

Kith and Kin

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

The holidays are upon us and it doesn't seem like there is enough time for genealogy right now, but there really is. If you are spending the holidays with family, it is the time to talk about old times and your ancestors.

Also, you may notice that we have a new look to our newsletter. I want to thank Ken Wood for stepping in and taking on this task temporarily.

I also want to extend not only my thanks, but that of the entire membership, for the many years of hard work and the countless hours spent on behalf of the organization. Thank you Vickie.

Until the next letter, a happy Holiday Season to you all.

Linda Berres

UPCOMING EVENTS

November and December No Meetings

January

QUERIES

Who are you searching for? Want to list a name and see who may have information for you? Send it in to the editors and we will publish it in the next newsletter. The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 50 words or less without charge to members of MAGG. Submit your query on a separate piece of paper with your name, address and phone number or e-mail address of both. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

The Marshfield Library has added a partial Index to the 1970 News Herald. The index was taken from a card file developed by the library staff in the 1970's and covered the years 1970 to 1974. It contained only some obituaries and weddings. The index had been brought up to mid 1970 with all birth, death, engagements, weddings, marriage licenses, Golden Anniversaries, 80th+ Birthdays and With the Colors. Pages will be added as the months are completed. A temporary copy of the Index is located above the microfilms with the other indexes. Anyone who wishes to help complete the index please contact Ken Wood at the Reference Desk of the library or leave a message there.



WEB SITES OF THE MONTH

Essential WEB Sites for Tracing U. K. Ancestors

The National Archives (This site brings together the collections of the Public Records Office and the Historical Manuscripts Commission) www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

FreeBDM (the aim of FreeBDM is to transcribe the Civil Registration Index to births, deaths and marriages of England and Wales, and provide free Internet access)
<http://freebdm.rootsweb.com>

FreeREG (Provides free Internet searches of baptism, marriage and burial records from parish and non-conformist church registers in the UK.) <http://freereg.rootsweb.com>
Curious Fox (Contains linked lists of every UK county, town, and village which lead to pages for family history, local history, surname and genealogy enquiries) www.curiousfox.com

BritishGenealogy.com (Guides users on how to conduct sound research and find relevant sources) <http://british-genealogy.com>

The Society of Genealogists www.sog.org.uk

GENUKI (A large collection of pages containing genealogical information for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man) www.genuki.org.uk

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (Database listing 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the last two world wars and the 23,000 cemeteries, etc where they are commemorated) www.cwgc.org

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THE HOW TO COLUMN

Each issue this column will feature hints on how to do something related to genealogy or some other topic related to genealogy. Drop us a line with suggestions.

DIT NAMES

What is a DIT name?

A dit name was the practice of adopting an alternative surname. It was extremely common in Quebec. The term dit is a form of the word DIRE (to say) and can be loosely translated as "that is to say" or "called".

Dit names sometimes followed the family through the generations, but their use was sometimes inconsistent. Some families always used the dit name in combination with the original surnames, while others only used it occasionally. In many cases the dit name replaced the original surname entirely.

Consult Rene Jette's "Dictionnaire genealogique des familles du Quebec" and Msgr. Cyprien

Tanguay's "Dictionnaire genealogique des familles canadiennes" (Vol. 7) for lists connecting French-Canadian names with their possible dit names and other variants. An excellent book for French-Canadian researchers is "French-Canadian Sources: A Guide for Genealogists." It was published last year by Ancestry.com

There is also a comprehensive list on the Internet in the "First and last names" section of the PRDH site at www.genealogie.umontreal.ca/en/main.htm

Irish also used dit names at times. For example adding a Mc or Mac to their surname to distinguish a family in a certain area. Thus DANIEL would become McDaniel in future generations.

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WHAT'S NEW IN PRINT/CDS?

"The Healer's Calling: Women and Medicine in Early New England" by Rebecca J. Tannenbaum

Most early medicine relied on the talents, training, and hands-on experience of women. Many women gained the respect of their neighbors as they practiced charitable medical activities or became reputable nurses, midwives and "doctresses". Some acquired notoriety and were even suspected of witchcraft. Tannenbaum starts with a summary of seventeenth century medical theory and goes on to gather women's experiences with illness, childbirth, nursing and doctoring to examine the complex social roles of colonial women in the care of the community. The *William and Mary Quarterly* proclaims that "The Healer's Calling" serves as a prologue to Ulrich's *A Midwife's Tale*" Sold by the New England Historic Genealogical Society B26355700 Hard Copy 200 pages \$34.95 (Review taken from the New England Historic Genealogical Society web site.)

FREE ON LINE GENEALOGY CLASS FROM BYU.

Brigham Young University offers several on-line genealogy classes free of charge and at your own pace. To take a look at these offerings go to <http://ce.byu.edu/> Go to the special offers listing. The classes include Introductory Genealogy, Record Types, Regional and Ethnic Genealogy (France, Germany, Huguenot, Scandanavian)

BIRTH DATE CALCULATOR

Have trouble with those grave markers that give death date and age in days , months and years? Here is a site that will calculate that birth date for you.

<http://longislandgenealogy.com/birth.html> This site was previously published in Rootsweb Review, Volume 6, Number 46 , 12 November 2003

HUMOR IS THE SPICE OF GENEALOGY

Let's find the humorous side of our family searches. Have a "funny thing happen to you on the way to the cemetery?" An ancestor who had a humorous adventure? A funny name or

occupation? Let us know and we will include them in future issues.

One of my ancestors showed that a man, or woman for that matter, should be careful in picking a mate, paying particular attention to his/her family name. Mark Blunt of Portsmouth, New Hampshire married, about 1790, Sarah Drown of Portsmouth. In 1793 he was lost at sea.

Ken Wood

MY FAVORITE ANCESTOR OR THE BLACK SHEEP IN MY FAMILY

Send us a story about you favorite ancestor and why you like them. Or do you have a favorite villain, horse thief or pirate in the tree? Let us know and share the story.

NEWS FROM THE PAST

From The Clark County Press November 12, 2003. (from Linda Berres)

A tri-weekly stage line has been established between Neillsville and Loyal by Mr. S. D. Graves of Loyal. Regular trips will be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leaving Loyal at 7 a.m. and Neillsville at 1 p. m. (November 1873)

A flaming truck sped at 60 miles an hour speeds into Neillsville late Monday night with \$6,000 worth of stainless steel restaurant equipment aboard and left a trail of grass fires along five miles of the route.

The episode ended with the city fire department extinguished the blazing truck after the driver and his helper jumped from the cab on Highway 10 just before the gasoline tank exploded. From 40 to 50 farmers fought the series of grass fires along Highway 73 until 4 a. m. Tuesday morning. (November 1953) (It was a very dry summer and numerous fires had broken out through out the county.)

From the Clark County Press November 5, 2003

Recently, 40 acres of unimproved hardwood land, situated about nine miles northeast of town, was sold for seven dollars per acre. It was a big price to pay for such land (November 1868)

The 100th anniversary of Methodism in Neillsville will be marked in special centennial services here Sunday November 9. (November 1958)

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MEETING DATES:

Regular schedule for meetings is the fourth Thursday of the month, except November and December, in the General Meeting Room on the first floor of the Marshfield Public Library. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Thursday, January 22, 2004

Thursday February 26, 2004

Thursday March 25, 2004

Thursday April 22, 2004

Deadline for submissions for the next issue is January 10, 2004. Please send them to MAGG, ATT: Kith and Kin Editors, PO Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD SCHOOLS

Graduating Seniors as Recorded From Local Papers

Compiled by Lorraine Markee, MAGG

CLASS OF 1963 (155 members)

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Alberta Marie Wienke, Ronald G. Wittman, Terrance P. Wolf, Paul H. Woltmann.
 Richard J. Young.
 Jerrold C. Zais, Leonard B. Zawislan, Frances R. Zinthefer.

Co-Valedictorians--Mary Taylor, Diane Kalsched

Class President--Lea Hopkins

DAR Citizenship Award--Mary Taylor

Woman's Club Scholarship--Janet Markee

PTA Scholarships--Nancy Martin, Janet Markee

American Legion Athletic and Scholarship Award--Paul Sommers

American Legion Oration Award--Janet Bintzler

VFW Essay Contest Awards--Diane Kalsched, Carla Cole, Gwen Morrow

Elks Constitution Contest Award--Barbara Pingel, Janet Markee, Lea Hopkins, Kenneth Herman, Janet Bintzler, Dale Mueller, Theodore Haack

Elks Youth Leadership Award--Lea Hopkins

Elks Leadership Contest--Paul Lathrop

Elks Scholarship--Dale Mueller

Rotary Club Honor Certificate--(Top 16 Students) Diane Kalsched, Mary Taylor, Sandra

Chronquist, Paul Lathrop, Gwen Morrow, Hario Clement, Janet Spry, Dale Mueller,

Theodore Haack, Janet Markee, Trudence Ott, Janet Bintzler, Lea Hopkins, Nancy Martin, Johnilee Larson, Audrey Meissner

UW-Stevens Point Scholarships--Janet Markee, Gwen Morrow, Dale Mueller

(From the Marshfield News Herald, Tuesday, June 4, 1963, page 1

CENSUS RECORDS AND CITIZENSHIP

In the 1930 Census in column 21, citizenship, you will find "NA", "AL", and "PA". AL stands for Alien, NA stands for Naturalized, and PA means "papers applied for" for persons who had applied but not completed the naturalization process.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

One of the largest and most easily accessed databases is the SSDI. Information gathered there may lead you to a death certificate, obit, cemetery records and possibly probate records.

However, not everyone's name is in the Index, even if they had a Social Security number. If relatives or the funeral home did not report the death to the Social Security Administration, or the death occurred before the records were computerized in 1962, the person may not appear, not because they are still alive but because the Administration has no record of their death.

The address listed refers to the official address of the person, where he/she received their mail, not where they died. If a person died while on vacation in Florida, or the person had two addresses, as many "snow birds" do, the place where they were living may not be the address where the last benefit was sent.

Other reasons for not finding a person on the Index include the fact that Social Security was begun in 1937 and the first payments started in 1940 but the records were not computerized until 1962. Only a few records from before that time are included in the Index. Also prior to

the 1960's many people were not covered by Social Security and thus had no numbers. These included farmers, housewives, government employees, teachers, non-employed individuals and those with separate retirement plans. It was not until 1988 that all children had to have a number.

The "Application for a Social Security Number", commonly called the SS-5, contains much vital information for the genealogist. The SS-5 required specific information on birth, including actual place of birth, not just the country or state. Also the maiden name of the mother was requested.

These applications can be obtained from the Social Security Administration for \$27 if you have a number and \$29 if you do not. You must include the name of the individual, the Social Security number if known, date and place of death. RootsWeb has a place to generate a printer-ready letter addressed to the Administration for you to fill in. The processing of this information takes several months, so be patient.

Next time we will talk about railroad workers records.

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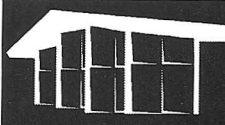
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