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1986 MEETING OF THE CENTRAL WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES HELD

The annual meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies was held on Saturday, September 27th at the Marshfield Public Library.

In the morning session, Don Schnitzler discussed the records available to the family history researcher interested in learning more about his Revolutionary and Civil War Ancestors. Highlighting those records held by the National Archives, he pointed out the importance of checking information from both classes of Military Records, the Service Records and the Records of veteran's benefits. Following a brief outline of the possible contents of each file, he explained the procedure to follow to obtain copies of these files.

Following a lunch break, Deanne Reyer told us about techniques we can all use for successful genealogical correspondence. Including a postcard technique that almost always guarantees a faster reply when writing to busy courthouse offices. Examples of two postcards you might consider using in your correspondence are included on page 38.

Also included in the afternoon session was a well received panel discussion on planning a family reunion. Items discussed ranged from setting up mailing lists to things to do to avoid dwindling attendance. The panel, consisting of Lou Hacker, Vickie Hasz, Joann Hilgemann and Don Schnitzler, was greatly assisted by the many comments from the audience.

Karen Boerboom also briefly described her German phonebook collection and made available copies of the Wisconsin 1880 Sound-ex films for use after the meeting.

Everyone seemed pleased with the day-long activities. The next Joint Meeting will be hosted by the North Pines Genealogy Group and the Marathon County Genealogical Society.

COMMUNICATION LINES WITH THE STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ARE IN THE WORKS

There has recently been a proposal made to the State Society requesting the formation of a Council to provide increase communication and assistance to local genealogical groups. This is an important step in establishing a much needed exchange of ideas and information among state genealogists.

*President's Message**Dear Friends,*

The Holiday season is fast approaching, and while it probably means something different to each one of us, as family historians it provides all of us the opportunity to reach out to our relatives. At no other time of the year are we as likely to find them reminiscing about the events and people that have been an important part of their lives. At no other time of the year, are we as likely to find them willing to share those recollections with us. So, even if the Holiday schedule is already busy, don't pass up the opportunity to reach out to a grandparent, aunt, uncle or cousin. Remembering them this holiday season, sharing with them a bit of the history already collected, and opening up an avenue of communication, could be the beautiful beginning to the new year.

Another opportunity that each one of us should be sure to take advantage of is found in our exchange newsletters. Recently Sue Heber and Lou Hacker, discovered that they were related to one another through their FOBES/FORBES ancestor. Then, through one of our new exchanges, Branches and Twigs, Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, they were able to find the names and addresses of several other persons working on the same family line. While we can't all have this kind of luck, the opportunity is still there waiting for each of us to take advantage of.

An example of taking advantage of a good opportunity was seen by your attendance of the Joint Meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies in September. Since it was held here in Marshfield, many of us were able to attend, and all of us able to learn from it. Comments made during the critique, and after the meeting, were all excellent, including one comparison to the Fall meeting of the State Genealogical Society held in October. That comparison, rated our meeting as more informative, more organized and more beneficial. All of those individuals who helped by speaking, taking care of registration or watching the sales table are to be commended, especially our committee chairperson, Vickie Hasz, for a job well done.

I think that it's fitting to take this opportunity before closing, to extend to each of you my sincerest wishes for a safe, happy holiday season. I hope that this Christmas is as special for each of you as is possible. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As Always,

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UNDER 1985 WISCONSIN ACT 315 (revised Chapter 69, Wisconsin Statutes):

You are entitled to:

1. Examine any separate indexes to vital records in any Wisconsin courthouse if they have them (i.e., those not included in bound volumes).
2. Examine any vital records except:
 - a. birth records of children born out of wedlock or adoptees. (These records are now and have been under the old law restricted and kept in a separate place.)
 - b. parts of birth or marriage records which contain information intended solely for medical or statistical purposes.

To preserve original paper records as long as possible, if any courthouse has microfilms of these certificates, you will be required to use them instead of originals.

3. Purchase uncertified copies of any birth, death or marriage certificate (without the medical-statistical information attached), whether issued before or after October 1, 1907, except for birth certificates of children born out of wedlock or adoptees. Such copies will be marked "Uncertified".
4. Purchase certified copies of vital records certificates only if you qualify as a person having "a direct and tangible interest" as specified in Sec. 2 Sec. 69.20(1), i.e., the registrant himself, his parents or members of his immediate family, his legal guardian or custodian, his attorney, or other authorized person.

You will be charged for copies of the above as follows:

1. The fee of \$5 for one copy, certified or uncertified, of any vital record, with \$2 for each additional copy issued at the same time. If the record is a birth certificate, a surcharge of \$2 will be added for the first copy only, to be set aside for the fund to aid abused children.
2. A charge of \$5 may be made for a search for a vital record even if no record is found. In addition to this \$5, an amount (unspecified) may be charged for a search where "the requester provides no identifying information or information which is imprecise and inadequate."
3. A fee of \$5 will be charged for verifying information "submitted by a requester" even though no copy is issued.

You will be required when researching vital records to:

1. Sign your name and address in a register provided for that purpose:
2. Carry with you in the record area only the notebook in which you are writing and a pencil and leave your purse, briefcase, and/or

coat in locker or place of safekeeping to be provided by the courthouse.

- Depending on the way the records are arranged, regulations in some courthouse may vary from others. Some may have sheets of particulars explaining their individual procedures in more detail. Ask for one when you enter.

NECROLOGY INDEX

The Necrology Index of pre-1907 Marshfield Newspapers is still underway, but there are a few reels of microfilm that still need to be extracted. Anyone who had volunteered to work on these films, and hasn't had the time to complete them yet is encouraged to do so soon. Those individuals who find it impossible to complete this work are also encouraged to talk with Marlene Cherney, project chairperson, so that the films can be reassigned.

Our Necrology Index project, when completed will be beneficial to all of us. Let's set a goal for its completion in 1987.

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NEW MEMBER

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NEW NEWSLETTER EXCHANGE ESTABLISHED

An exchange newsletter agreement has been established with the Chippewa County Genealogical Society. Their newsletter contains information extracted from early Chippewa County Newspapers, queries, gleanings from other newsletters and information about upcoming meetings. Be sure to check one out from the library.

QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 30 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Queries for non-members will be published for \$1. 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.

KINNE-SPENCER-VANDERVORT

Seeking any information on Mary KINNE, born Aug 1868, Tomah, WI, daughter of E. G. KINNE and Maria VANDERVORT, married Robert Wallace SPENCER, 22 Feb 1889 at Spencer, WI. Resided Town of Eau Pleine until 1900.

Contact: Donald H. Schnitzler
Route 4, Box 418
Mosinee, WI 54453

STURM-WILL-NOLL

Seeking information on the Adam and Margaret (WILL) STURM family. Adam, born 1827 and died 1894; Margaret, born 1836 and died 1918; both buried Marshfield Gate of Heaven Cemetery. A son, Jacob STURM resided on Central Avenue, Marshfield in 1900. A daughter, Katie, may have been married 19 Sep 1893 in Wood County to William NOLL. I have WILL family records back to 1625 in Germany which I will be pleased to share.

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SURNAME SEARCH

Free registration of your surnames. Send 1 to 100 surnames that you are researching to be indexed by computer. Family Group Sheets and Pedigree Charts will be 'all names' extracted. Your name and address with information supplied will be sent to persons requesting your surnames. When you are requesting names of others working on your names, there is a charge of \$1 per surname. Write: SURN-REACH, Joyce F. Drudik, P.O. Box 25545, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53225.--from *Branches and Twigs, Bulletin of the Genealogical Society of Vermont*

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NORTHERN IRELAND GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In Northern Ireland registration of Protestant marriages commenced on 1 April 1845 and the births, deaths and Roman Catholic marriages on 1 January 1864. The original records, prior to 1922, are held locally or in Dublin. Records since 1922 are centralized at the General Register Office, Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4HF, where an index covering the whole of Northern Ireland is maintained. The central records prior to 1922 are in the General Register Office, Custom House, Dublin, but if details are provided of any birth, death or marriage which occurred in Northern Ireland before 1922 the Registrar-General in Belfast will arrange for searches to be made on payment of a fee.

Public Record Office, Belfast

Many old wills were destroyed a fire in Dublin in 1922, but several thousands of copies, notes, and extracts from Ulster wills and other documents, taken

before their destruction, are preserved in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast BT9 6NY. This office also has lists of early rent rolls.

Sources in Dublin

Information about persons in possession of land other than small tenants may be obtained by a search in the Registry of Deeds, Henrietta Street, Dublin. Its records go back to the early 18th century. The Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin is another useful source of information.

Parish Registers

Although many Irish church registers also perished in the 1922 fire, about 200 of those referring to Northern Ireland are still in the custody of the parish.

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STATE PIONEER CERTIFICATES

A supplement is being prepared to *Some Pioneer Families of Wisconsin, an Index 1977*. To be included applications must be submitted by December 31, 1986.

The Wisconsin State Genealogical Society invites you to obtain a *Pioneer Family Certificate* showing ancestors who settled in Wisconsin by 1850, or a *Century Family Certificate*, showing ancestors who settled at least a century ago.

Applicants must be able to prove descent from ancestors by an official record, but need not presently live in Wisconsin. Proof furnished will be verified by WSGS personnel from referenced data and records before a certificate issued.

For your convenience, applications will be available at our meeting on December 4th.

GERMAN RESEARCH INFORMATION

When writing a state archives in any German-speaking country, do not send money. They'll bill for their services and inform you where and how to send the money. When writing to a parish, enclose a donation of \$10 as a courtesy. In your correspondence to Germany, express dates in the following order: day, month (spelled out), year. The months are Januar, Februar, Maerz, April, Mai, Juni, Juli, August, September, Oktober, November and Dezember.

The Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City has form letters available for writing to Poland, France, and Czechoslovakia for genealogical information.--from the *Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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BOUNTY LAND APPLICATION HELPFUL IN RESEARCH

A bounty-land warrant application based on service in the Revolutionary War can be helpful in research when the veteran or his widow did not apply for a pension. All veterans and widows did not meet qualifications for pensions, but there was no need requirement for bounty land, and many persons ineligible for a pension did apply for a bounty-land warrant.

The application included name, rank, military unit, period of service, the veteran's age and place of residence at the time of application. Application made by a widow usually showed her age and place of residence, the date and place of the veteran's death, the date and place of her marriage to him and her maiden name. An application by a survivor may include all the veteran's heirs by law.--from the *NGS Newsletter*

NEW ADDRESS FOR MAPS

The U.S. Geological Survey has closed its Eastern Distribution Branch at Arlington, Virginia, consolidating operations with the Western Distribution Branch in Denver, Colorado.

Mail orders for current maps should now be addressed to USGS, Map Distribution, Federal Center Bldg. 41, Box 25286, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Inquiries about out-of-print topographic maps should continue to be addressed to National Cartographic Information Center, USGS, 507 National Center, Reston, Virginia 22092.

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CIVIL WAR DESCENDANTS SOCIETY

The Civil War Descendants Society offers certificates of membership and certificates of recognition for \$5 each. Also, for \$10 they will look in the official Confederate or Union Army records for information about the military unit in which your ancestor served. They will cite and send copies of such things as official correspondence describing strategies, events, conditions, etc. Write to: Civil War Descendants Society, P.O. Box 233, Athens, Alabama.--from the *Clark County (WA) Genealogical Society*.

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FRENCH ANCESTORS

For some tips on tracing French ancestors, write to: Services Culturels Francais, 972 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10021.--from the *Illuminator, Newsletter of the Zion Genealogical Society*.

THE POMMERSCHER VEREIN FREISTADT

The Pomeranian Society of Freistadt was organized in 1978 to preserve Pomeranian culture thru the study of Pomeranian history, music, customs, food, dance and language.

One of the Society's goals is to compile the genealogical information of their members and to aid those who wish to work on their family trees. Included with membership is a quarterly newsletter, which has meeting announcements, information and article relating to Pomeranian culture.

There are three classes of membership: Individual (voting) \$10, Family (voting) \$15, and Associate (non-voting) \$5. If interested in membership or further information, write: Bernice Douck, 3411 S. 83rd St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53219.

POMERANIA MAPS AND BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FROM THE POMMERSCHER VEREIN FREISTADT

Pomerania Map --Large (39 x 55 inch) colored Pomeranian map, shows every little village, forest and creek (that existed in 1938). Price \$7 for members and \$10 for non-members. Postage is \$2.20.

Kreis Maps --Highly detailed Kreis (county) maps are available for Arnswalde, Belgard, Butow, Cammin, Demmin, Deutsch Krone/Schneidemuhl, Dramburg, Flatow, Freideberg, Greifenhagen/Stettin, Greifswald, Grimmen, Kolberg-Korlin, Koslin, Lauenburg, Naugarf, Netzekreis, Neustettin, Pyritz, Regenwalde, Rugen, Rummelsburg, Saatzig/Stargard, Schlawe, Schlochau, Stolp, Uecker-munde, and Usedom-Wollin. The scale is 1:100000. Price per map is \$3 for members and \$4 for non-members. Postage is \$.75.

Pommern Booklet. --A 16 page overview of Pomeranian history and culture. (4 maps) Price 50 cents and postage 50 cents.

Pomerania, Its People And History, by LeRoy Boehlke. A well illustrated (32 pictures, 4 maps) 36 page look at Pomeranian history, culture and customs. Price \$2.25 for members and \$3 for non-members (postage 75 cents).

Pomeranian Customs and Culture. A compilation of articles from past issues of "Rundschreiben" and recent translations of articles relating to Pomeranian customs, culture and history. 61 pages. Price \$4.75 postpaid.

The maps and booklets described above can be obtained from: Dudley Blank, 7037 Cedar Creek Road, Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATES

The Affiliated Historical Societies of Washington County and the 150th Anniversary Committee are joining efforts and offering Pioneer Certificates during the year 1986. Anyone who can prove their ancestors resided in Washington County 100 years ago are eligible for this certificate. Application blanks can be obtained by sending a SASE to Barbara J. Orlando, M98 W15893 Shagbark Road, Germantown, Wisconsin 53022. Residence in Washington County now is not a requirement. The application blank gives the required proofs. A \$2 charge for each certificate will be made when the application blanks are returned. The deadline for obtaining certificates is December 31, 1986. --from the NCGS, Reporter

RESEARCH TIP

At the Joint meeting of Central Wisconsin Genealogical Societies, Deanne Reyer described the benefits of using a postcard when writing to a courthouse in search of a record. She pointed out that this will not only save on postage because you won't have to send an envelope and a 22 cent stamp, but hopefully you will have a better chance of receiving an answer if the addressee doesn't have to actually write a letter!

Below are two examples of using the postcard technique. The first is a postcard that you might use to send to a courthouse in search of a vital record, and the second one, a postcard you might include when writing to people listed in phone books with the same name you are researching and you want to know if they have any information. In either case, send them a letter outlining the information you need, and include the appropriate postcard with this "form".:

<p>Is the following record available for genealogical research?</p>	<p>Your Name Address City, State, ZIP</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, this record is available, the cost of a copy of this record is ____.</p>	
<p>The record is recorded in Vol ____ page # ____.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, the record is not available at this office.</p>	

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am related to the (name) family but I cannot provide you with any genealogical information. I suggest you contact:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>Your Name Address City, State, ZIP</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am related to the (name) family and can give genealogical data. Please write again with the data you need.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> No, I am not related.</p>	

1907 ROAD WARRANT ANNUAL REPORT
Town of Eau Pleine, Marathon County, Wisconsin

(Continued from Kith and Kin, Sept-Oct 1986)

<i>To whom assessed</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Section/ Town/Range</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Real Estate</i>	<i>Personal Property</i>
McMillan	N.E. S.W.	17/27/3	40	\$400	
McMillan	N.W. S.W.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	S.W. S.W.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	S.E. S.W.	"	40	\$875	
McMillan	N.E. S.E.	"	40	\$400	
McMillan	N.W. S.E.	"	40	\$400	
David Reimer	S.W. S.E.	"	40	\$600	\$155
David Reimer	S.E. S.E.	"	40	\$450	
M. H. DuCate	N.E. N.E.	18/27/3	40	\$325	
M. H. DuCate	N.W. N.E.	"	40	\$800	
Matt Wright	S.W. N.E.	"	40	\$400	
Matt Wright	S.E. N.E.	"	40	\$375	
Thomas Joinske	N.E. N.W.	"	40	\$600	\$ 40
Wenzel Swartz	W. N.W.	"	45	\$300	
Wenzel Swartz	S.E. N.W.	"	40	\$1000	\$ 80
C.B. Ruby	N.E. S.W.	"	40	\$450	\$100
C.B. Ruby	W. S.W.	"	45	\$550	
C.B. Ruby	S.E. S.W.	"	40	\$350	
R. Connor Co.	N.E. S.E.	"	40	\$400	
R. Connor Co.	N.W. S.E.	"	40	\$375	
R. Connor Co.	S.W. S.E.	"	40	\$500	
R. Connor Co.	S.E. S.E.	"	40	\$500	
McMillan	N.E. N.E.	19/27/3	40	\$350	
McMillan	N.W. N.E.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	S.W. N.E.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	S.E. N.E.	"	40	\$350	
R. Connor Co.	N.E. N.W.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	W. N.W.	"	44	\$350	
R. Connor Co.	S.E. N.W.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	N.E. S.W.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	N.W. S.W.	"	40	\$375	
McMillan	S.E. S.W.	"	40	\$375	
McMillan	N.E. S.E.	"	40	\$350	
McMillan	N.W. S.E.	"	40	\$350	
St. Transcoviak	S.W. S.E.	"	40	\$800	\$143
McMillan	S.E. S.E.	"	40	\$375	

* * * CALENDAR OF EVENTS * * *

Thurs. Dec. 4.....Your Holiday Traditions. An opportunity for each of us to share with each other, those special family traditions, that make the holidays unique to each family. Whether, these are current traditions or those that were practiced by our ancestors, we should have an interesting evening of storytelling and sharing.

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Pioneer or Century Family Certificates. A brief explanation of the forms and material needed to complete an application for either of these certificates.

Thurs. Jan. 22.....The Homestead Case File. Don Schnitzler will outline the possible contents a Homestead Case file, a rich genealogical resource, as well as instructions on where to write to obtain copies of your ancestor's papers.

Making Plans for a Successful Research Trip. A brief group discussion highlighting techniques for planning and achieving a successful research trip.

Sat. Jan. 24.....Research Trip to the Regional Archives.

Thurs. Feb. 26.....The Daughters of the American Revolution. A panel discussion highlighting resources held by the DAR and the qualifications of membership.

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