting changes.

DUES: Individual membership is \$7.00.
Family membership is \$8.00 (residing at same address)
Membership is effective until May 1, 1985.
Make check payable to MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP and send to : Susan Weber, M431 N. Drake Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(city, state, zip)

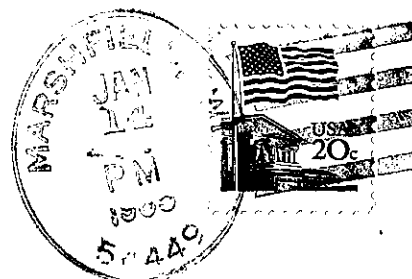
PHONE: _____

Please include a list of the Surnames you are researching so they may be added to the surname list. The surname list is published periodically and furnished to members at no charge.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 17 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting at 7:00 at the McMillan Town Hall. (See map in newsletter) Program by Joanne Rhodes and Karen Boerboom on GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN GERMANY.
- January 24 - MERRILL GENEALOGICAL GROUP meeting at the Scott Library in Merrill at 7:00.
- February 21 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting. The program is SHOW AND TELL. Meeting place is still not determined. Call one of the officers to confirm meeting place.

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