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Official Newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

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See, Save and Celebrate-Historical Preservation Month-May 2013

May is a busy month as it is every year. Come join in the fun:

Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.

"Kick-Off Celebration" at Veteran's Park, West 7th Street & South Chestnut Avenue. Join us as Marshfield Mayor Chris Meyer pro-claims May as Historic Preservation Month and then follow along on a narrated walking tour of Marshfield's Park Street Historic District. Refreshments will be served.

May 2 - 23

"Marshfield: Past, Present and Future Exhibit" Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second Street. Marshfield Middle School student artwork depicting Marshfield's historic downtown through various time lenses displayed.

Thursday, May 9, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Artist Reception - Refreshments will be served.

Friday, May 24

8:30 - 11:00 am and 12:00 - 2:30 pm
Cemetery Tours, Hillside Cemetery Entrance, 1110 N. St. Joseph Avenue. The public is invited to join school children as they tour the cemetery and meet noteworthy citizens of "Marshfield's Past."

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 pm

"History of the Marshfield Telephone Company"

BeeBee Forum Room, Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second Street. Everyone is invited to the first in a series of lectures on Marshfield History. Local historian and former Marshfield mayor, Michael Meyers, will trace the history of Marshfield's local phone company's from its founding in 1882 through to the early 1960s. The stories will prove both informative and entertaining. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 25, 9:30 am - noon

"Beginning Genealogy"

Marshfield Public Library, 211 E. Second Street.

Join us for a free beginner's workshop. A brief introduction gets you started. Then one-on-one help with an experienced family history re-searcher guides you to the best sources for your search. Please register in advance by calling the library at 715-387-8494 extension 211.

Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 pm

Holiday Inn - Hub City Ballroom
750 S. Central Avenue

Join **Dr. Lester Tenney, World War II Bataan Death March survivor** as he tells about his experience on the march and also about his 3½ years as a Prisoner of War.

Also throughout the month see the special exhibits at:

North Wood County Historical Society

212 W. Third Street

Enjoy a look at the **"Blum Brothers Box Factory History, 1910-1972"** through a display of photographs and memorabilia of this Marshfield business.

Hours: Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Saturday 1:30 - 4:00 pm

By appointment - 387-3322

Or visit the:

Thomas House History Center

103 S. Central Avenue View the display **"Lest We Forget"** to learn about the military efforts of Marshfield's men and women.

Hours: Wednesday 1:00 - 4:30 pm

Saturday 11 am - 2:00 pm

By appointment - 384-5867

President's Message

Dear MAGG Members,

Time has flown so quickly. My term as president, or I should say, second term as president, is coming to an end in May and this will be my last president's message to you.

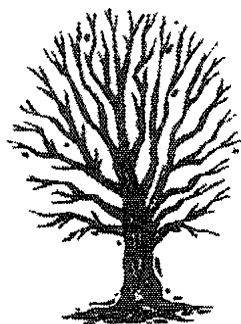
I want to thank a lot of members at this point for helping me make this job run as smoothly as it does...first my team of officers and board members. Jennifer, for helping me keep up to date with the membership list. Jonah, for helping with the technical side of things, for your very short minutes of the meetings and also for taking on my position as WSGS Central District Representative. Lorraine, for putting up with me and keeping me accountable for all those checks and bank statements and the visits to her home (I know your kitty thought I was coming to see him). And to Lori & Roger for their input for one thing or another. There is also another group of members that I need to thank, those that went above and beyond to help and volunteer at the past WSGS Gene-A-Rama up in Wausau on April 5th & 6th. It takes many people to make an event of that size run smoothly and your work has not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated. So thank you to Don, Holly, Lorraine (& sister Karen), Jonah, Lori and Noreen for your hours of volunteering. Finally, thank you to Lori and her wonderful staff at the Marshfield Public Library. The partnership that has been formed is priceless to this community. Working together on workshops and numerous events helps both of us to better serve and educate the community in genealogy and local history.

As we go forward, let's keep in mind that many helpers make the load lighter. Please consider stepping forward to help with your share of the load. The nominations committee is currently looking for members to help fill the positions of President, Treasurer and a Member-at-large for this next year. Can you help?

Again, thank you everyone!

Dickie

MAGG Officers and Committees



President: [Vickie Schnitzler](#) (2013)

Vice President: [Jennifer Witzel](#) (2014)

Secretary: [Jonah Jung](#) (2014)

Treasurer: [Lorraine Rogers](#) (2013)

Members at Large: [Lori Belongia](#) (2013)

[Roger Winch](#) (2014)

Newsletter Editor: [Vickie Schnitzler](#)

Program: [Don Schnitzler](#)

Membership: [Jennifer Witzel](#)

(Year office expires is in parentheses.)

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group is an affiliate of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Our purpose is to provide meetings and programs of genealogical interest and to provide instruction in genealogical procedures. Also to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield area and/or relative to the people of the Marshfield Area.

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December.

Membership Information

Our membership year is from May 1 to April 30. Individual membership per year is \$12.00 and a Family membership is \$15.00 per year. For hardcopy newsletter add \$6.

Membership Forms can be downloaded from our website <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/>

[Renewal form 2012-2013.pdf](#)

and returned with payment to us at: MAGG, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

Index to Data Pages of Past Newsletters *(continued from previous newsletter)*

To find any of the following data pages, go to our website at <http://www.marshfieldgenealogy.com/Past-Newsletters.html> and scroll down to the desired newsletter(s).

CITIZENSHIPS *(continued)*

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield News Herald, 30 Nov. 1942) – Vol. 19, Is. 6, p. 7. (Mar.-Apr. 2003)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Colby Phonograph, 15 June 1944) – Vol. 17, Is. 4, pp. 8-9. (Nov.-Dec. 2000)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Marshfield News Herald, 18 June 1945) – Vol. 19, Is. 4, p. 7. (Nov.-Dec. 2002)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from the Owen Enterprise, Thurs., May 9, 1929, pg. 1), (from the Owen Enterprise, Thurs., June 26 1946, pg. 1), (from the Clark County Republican Press, November 28, 1929, pg. 1) - Vol. 18, Is. 4, p 6. (Nov.-Dec. 2001)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Colby Phonograph, 9 June 1949) – Vol. 18, Is. 6, p. 9. (Mar.-Apr. 2002)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Colby Phonograph, 19 June 1952) – Vol. 17, Is. 6, p. 8. (Mar.-Apr. 2001)

Clark, Marathon, Wood County Citizenships (from Rapids Daily Tribune, 12 Dec. 1966) – Vol. 19, Is. 5, p. 7. (Jan.-Feb. 2003)

23 Become Citizens (from MNH, 12 Dec. 1972) – Vol. 21, Is. 4, p. 15. (Nov.-Dec. 2004)

MORE MISCELLANEOUS

Town of Arpin Officers (1873-1973) – Vol. 5, Is. 4 & 6, pp. 35, 56-57. (Mar. & May 1989)

Reunion of the Civil War Veterans, Last Week in Neillsville, WI (from Clark County Republican and Press, 2 July 1903) – Vol. 17, Is. 1, pp. 1, 9-11. (May-June 2000)

Roster of Wisconsin Troops in the Spanish American War [from Neillsville & Marshfield] – Vol. 15, Is. 2, pp. 9-11. (July-Aug. 1998)

Wood County Potters Field Cemetery on Seneca Road (from the Daily Tribune, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, 16 Mar. 1991) – Vol. 8, Is. 1, p. 7. (May-June 1991)

GRADUATES OF MARSHFIELD SENIOR HIGH

History of Marshfield Schools, 1875-1907 – Vol. 16, Is. 3, pp. 9-10. (Sept.-Oct. 1999)

Alumni of Marshfield Senior High 1891-1899 (from Marshfield yearbooks) – Vol. 23, Is. 3, pp. 3-4. (Oct. 2006)

History of Marshfield Schools, 1908-1915 – Vol. 16, Is. 4, pp. 10-11. (Nov.-Dec. 1999)

History of Marshfield Schools, 1916-1920 – Vol. 16, Is. 5, p. 17. (Jan.-Feb. 2000)

History of Marshfield Schools, 1921-1926 – Vol. 16, Is. 6, pp. 13-14. (Mar.-Apr. 2000) *(To be continued)*

(Additional Data Page indexes from past newsletters will be listed in upcoming newsletters.)

Surnames of Our Members & QUERY

David E. Johnson, WI230 Blackberry Street, Edgar, WI 54426, cjohn@tznnet.com. NEUMANN.

Interested in Central Wisconsin families that moved to Virginia between 1902 & 1910.



Wisconsin CCC Camps by County

Between March 31, 1933 and June 30, 1942, Wisconsin maintained an average of 54 camps per year providing jobs for approximately 90,000 men from Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. (V next to the company number indicates it contains WWI veterans. X next to the company number indicates it contains Afro-Americans.)

County	Company	Location	Project	Date
Adams				
Ashland	638	Mineral Lake	Forestry	12/17/33
	653-X	Clam Lake	Forestry	6/20/33
	692	Mellen	Park	11/4/35
	1604	Clam Lake	Forestry	6/21/33
	1606	Clam Lake	Forestry	6/21/33
	1676-V	Clam Lake	Forestry	6/10/41
	3606	Clam Lake	Forestry	6/17/35
	3675	Mineral Lake	Forestry	6/17/35
Barron				
Bayfield	640-X	Drummond	Forestry	10-26-34
	648-X	Iron River	Forestry	6/14/33
	1669-V-X	Iron River	Forestry	11/3/34
	1676	Iron River	Forestry	5/6/34
	1676-V-X	Cable	Forestry	10/18/34
	2622	Drummond	Forestry	9/11/34
	3655	Drummond	Forestry	6/16/35
	3656	Drummond	Forestry	6/16/35
	3683	Iron River	Forestry	6/29/36
Brown				
Buffalo	650	Gilmanton	Erosion	6/24/33
	1605	Mondovi	Erosion	5/26/34
	1605-X	Dodge	Erosion	6/12/35
	3665	Cochrane	Erosion	1/23/39
	3666	Nelson	Erosion	6/16/35
	3667	Dodge	Erosion	6/16/35
Burnett	3661	Danbury	State	6/16/35
Calumet				
Chippewa				
Clark				
Columbia				
Crawford	1604	Gays Mills	Erosion	11/11/35
Dane	1669-V-X	Mt. Horeb	Erosion	7/16/33
	1694-X	Mt. Horeb	Erosion	5/8/35
	2668	Mt. Horeb	Erosion	6/15/35
	2670	Madison	Park	8/16/35
Dodge				
Door	3648	Fish Creek	Park	8/12/35
Douglas	629	Brule	State	6/25/33
	658	Black River	Erosion	6/11/33
	3662	Brule	State	6/16/35
	3663	Superior	Park	11/19/35
	3668	Black River	Erosion	6/15/35
Dunn	2602	Menomonie	Erosion	11/2/35
Eau Claire	1605	Fairchild	State	6/21/33
	2618	Fairchild	State	8/16/34
	3669	Fairchild	State	6/16/35
Florence	3639	Long Lake	Forestry	6/17/35
Fond du Lac				
Forest	602	Newald	Forestry	11/8/35
	604	Laona	Forestry	11/8/35
	606	Laona	Forestry	11/1/35

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County	Company	Location	Project	Date
Forest (con't.)	643	Wabeno	Forestry	5/21/34
	649	Crandon	State	6/14/33
	651	Long Lake	Forestry	10/21/34
	658	Townsend	Forestry	6/20/33
	1653	Wabeno	Forestry	11/9/35
	1680-V-X	Laona	Forstry	8/15/41
	2620	Newald	Forestry	9/25/34
	3637-X	Newald	Forestry	6/16/35
	3637-X	Laona	Forestry	8/5/35
	3644	Wabeno	Forestry	6/6/35
	Grant	649	Bloomington	Erosion
1669-VX		Lancaster	Erosion	7/16/33
1680		Bloomington	Erosion	5/6/34
1693-X		Platteville	Erosion	7/16/35
2672		Wyalusing	Park	7/18/35
2674	Glen Haven	Erosion	6/15/35	
Green				
Green Lake				
Iowa	625	Highland	Erosion	11/2/35
Iron	660	Manitowish	State	6/21/33
	1607	Upson	State	12/23/33
	3659	Upson	State	6/16/35
	3663	Manitowish	State	6/17/35
Jackson	655	Merrillan	Erosion	6/20/33
	2621	City Point	State	8/15/34
	3672	Merrillan	State	6/16/35
	3673	City Point	State	6/16/35
Jefferson				
Juneau	1602	Necedah	State	6/19/33
	3670-X	Necedah	State	6/17/35
Kenosha				
Kewaunee				
La Crosse	601-X	Banger	Erosion	6/28/33
	601-X	W. Salem	Erosion	5/17/34
	601-X	W. Salem	Erosion	5/3/35
	601	Onalaska	Erosion	1/21/39
	601	W. Salem	Erosion	8/19/40
	1606	W. Salem	Erosion	5/15/34
	1697-X	W. Salem	Erosion	6/23/33
	3665	W. Salem	Erosion	6/16/35
Lafayette	698	Argyle	Erosion	11/4/33
	1676	Darlington	Erosion	7/16/33
Langlade	657-X	Summit Lake	State	6/20/33
	657-X	Elcho	State	11/24/33
	3647	Elcho	State	6/16/35
Lincoln	1608	Tomahawk	State	11/19/33
	2616	Merrill	State	8/6/34
	3649	Merrill	State	6/16/35
	3654	Tomahawk	State	6/16/35
Manitowoc				
Marathon	3649	Wausau	Park	8/12/35
Marinette	1696	Wausaukee	State	6/23/33
	1696	Pembine	State	11/27/33

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County	Company	Location	Project	Date
Marinette (con't)	3629	Crivitz	State	11/1/35
	3646	Dunbar	State	6/17/35
Marquette				
Menominee				
Milwaukee	636	Hales Corners	Park	6/22/33
	656	West Allis	Park	11/10/33
	1644	Cudahy	Park	6/25/33
	1699	West Allis	Park	6/27/33
	1699-X	Milwaukee	Park	11/13/34
	2615	West Allis	Park	8/13/34
	2625-V	Hales Corners	Park	10/1/37
	2669	West Allis	Park	6/15/35
	2670	West Allis	Park	6/15/35
	2672	Hales Corners	Park	6/15/35
	3686	West Allis	Park	10/1/39
Monroe	3664-X	Ontario	Erosion	8/9/35
Oconto	643	Seperton	Forestry	10/14/34
	656	Mountain	Forestry	6/20/33
	1653	Mountain	Forestry	6/19/36
	1695-X	Mountain	Forestry	6/23/33
	2619	Seperton	Forestry	9/6/34
	3642	Seperton	Forestry	6/16/35
	3643	Mountain	Forestry	6/16/35
Oneida	654-X	Minocqua	State	6/20/33
	3641	Minocqua	State	6/16/35
Outagamie				
Ozaukee				
Pepin	1607	Durand	Erosion	6/24/33
	1694	Durand	Erosion	5/17/34
Pierce	652	Nelson	Erosion	6/10/35
	3669	Ellsworth	Erosion	11/2/35
Polk	633	St. Croix Falls	Park	11/4/35
	4610	St. Croix Falls	Park	7/1/38
Portage				
Price	642	Fifield	Forestry	5/14/33
	644	Phillips	State	5/19/33
	651	Fifield	Forestry	6/20/33
	1610-X	Phillips	State	6/23/33
	1676-V-X	Park Falls	Forestry	5/21/36
	3636-X	Phillips	Forestry	6/16/35
	3650	Fifield	Forestry	6/16/35
	3652	Phillips	State	6/16/35
Racine				
Richland	1604	Richland Ctr.	Erosion	5/7/35
	1699-X	Richland Ctr.	Erosion	5/17/34
	2671	Richland Ctr.	Erosion	6/15/35
Rock	1680	Evansville	Erosion	7/25/33
Rusk	1694-X	Ladysmith	State	6/25/33
	3652	Glen Flora	Park	7/8/35
St. Croix				
Sauk	2668	LaValle	Erosion	8/10/35
	2669	Baraboo	Park	8/5/35
Sawyer	637	Loretta	Forestry	6/25/33
	638	Loretta	Forestry	6/25/33
	647	Hayward	State	6/14/33
	648	Loretta	Forestry	12/20/33
	652	Hayward	Forestry	6/20/33
	2617	Hayward	Forestry	8/24/34
	3657	Loretta	Forestry	6/16/35

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County	Company	Location	Project	Date
Sawyer (con't)	3658	Winter	Forestry	6/16/35
	3660	Hayward	State	6/16/35
	3660-X	Hayward	Forestry	7/1/35
Shawano				
Sheboygan				
Taylor	1603	Westboro	Forestry	6/20/33
	1692-X	Perkinstown	Forestry	6/22/33
	1693-X	Westboro	Forestry	6/24/33
	3640-X	Perkinstown	Forestry	6/17/35
	3651	Westboro	Forestry	6/16/35
Trempealeau	651	Independence	Erosion	5/15/34
	698	Blair	Erosion	10/30/39
	1608	Independence	Erosion	6/24/33
	2606	Trempeleau	Park	11/4/35
	3665-X	Independence	Erosion	7/19/35
Vernon	1697	Coon Valley	Park	5/4/34
	2610	Viroqua	Erosion	11/19/35
	3664	Coon Valley	Erosion	6/17/35
Vilas	641-X	Three Lakes	Forestry	5/5/33
	643	Three Lakes	Forestry	5/17/33
	645	Three Lakes	Forestry	5/14/33
	646	Three Lakes	Forestry	6/13/33
	650	Star Lake	State	11/28/33
	658	Three Lakes	Forestry	12/7/33
	1601	Star Lake	State	6/20/33
	1680	Phelps	Forestry	11/2/34
	3638	Phelps	Forestry	6/16/35
	3645	Three Lakes	Forestry	6/16/35
	3671	Star Lake	State	6/16/35
	3674	Eagle River	Forestry	6/16/35
Walworth				
Washburn	625-X	Danbury	State	6/25/33
	640	Washburn	Forestry	5/4/33
	1606	Washburn	Forestry	5/17/35
	3653	Washburn	Forestry	6/16/35
	3661	Minong	State	7/17/35
Washington				
Waukesha				
Waupaca				
Waushara	2625	Silver Lake	Park	8/17/34
	2655	Silver Lake	Park	6/15/35
Winnebago				
Wood	2614	Finley	State	8/14/34
	3648	Finley	State	6/16/35
	4602	Finley	State	10/10/39

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FOURTH WARD *(cont.)*

Mundt, Fred
 May, W. F.
 Mangold, L. J.
 Mess, Andrew
 Martin, John
 Mueller, Frank
 Mercer, A. F.
 Miller, Sam
 Miller Jacob
 Marg, Wm.
 Miller, Aug.
 McCulloch, Wm.
 Mangold, Frank
 McHenry, F. M.
 Miller, G. H.
 Mertens, Henry
 Mertle, Frank
 Miller, Reuben
 Miller, J.
 Miller, B.
 Munciglar, Geo.
 Moffatt, W. A.
 Mettelka, Frank

Nunier, Matt
 Nehs, Victor

Oleson, Andrew
 O'Briem, Wm.
 O'Connell, John

Pinion, Nick
 Pankow, A. G.
 Pankow, H. J.
 Peterson, Karl
 Pfeiffer, Matt
 Piatti, Wm.
 Paine, Edd

Roddis, H.
 Roehrborn, Herman
 Roddis, W. H.
 Rothenberger, B.
 Rittrath, Mike
 Raatz, Aug.
 Ross, Joe

Rhodes, Wm.
 Rapp, Ed.
 Raeschaw, Chas.
 Reeths, F. W.
 Ringletaube, W.
 Ray, F. O.
 Randall, O. W.
 Reethes, F. G.
 Rodenkirch, N. J.
 Randall, J. L.

Seubert, G. H.
 Stauss, Phillip
 Schmidt, Louis C.
 Springborn, Wm.
 Seehafer, Fred
 Strang, Geo.
 Sullivan O.
 Scharman, Henry
 Scharman, Otto
 Stauss, John
 Schnewiess, A. J.
 Schatz, R. J.
 Sherry, Louis
 Sicklinger, John
 Schavet, J.
 Schrage, Fred
 Schreiber, Adolph
 Salzman, Riley
 Simpson, J. H.
 Salmon, F. C.
 Schuster, Peter
 Schoenhofen, Leo.

Trudeau, Frank
 Tice, F.
 Tuscherer, T. J.
 Tucker, A. F.

Vannedom, T. F.
 Vannedom, F.
 Vanderhoof, J.
 Vanderhoof, Merton

Woltman, Arthur
 Warfield, Chas.
 Wendt, Fred H.

Welton, C. H.
 Wilhelm, Jas.
 Wendtland, Albert
 Wein, Fred
 White, John
 White, W. G.
 Weiland, Frank
 Weiland, John
 Weber, Val
 Warsinske, Fred
 Washow Henry
 Wissink, John
 Whitney, E. L.
 Wheeler, W. D.
 Wood, E. C.
 Winch, C. R.

Young, Roy

Zimmerman, Wm.

FIFTH WARD

Arnold, W. G
 Allman, Fred
 Arnold, C. B.
 Abraham, Emils
 Atwood, W. H.
 Abraham, H. G.
 Atwood, Alman
 Andrews, R. E.
 Altman, Peter
 Anderson, Gabe
 Anderson, Reo

Baker, W. M.
 Bille, Hans
 Bauer, R. J.
 Bloomer, Henry
 Berg, H. H.
 Bloomer, Herman
 Blonisnen, Anton
 Brickheimer, Ed.
 Bouldrie, A. L.
 Buchman, Phil
 Bailey, E. S.
 Burns, J. W.
 Boyer, E. F.

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Brackendorf, Jno.	Hopp, Herman	Lasallie, Wm.
Baker, Jacob	Hinman, W. G.	Larson, Louis
Baker, P. J.	Heaton, W. S.	
Blakley, Arn.	Hahn, Wm.	Marsh, J. C.
Bouldrie, A. W.	Hasting, R. C.	Mees, Peter
Bodah, Gid.	Hanson, Anton	Milligan, Chas.
	Hanson, Marcus	Mason, Walter
Connor, W. D.	Harrington, G. L. Jr.	Mc Givern, Mike
Crawford, A. D.	Harrington, G. L. Sr.	Michels, Mike
Cole, John	Hafer, Joe,	Milbee, H. H.
Counoyer, Wm.	Hale, Philip	Mason, Victor
Cook, Guy	Holzman, John	Morietz, Louis
Colvin, L. E.	Hein, Ben	Morietz, Chas.
Christenson, ?	Harris, W. L.	Masten, John
	Hoene, Fred	.
Dorschel, Oscar	Harvey, D. J.	Noll, Frank
Deming, E. W.	Hait, Wm. S.	Noll, W. W.
Dufour, E. M.	Heilman, G. H.	Nuber, Joe
Dafter, Wm.		Nants, Matt
Doll, Fred	Ihlenfeldt, Herman	
Dickoff, Geo.	Icke, Henry	O'Connor, J. J.
Dickoff, Theo.	Iwan, A. J.	Oligney, Albert
Davis L. P.		Otto, C. W.
Dietrich, Henry	Johnson, C. A.	Oestrich, Henry
Donhard, A. P.	Johnson, Albert	Oestrich, B D.
Duno, Ed.	Johnson, J. E.	
Dumas, L. J.	Jordan, J. C.	Poad, W. T.
		Pors, W. A.
Edward, E. E.	Koenig, H. C.	Paulus, Adam
Eimmerman, John	Kelley, E. J.	Pfenning, Louis
Eggebrecht, Wm.	Kreisn, Henry	Pulling, Howard
Ebbert, J. E.	Keliner, Frank	
Elvis, B.	Kesley, Jene	Quin, Jos.
Eckel, Phil	Knickerbocker, Fred	
Emig, J.	Koliads, D. D.	Reynold, G. H.
	Ketchum, J. E.	Rasmussen, Peter
Fleckenstein, Mike	Kamps, Fred	Rector, Wm.
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Family History Helps Us to Know About Our Chances of Getting Disease

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When you offered to be in the PMRP study, you filled out a questionnaire that asked if you or your family members had certain diseases. We call this information family history and use it in our genetic studies in a number of different ways. The reason family history can tell us about disease is the same reason that family members often look like one another, they share DNA (known as genes) which determines how our body looks and functions. As an example, in my family almost everyone has a heart attack. This means I more likely to get a heart attack than someone from a family whose members do not have heart attacks. Because family history tells us about the diseases that we share with our families, we can use it to make our genetic studies better.

We can use family history as a standard to compare what we know about disease genes. We did this for a study of heart attacks. We tested a few genes that are known to increase heart attack risk and also checked family history to see which is better at predicting who will get a heart attack. We found that a family history of heart attack was a better way to find out who would have a heart attack than using any single or combination of the gene we tested. This is probably because we haven't found all of the gene that cause heart attack yet and family history tells us a little bit about all the genes in a person and how they work together.

We also use family history to help us find new genes that cause disease. We can study families that have many persons affected with a certain disease, like my family and heart attacks, to find the genes that cause the disease. To do this we look for genes that are found in the family but are rarely found in the general population.

An example of such a study is one we are doing with Dr. Uli Broeckel at the Medical College of Wisconsin. In this study, we have looked at all of the genes in over 40 people in the PMRP who did not seem likely

to have a heart attack but did indeed experience a heart attack. These people were chosen partly because they have a family history of heart attack. The results of this study are not complete but the first set of results does look like we can identify some new rare genes that may increase the chance of having a heart attack.

We also use family history to study how health care providers choose medicines that their patients should take. As an example, we found the people with a family history of heart attack were more likely to take drugs that lower cholesterol than people with no family history of heart attack. We are planning to study this more in a larger group of people who are in the PMRP population.

Here's a way you can use your family history right now! You can ask relatives about the diseases that run in your family and write it down to share with your doctor or health care provider. There are a number of free websites that will help guide you to do this. These websites tend to focus on diseases where we know family history is important. Below, we've provided the web address to several of these sites.

Websites to help you create a family health history

United States Surgeon General's website
<https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/fhh-web/home.action>

Health Heritage
<http://healthheritage.ddig.com/>

Utah Department of Health
<http://health.utah.gov/genomics/familyhistory/documents/Toolkit/new%20entire%20toolkit.pdf>

<http://healthfamilytree.utah.edu/>

Genetic Alliance
<http://www.familyhealthhistory.org/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory/famhist.htm>

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Four Tips for Finding German Ancestors

Not finding your ancestor in genealogical records? The name you've been searching for may be wrong. Your ancestor may have changed his surname after immigration, or English-speaking clerks may have translated it. In colonial America, Bentz evolved to Pentz and eventually Pence; Zimmermann became Zimmerman or was translated to Carpenter; and Schwarzwälder became Blackwelder. As many as a hundred names could be derived from a single German surname. Here are some hot tips for fighting through German name changes and translations.

1. Watch for regional customs. If you have ancestors from northern Germany around Ostfriesland, you may find a pattern of changing last names. This area used patronymics-surnames taken from the father's given name. For example, Peter Hansen's offspring would have the last name Petersen. Ancestors from around Westphalia may have based their surname on farm ownership. A telltale sign is when a man's surname changed at marriage-his wife was heir to a farm.

2. If an immigrant's name is different in US records than in those of his homeland, the change happened after he immigrated. Ellis Island officials didn't write names, they merely checked the passenger list that was created at the port of departure. Rather, your ancestor may have adopted an American-sounding name as a way to identify with his new home and avoid anti-German sentiments.

3. Don't use census records alone to conclude an ancestor changed the spelling of his or her name. People didn't write their own names on censuses. They (or a family member, or even a neighbor) stated their names to the census enumerator, who wrote them down. One census enumerator may write Müller, another Mueller and another Miller. Even within the same document, such as a will, you might find a name spelled different ways. Note all name variations you find and don't limit your research to the most common spelling.

4. North Americans typically use our first names. Looking at the name Johann Peter Schneider, we'd see Peter as just a middle name. But in Germany, people were often given saints' names (common

ones were Johann, Maria and Anna) as first names and were called by their middle names. Your safest bet is to look for both Johann and Peter in records. (from *Family Tree University News*, March 4, 2013, http://view.familytreecommunity.com/?j=feb1270706d0774&m=fe9615707463077570&ls=fe171178736c0c7b7d1774&l=ff62107975&s=fe531d767162037b7411&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe6315757d65057e7713&et_mid=605939&rid=96467615&r=0)

East [Ost] and West Preussen [Prussia] and Schlesien [Silesia] Maps

<http://www.kartenmeister.com/preview/databaseuwe.asp>

Maps from Ravenstein (the German mapmaker), from the 1898-1905 era.

For [East Prussia](#), 9 maps and for [West Prussia](#), 3 maps.

For [Silesia/Schlesien](#), there are 30-some maps (see the internet site for the list/links).

More Prussia Maps

<http://www.formycousins.com/1911Prussia.html>

These are 1911 maps from Rand McNally & Co.'s *Unrivaled Atlas of the World* (page 110). There are maps for these "provinces":

- [Brandenburg](#) (eastern part)
- [East Prussia](#) (part)
- [Pomerania](#) (most)
- [Posen](#)
- [West Prussia](#)

Plus some close-up views of areas along the Netze River (includes a long list of towns).

Landkarten von Pommern

<http://hinterpommern.de/Karten/>

1913 and 1939 maps of kreis/counties in Pomerania, plus detailed maps for 12 selected kreis. Other parts of the site are in German.

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Upcoming Meetings

May 23, 2013

The Civil War from a Southerner's Point of View. Laurel Hoffman will share a southern ancestor's personal perspective of the geographic and historic side of the Civil War using material from her great, great-aunt's personal diary. Following the presentation, MAGG Annual Business Meeting and election of new officers will be held.

June 27, 2013

"Our Family's Founding Fathers" Members will have an opportunity to share pictures and stories about a father, grandfather or great-grandfather and how their efforts shaped or directed the lives of their descendants.

July 25, 2013

July 25th - Annual Potluck Picnic - Once again, Al & Pat Breden have graciously invited us for our annual picnic at their country home.

August 25, 2013

Legacy Webinar - "Backing Up Your Genealogy Data" Thomas MacEntee, outlines why it is important to backup genealogical data, and provides simple guidelines identifying data for backup as well as developing a simple backup plan. A follow-up question/answer period will follow.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Marshfield Public Library, except August (traditionally our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.



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