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BEGINNERS SEMINAR PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 9TH

A *FREE* Beginners Seminar is planned for Saturday, November 9th at the Clark County Courthouse Auditorium in Neillsville. It will begin at 12:30.

The course has been designed for beginners, but it may be helpful to the seasoned family history researcher who wishes to sharpen skills and increase knowledge of the field. Topics being covered include, how to begin, recording information, resources available, and the use of census records. In addition to the presentations, there will be time allowed for individual assistance.

A packet of information and forms will be available for a small fee (\$3 for non-members and \$1 for members).

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HISTORY OF WOOD COUNTY

A new history book of Wood County and its people is being compiled and published by the Central Wisconsin Historic Preservation Society.

The purpose of this new book is to preserve the heritage of all families who live or have lived in Wood County. All residents, past

and present, are encouraged to write and submit their family histories for publication, regardless of when the family moved to the area. They are also encouraged to select photos to accompany their stories.

Unlike county history books of the past, your family history and one photo can be included, *Free!*

This new history, besides containing personal stories of Wood County residents will include: History of Wood County, its early towns and post offices; transportation and communication; agriculture; schools and churches; clubs and organizations; and businesses.

The book will be printed on archival paper, bound with a heavy hard cover of fine linen. A natural color painting by a local artist will be encased into the cover. The book will be fully indexed.

If you would like further information, or if you would like to volunteer some time to help with various aspects of this community project please call, Susan Weber, (715) 387-8846, or write the Wood County History Book Project, c/o Susan Weber, chairperson, M431 N. Drake Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449

President's Message

It is the fall of the year and time to take in our harvest and store away our outdoor equipment; and with genealogy some of us can look forward to more time to spend on our research. We also find other persons that are interested in their family history and need assistance in starting. If you know someone who needs that help, the place to refer them to is our Beginner's seminar at Neillsville. We have an interesting and informative program to present and many enthusiastic members involved. Thank you Sue, Deanne, Karen, Vicki, Florence, Schnitz and any others that come to help that day.

Our group was well represented at the joint meeting of the Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies on October fifth. Judy Luchau, representing our group in the individual society reports, gave an informative review of our activities past and present. Thank you Judy. Also, our group gracefully accepted the responsibility of hosting the 1986 meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies. Vickie Hasz has the program plans started already.

The turnout for our September meeting, what I believe is the largest turnout for a meeting since our formation, was impressive. I hope that this enthusiastic attendance can continue. I'll look forward to seeing you at the December 5th meeting.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Joann

RESEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Vicki Johnson, Research Committee chairperson, reports that in an effort to expand our collection of genealogical information, they are asking each member to complete a 5-generation Pedigree Chart and file it with them. The charts will be used to connect researchers of the same family lines. Each member is encouraged to submit at least one chart, but may submit others. A completed sample chart is found on page 4 of this newsletter, along with steps to follow when filling your forms in. Please return your completed chart to Vicki Johnson by January 1, 1986.

The research committee is also developing standards for responding to letters requesting research from the group. This includes what records or indexes they will search and the fees that will be charged. Anyone interested in doing research for other people, or in anyway assisting the research committee, are asked to contact Vicki Johnson at 683-2661.

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GIFT SUBSCRIPTION RECEIVED

Mrs. Ruth Pors has given our group a Gift Subscription to the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine for the coming year.

A note from Schnitz:

In the July-August Newsletter a short questionnaire was included asking you for your input on topics and areas you'd like to see covered in the newsletter. The sheets have slowly drifted back in, and yes I did read each one.

Because of your comments, in each future issue of *Kith and Kin*, we will "Take a Closer Look" at some basic research techniques, attempting to provide answers to those "how to" and "where from" questions. Also at your request, lists of names that have genealogical value will be printed in the newsletter.

I will continue to watch for material to include in the newsletter for the areas you have expressed an interest in. I would also greatly appreciate your continued cooperation in doing the same. This is *OUR* newsletter, and its success truly depends on *OUR* efforts.

If you have any suggestions concerning the newsletter content or structure, please let me know.

Thanks,

Schnitz

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NEW MEMBERS

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QUERIES

The *Kith and Kin* will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Please submit one query at a time. Submit your query on a separate sheet of paper with your name and address. The *Kith and Kin* reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

FREDERICKS - STREICH

Looking for ancestors of Charles (Chas) FREDERICKS, b. 10 Jul 1857 Germany, m. 1882 to Mary STREICH, b. Aug 1864 Germany. Residents of Pittsville, WI for approx 10 yrs. Children: Agnus b. Jan 1883; Mike b. Sep 1884; Celia b. Oct 1886; Sarah b. Apr 1888; Millie b. Mar 1890; Bert b. 3 Mar 1892; Percy b. 3 Mar 1892; Frankie b. 11 Mar 1894; Freddie b. 11 Mar 1894. Any information, contact:

Vicki Johnson
Route 1, Box 220 A
Chili, Wisconsin 54420

SPENCER - SLY

Seeking info on and descendants of R. Wallace SPENCER, b. 1850 in NY, m. Lorena SLY about 1875. Lorena died about 1886 at Unity, Marathon County, WI. He died on 8 Jul 1925 at Guemes Island, Washington.

Contact: Don Schnitzler
Route 4, Box 418
Mosinee, Wisconsin 54455



*Greetings
at Thanksgiving*

Take a Closer LOOK

How to Fill Out Pedigree Charts

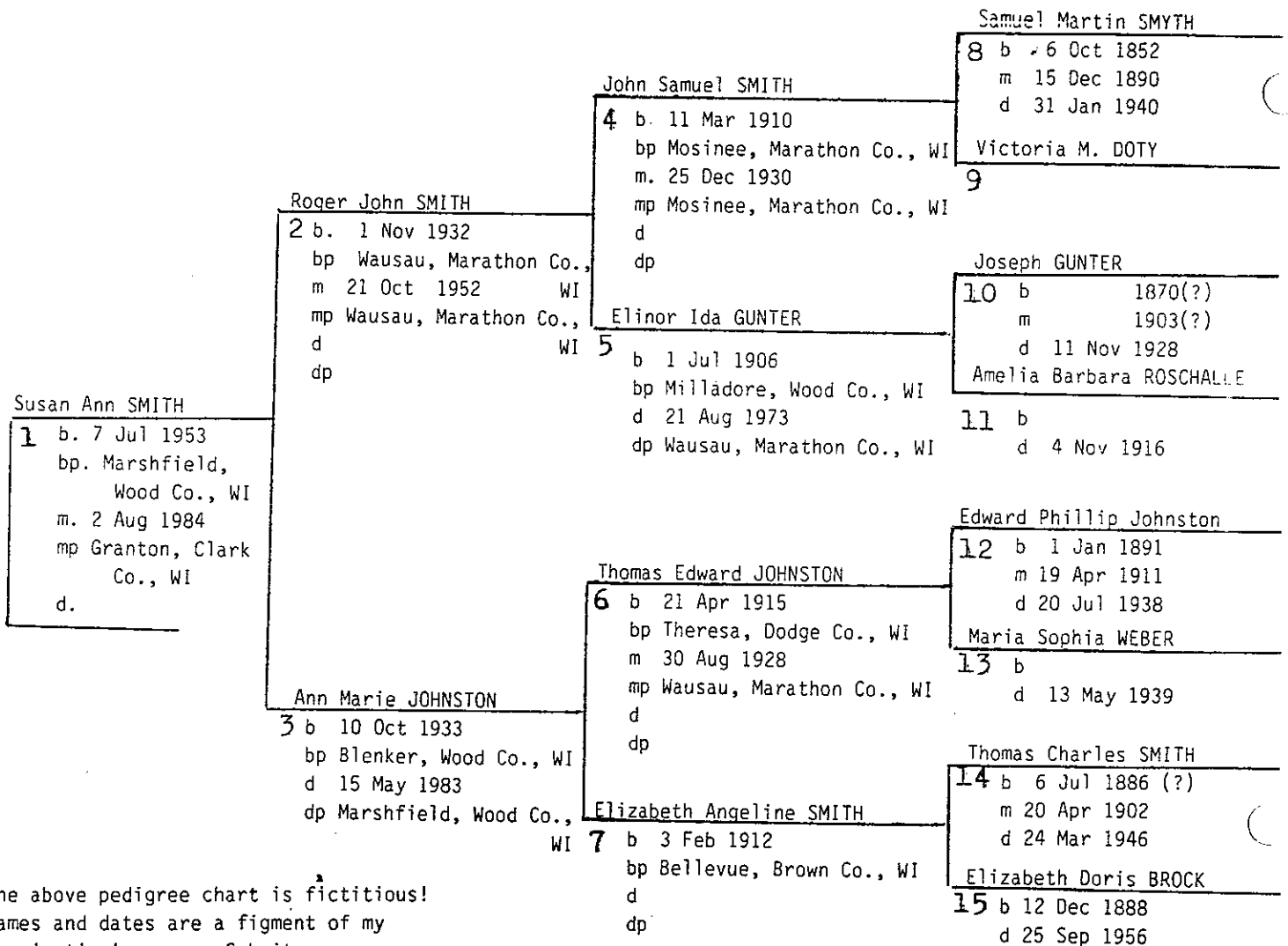
Pedigree charts are really simple to fill out. You should follow a few standard rules, to make charts consistent and thus easy to read and understand no matter who makes them. Starting off with a consistent form will save a lot of recopying later.

Here's how you do it:

1.) Study the five-generation Pedigree chart below. It gives

you at a glance the names, births, marriages, and deaths of four generations of direct ancestors. The fifth generation is shown by name only.

- 2.) Record each person's full name capitalizing the entire surname. For example, Sarah Ann WEBER.
- 3.) Record the day, then month, then year, like this: 30 Jul 1853.
- 4.) Always record the smallest geographical area first: Granton, Clark County, Wisconsin, becomes Granton, Clark Co. WI. Use standard Postal Service abbreviations for states, but do not abbreviate cities or counties.
- 5.) Any information such as birth-dates which is in doubt should be followed by a question mark in parentheses.



OTE! The above pedigree chart is fictitious!
Names and dates are a figment of my
imagination!.....Schnitz

USING CENSUS TO ESTABLISH BIRTH DATES

Can you figure out when a person was born by going through census records? The answer is that you can narrow it down to a certain number of years, such as 1774-1775. Begin with the 1790 census and go through the 1830 one, then "decipher" what you've found:

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|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1790 census | under age 16 | b. 1774 to 1790 | (16 yr time span) |
| 1800 census | age 16-25 | b. 1774 to 1784 | (10 yr time span) |
| 1810 census | age 26-45 | b. 1765 to 1784 | (19 yr time span) |
| 1820 census | age 45 or over | b. 1775 or before | |
| 1830 census | age 50-60 | b. 1770 to 1780 | (10 yr time span) |

*By the 1790 census he could not have been born before 1774.
By the 1830 census he could not have been born after 1780.*

You now have a set of possible birth years for your ancestor: 1774 to 1780. But let's see if we can narrow it down further. You already know that his first child was born in 1799. That means he married ca. 1798. The one thing you don't know is how old he was when he married; the usual standard used in research is four generations to a hundred years, and that means marriage at age 25 for the men. To play it on the safe side always figure two dates, marriage at age 20 and marriage at age 25--that way you get another set of dates to work from.

Here you have a man who married about 1798. Deduct 25 (his age) and you come up with the year 1773. Now deduct his age at 20 and you have 1778. So he was born between the years 1773 and 1778, using this method. Now referring to the set of birth years derived from the census records you see two things: he couldn't have been born before 1774 (1790 census) nor was he born after 1775 (1820 census).

You now have a new set of possible birth years for your ancestor--1774 to 1775--and you have narrowed the time span down to two years. It's much easier to search a two-year supply of vital records than a 16-year one.--*From the Southern Echoes, Augusta Genealogical Society.*

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KANSAS VITAL RECORDS

NEW YORK LAND RECORDS

Kansas Attorney General Robert T. Stephan has ruled that Kansas state records of births, deaths and other vital statistics cannot generally be made available for genealogical study. State Law in Kansas restricts access to these records to people who need the records to determine personal or property rights. An opinion was sought after the Genealogical Society of Utah proposed a joint microfilming project of birth and death records with the Kansas State Historical Society.

New York land records on microfilm at the New York State Archives are available on inter-library loan. Write NY State Archives, Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230.

A Guide to the Records in the New York Archives is available from: Office of Cultural Education, State Archives, Albany, NY 12230--from the Colorado Genealogical Society.

PASSPORT RECORDS

Passport applications through 1905 are in the Diplomatic Records Branch of the National Archives, Room 5E, Washington D.C., 20408. Application for 1906 and later are in the custody of the Passport Office, 1425 K Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20520. When writing, give the name of the person who applied for a passport, residence for the search and any copies. Passport applications can provide a village of birth, or the answer to why an ancestor was 'missing' in a certain year.--from the *Henry County Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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A HELPFUL TIP

When reading some microfilm that is faint, a sheet of yellow or green plastic laid over the reader's glass may darken the lettering and make it easier to read. Try the yellow or green plastic covers sold in bookstores for theme covers.--from *Jacksonville Illinois Genealogical Journal*.

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NORTHWESTERN MISSOURI GENEALOGY

Persons whose families drifted through northwestern Missouri should know that a file of nearly 2,000 genealogy charts is maintained at the Trenton, Missouri, Library by local genealogists. They are cross-indexed and will be checked in response to requests by mail (include SASE). Anyone having family ties to that area may submit their charts free of charge for inclusion in the file. Mrs. Evelyn Sheets, 511 East 9th St., Trenton, MO 64683 is in charge of the project.--from *The Searcher*.

MILITARY BURIALS

Records of National Cemetery burials during and after the Civil War may be obtained by writing to the Director of National Cemetery System (41-A), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Ave., Washington DC, 20420.--from the *National Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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INDIANA STATE LIBRARY

Among the many unusual records held by the Genealogy Division of the Indiana State Library at Indianapolis are an obituary file of organizations, obituaries of Methodist ministers and wives from 1829 to present (indexed), and nurses, doctors and undertakers of the Civil War period. According to William O. Harris, Division Head, Indiana Civil War records are numerous and some refer to Indiana soldiers whose records are not in the National Archives. The book *Indiana Sources for Genealogical Research in the Indiana State Library*, by Carolynne Miller, lists these and the many other records available at the library. The guide is \$25 from Indiana Historical Society, 315 W. Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.--from the *LaPorte County Newsletter*.

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HONEYMOON CAPITAL

In 1804, Jerome Bonaparte, brother to Napoleon, visited Niagara Falls on his honeymoon, starting a custom that lasted for the next 150 years. Visiting the Falls became the thing to do, to be considered well-traveled.

NORWEGIAN NAMING PATTERNS

Norwegian naming patterns are important to genealogical research today. Some suggestions made by Angus Baxter in his work *In Search of Your European Roots* are that surnames could stem from three sources: The family, the father, or the the farm.

For example, a farmer often changed his name when he bought a different farm, forsaking the name of the old farm and taking on the name of the new one. His farm-hand's name might also have changed in this manner. Family names, as they are known today, came into use only four or five generations ago.

Church records are often found joining the name of the family and a farm by a hyphen, including baptisms and confirmations. Given names may be found repeated in families reflecting periods of high infant mortality. Until this century, family naming patterns were strictly observed: oldest son after father's father, second son after mother's father, third son after father, and the same with daughters on the female side (reason for repeating names in the event of infant deaths). When the first three names were used up, the naming pattern reverted to the generation of the great-grand-parents.

Norwegian immigrants are also known to have changed their names to make them more easily understood and spelled in their new country, a common practice among all nationalities.

The most common family names in Norway are Hansen and Olsen. There are 70,638 Hansens and 64,894 Olsens.--from the *Tri-State Trader, Genealogy Week*.

UNINHABITED CAPITAL

In 1836, the legislators of the Territory of Wisconsin met to draft a constitution and to consider the location of a capital. James Duane Doty, a former circuit judge and land speculator had purchased 1,200 acres of "beautiful but uninhabitable land." On paper he laid out a town, which he call Madison and persuaded the legislators to use. Uninhabited by a single white family, this virgin forest was designated as the capital and site of the University of Wisconsin.

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SURNAME EXCHANGES IN INDIANA

The Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204 has a service for all researchers called Family Exchange. Information submitted for files--and thereby sharing with others--should be clearly stated on a 3x5 card (printed or typed) in the following order: Family name; Indiana location; Approximate date of location; Your name, address and phone number; Date of submission.

The Allen County Public Library genealogy department maintains a Visitors File. Researchers are asked (voluntary) to fill out a 3x5 card showing the name being searched and other specific data. Unlike the Indiana State Library, this file does not limit itself to the state of Indiana but includes any geographic location.--from the *Allen County Lines*.

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COIN MOTTO

"In God We Trust" first appeared on U.S. coins after April 22, 1864.

1878 ATLAS OF WISCONSIN
Patron's Directory for Clark County

Town of Colby

- Budd, J. D., Colby Vil., Druggist, born Grant Co., Wisconsin 1848.
 Ghoca, G. W., Colby Vil., Hotel and Sheriff, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1867.
 Gotchy, I. C., Colby Vil., Hardware Merchant, born Michigan, came to Wisconsin 1857.
 Grow, Chas. F., Colby, Attorney-at-law, born Orange, Vermont, came to Wisconsin 1850.
 Paddock, Chester M., Sec. 12, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin in 1864, Colby P.O.
 Wicker, J. D., Colby Vil., Attorney-at-law, born New York City, came to Wisconsin 1866.

Town of Eaton

- Begley, W. H., Greenwood Vil., Hotel and Lumber, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1866.
 Bostwick, H. A., Sec. 34, Farmer, born LaCrosse Co., Wis., 1854, Neillsville P.O.
 Hoyt, John M., Greenwood Vil., Wines and Cigars, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1866.

Town of Pine Valley

- Abbott, Charles, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1868.
 Allen, W. C., Neillsville Vil., Real Estate, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1861.
 Archer, L., Sec. 34, Farmer and Blacksmith, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1854, Neillsville P.O.
 Austin, Geo. A., Neillsville Vil., Miller, born Otsego Co., New York, came to Wisconsin 1870.
 Bruley, Emery, Neillsville, Vil., Saloon and Blacksmith, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1868.
 Brown, Albert, Neillsville, Vil., Lumberman, born Kennebec Co., Maine, came to Wisconsin 1867.
 Bussell, C. E., Neillsville Vil., Co. Surveyor and Land Agent, born Maine, came to Wisconsin 1871.
 Dean, James M., Neillsville Vil., Carpenter, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1855.
 French, B. F., Neillsville Vil., Attorney-at-law, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1849.
 Gates, J. L., Neillsville Vil., Real Estate, born Essex Co., New York, came to Wisconsin 1856.
 Hewett, James, Neillsville, Vil., Merchant and Lumberman, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1856.
 Hoffman, H. J., Neillsville, Vil., Pub. *Republican & Press*, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1856.
 Lacey, J. C., Neillsville, Vil., Physician and Druggist, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1865.
 Lindsay, F. D., Neillsville, Vil., Lumberman, born Essex Co., New York, came to Wisconsin 1865.

Town of Pine Valley (cont.)

Peterson, Andrew, Neillsville Vil., Shoemaker, born Norway, came to Wisconsin in 1868.
 Pope, Ira B. Neillsville, Vil., Attorney-at-Law, born Vermont, came to Wisconsin in 1860.
 Reddan, James H., Neillsville, Vil., Hotel, born Canada came to Wisconsin in 1868.
 Sawyer, R. J., Neillsville Vil., County Superintendant, born Dodge Co., Wisconsin, 1847.
 Wells, O. P., Neillsville Vil., Hotel, born Erie Co., Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin in 1855.
 Youmans, C. A., Neillsville Vil., Salesman, born Kenosha, Wisconsin 1848.

Town of Unity

Van Hoosear Wm., Sec. 1, Lumberman, born Connecticut, came to Wisconsin in 1835, Unity P.O.

Town of Warner

Vine, John T., Sec. 26, Lumberman, born New York, came to Wisconsin in 1861, Greenwood P.O.
 Warner, M. B., Sec. 15, Lumberman, born New York, came to Wisconsin in 1854, Greenwood P.O.

Town of Weston

Butterfield, F. L., Sec. 26, Farmer, born Maine, came to Wisconsin 1871, Neillsville P.O.

Patron's Directory for Wood County

Centralia City

Boyden, J.W., Carp., born Madison Co., New York, came to Wisconsin in 1847, Port Edwards, P.O.
 Curry, Daniel, Farmer, born Canada, came to Wisconsin in 1861, Port Edwards P.O.
 Chantron, W. P., Marble Works, born in Milwaukee, Centralia City P.O.
 Darling, S. R., Millwright, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1861, Grand Rapids P.O.
 Garrison, Chas. B., Lumberman, born Illinois, came to Wisconsin 1853, Centralia City P.O.
 Hurley, Dr. P., Physician, born Ireland, came to Wisconsin 1856, Centralia City P.O.
 Jackson, G. J., Centralia flour Mills, born Scotland, came to Wisconsin in 1866, Centralia City P.O.
 Lefebore, H. Liquors and Cigars, born France, came to Wisconsin in 1856, Centralia City P.O.
 Lyon, T., Shingle Mill, Born Centralia, Wisconsin 1852, Centralia City P.O.
 Massi Alfred, Boarding House, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1865, Centralia City P.O.

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Sat. November 9....**Beginners Seminar**, Clark County Courthouse
12:30 p.m. Auditorium, Neillsville, Wisconsin.
Clark County
Courthouse

Thurs. December 5...**Genealogical Research Report.** Vicki Johnson will
7 p.m. share with the group some of the experiences she
McMillan Town has had while working on her family history. The
Hall talk will highlight her research in Germany,
Ireland, Sweden and Canada.

Wed. December 25...**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**

Wed. January 1.....**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Thurs. January 23..**Northern Germany.** Helen Krainz, a German Teacher
7 p.m. and native of the northern part of Germany will
McMillan Town share her information on that area with us.
Hall

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