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Make Relatives Work For Their Supper

From Maureen Taylor's Blog, Dec. 19, 2017 in [Food and Family](#), [Photo Identification](#).

It is possible to survive the holiday season, with sanity intact, by planning ahead and developing a sense of humor. Unexpected visits by relatives and cranky cousins add to your stress levels, but try to offset the tension with a little family history. Don't put your charts and notes away for the holidays take them out and show it off. This is a great time of year to be mindful of family history.

Serve up a Helping of Photos

If you're overwhelmed by relatives wanting to know "what's for dinner" and "when will it be ready" then redirect their attention. Keep them busy.

- Pick out your family photo mysteries and put copies in a scrapbook with a blank facing page for comments. Leave a pen attached to the book and ask for each person to write something about the picture such as the details they see or who it might be.
- Make sure they sign their name beside their remarks. They might see something you've overlooked. That cantankerous relative could turn into your personal genealogical gift giver when he identifies a photo of your second great grandfather.
- Encourage relatives to bring their own mystery photos in a similar scrapbook. Leave the originals at home. This activity is for copies only. You wouldn't want a dot of gravy in the middle of a priceless heirloom.

Get Them Talking

Oversize nineteenth century pedigree charts often came equipped with a bar



across the top so the owner could show off their lineage by putting it on display.

- Purchase an oversize chart, fill it in (as much as possible) and pin it up in a prominent spot. Family members are sure to gather 'round it talking about the folks you've mentioned. Want a tree worth framing. Check out the offerings by [FamilyChartmasters.com](#). They can tackle even large family trees.
- Get the teenager in your house (or another interested family member) to tape record the stories of childhood escapades, memories of favorite foods and past holidays. These sounds will mix together for a piece of oral memorabilia worth keeping.

These activities will keep those restless relatives busy until dinners served leaving you with some quiet time in the kitchen. It's a long holiday season; so keep the chart, scrapbook and camera handy for the next gathering. You're sure to generate some genealogical cheer.

(From <https://maureentaylor.com/make-relatives-work-supper-smile/> mc cid=af89aff243&mc eid=b12f3c4e90)

President's Message

Dear Friends,

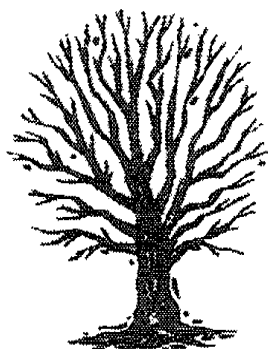
My apologies for being a little late with this newsletter. Even with the best laid plans, life has a way of throwing in a few extra things that you don't plan for. Christmas celebrations at our house were decided at the last moment. We moved our daughter, Holly, to Minnesota on December 29th, during one of the coldest weeks of 2017 (it wasn't any warmer there, either!) And a few extra health issues with my mom, resulting in extra appointments up at the Marshfield Clinic. But all of these things, keep life interesting.

With that, I hope you are all keeping warm. Yesterday and today, Marshfield, has seen a heat wave, from nearly 20 degrees below zero to up to the mid 30's. But according to the forecast, negative double digits will be here again by this coming weekend.

What better time, while keeping warm, to set some genealogical goals for 2018. When was the last time you actually worked on your research? When was the last time you went on Ancestry.com to see if new records on your family have been added? Don't have Ancestry.com? No problem! Your local library has the library edition that you can use for free. Have you done any newspaper research on your family lately? You can start with any of these things to get you back into the swing of your genealogical research.

If you have done all of the above you might want to pick from one of these suggestions: Go back an additional generation in at least one of your lines. If you have not already entered your data into a computer software program, take the plunge. Organize your research and get everything updated in your computer program (if you are already using one) and the information filed in the proper file folders, binders or boxes. Buy a new resource to aid in your research or to just broaden your mind. Attend a MAGG meeting (the schedule will be posted on our website within the next few weeks, but the next few meetings are listed on the back page of this newsletter.) Attend a state (WSGS) or national genealogical conference (NGS or FGS.) Or be creative and come up with your own plan or idea! The key here is to plan something and follow through. Good luck in your endeavors!

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

Five Things to Know About Your Ancestor's Probate

by Amy Johnson Crow

Johnson Crow Blog, 20 October 2017

Probate records are created to settle a person's estate after they die. They can have tremendous amounts of information in them. However, there are some misconceptions about what some of them mean. Here are 5 things you need to know when looking at your ancestor's probate records.

1. "Heir" Doesn't Automatically Mean "Child"

Since probate records do often include children of the deceased, it's easy to assume that "heir" means "child." However, "heir" just refers to someone who is legally entitled to inherit from the estate. If a person leaves their cousin something in the will, that cousin is an heir. If a person dies intestate (meaning without a will), the laws in place at the time determine who the heirs are. Those heirs could be children, grandchildren, siblings, or even nieces and nephews, depending on the law.

2. Having a Guardian Doesn't Necessarily Mean Both Parents Are Dead

A guardian (in the legal sense) is someone who is responsible for representing the legal interests of the ward. It isn't uncommon at all for one of the parents to still be living. A common situation is that the father died, leaving young children. His widow didn't have many legal rights (by virtue of being female). Since she didn't have legal standing, she couldn't represent the legal interests of her own children. A guardian would



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(continued on page 4, "Ancestor's Probate")

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(Continued from "Ancestor's Probate", page 3) be appointed to take care of those legal needs. (Side note: the ward didn't have to live with the guardian. It's a legal arrangement, not a custodial arrangement.)

3. Wills Don't Necessarily Include All of the Children

There's no law saying that someone has to leave something in the will to each child. Older children who were already married and on their own might be omitted, especially if the deceased had given them land or other large gift when they got married. Some might be omitted because of differences in the family. (I like the will in one of my ancestral lines where the clause was, "If any of my heirs contest this will, they are to be removed and inherit nothing." Yeah, I'd like to know what prompted that!)

4. Will Books Are Not Original Wills

Have you ever noticed that the wills in a will book have the same handwriting? It's because they were copied into those books by the clerk. Will books were created as a sort of "ready reference." Rather than having to dig through the loose probate papers or probate packets each time they needed to reference the will, they copied them into big books. (It's where genealogy meets weight training.)

Like any other derivative source, mistakes could happen when copying the wills into the will books. Whenever possible, see if you can obtain the probate packet that contains the original will. (Some have been digitized, many more have not. If you're trying to track one down in a particular county, contact the local genealogy society. They can point you in the right direction.)

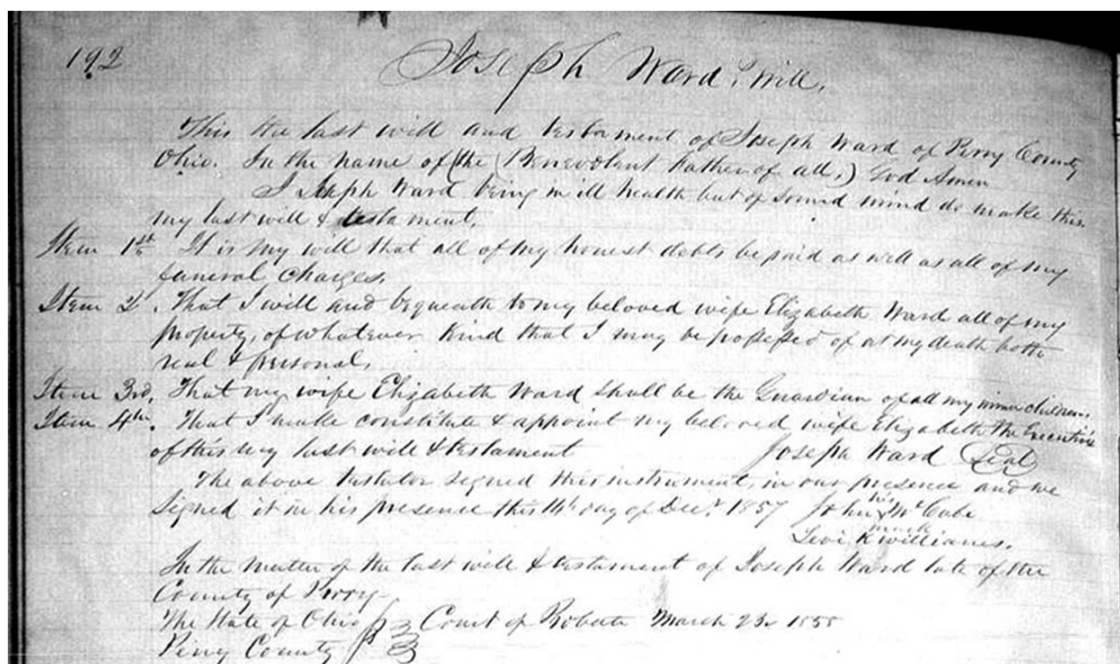
5. You Might Be Better Off If They Didn't Leave a Will

If a person died intestate (without a will), but they had assets (or debts) that needed to be distributed, there would still be probate. Ironically, our research can be better off when they died intestate. If they left a will, they could omit any or all of their children, they could name their spouse as "my beloved." (That drives me nuts!) But when they died intestate, the law took over. All of the heirs need to be included. There is usually a statement as to how the heirs are related to the deceased. You don't always get those details when a person left a will.

Your Turn

What have you found in probate records? What has confused you about probate?

(from <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/5-things-about-probate-records/>)



Joseph Ward will, Perry County, Ohio Will Book 1-2, page 192; image from FamilySearch.org, "Ohio Probate Records, 1786-1996." – This is not his original will.

What to Do With Floppy Disks?

by Dick Eastman

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 27 December 2017

Do you or someone you know have lots of files saved on floppy disks? A lady contacted me recently and asked how she could read her old floppy disks that she had saved from many years ago. It seems her present computer does not have a floppy disk drive in it. I suggested she do something **NOW** to save the disks. Before long, floppy disks will be about as useful as buggy whips.



Actually, there are **THREE** separate problems:

The first problem is that floppy disks were never designed for long-term storage for years and years. The manufacturers usually stated ten to twenty years' life expectancy for floppies if they were stored in ideal conditions. A typical residence isn't ideal.

In addition, floppy disks have always been highly sensitive to dust, condensation and temperature extremes. As with any magnetic storage, it is also vulnerable to magnetic fields. If the disk isn't stored in optimum conditions, the data will disappear because of these vulnerabilities. In many cases, data will disappear from floppies in much less than ten years.

The second problem is the one my correspondent mentioned: she no longer owns a floppy disk drive. In fact, the manufacturers stopped including floppy disk drives on new computers years ago. Luckily, you can still purchase floppy disk drives today although they are becoming rare.

If possible, see if someone you know owns an older computer that includes both a floppy disk drive and some method of copying information from floppy disks to some other media. Possibilities are to transfer across a network, transfer on the Internet, copy to a flash drive, or maybe to "burn" to a CD-ROM.

If you cannot find an older computer, you can purchase an external USB floppy drive that plugs into the USB port of most any modern Windows or Macintosh computer. The drives typically cost \$10 to perhaps \$30. You can see a selection of USB 3 1/2-inch floppy disk drives for sale today at <http://goo.gl/Krtcl>.

If you have an even older 5-1/4-inch floppy, your search will be more difficult. Very few of the older disk drives were ever manufactured with a USB connection. However, if you are willing to open the computer and bolt in an internal floppy drive, you might still be able to find a few on eBay.

The third, and possibly the biggest, problem of all is the information stored on the disk. Even if the data has not disappeared, and even if you can copy the files to more modern media, can you find a program today that will read the files created by a program ten or twenty years ago? For instance, if you have files created by Roots 3 (a popular genealogy program of the 1980s), you will have difficulty finding any program today that will read information stored in that old format. To my knowledge, Roots 3 files can only be read by Roots 3 or later versions of the same program. Unfortunately, no program today can read Roots 3 files. The same is true for data saved in old versions of Personal Ancestral File, Family Tree Maker, or genealogy programs that have since disappeared from the marketplace, such as The Family Edge or Generations Grande Suite.

My advice:

1. Copy the files **NOW!** Whatever is stored on a floppy disk may disappear at any time. Save it while you can. Copy the files to modern media.
2. Attempt to open the files with a modern word processor or genealogy program or even a simple ASCII file viewer, such as Windows Notepad. If you are lucky, you may be able to read the information.
3. If you cannot read the files, post messages on online forums asking for assistance from anyone *(continued on page 12, column 1, "Floppy Disks")*

Canada Parliament Enacts Law That Removes Restrictions on Access to Census After 92 Years

by Dick Eastman

Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, 3 Jan 2018

The following was first posted by Gail Dever on her blog, [Genealogy à la carte](#), then forwarded by the IAJGS Public Records Access Monitoring Committee:

The Canadian Parliament enacted legislation, C-36, amending the Statistics Act. It received Royal Assent on December 12, 2017, making it law.

Provisions that are of interest to genealogists include:

- Transfer of census records to the Library and Archives Canada 92 years from when the census was taken.
- This will apply to all censuses conducted from 2021 onwards
- For censuses taken in 2006, 2011, and 2016 and for the 2011 National Household Survey, the government will honor the rules set at the time and records will be released where consent has been given.

History

In 2005 the Statistics Act was amended to require Canadians the choice to decide whether they wanted their census records released after 92 years starting with the 2006 census an "opt in" provision. If they answered "no" or left the question blank, (that was considered a NO) then their personal information would remain confidential in perpetuity. The 2005 legislation also required a full review and study by a parliamentary committee to assess the impact of this consent-based approach on the research integrity of the census after the 2011 census and two years before that for 2016.

In 2006 only 55%; in 2011 66 % and in 2016 81% agreed to eventual access of their census information. That was recognized as a long-term damage to the census being used for statistically valid record of the Canadian population.

Genealogists under took an email campaign opposing this amendment. Genealogists again showed they can "win" if they work together!

To read the new law see:

<http://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/42-1/bill/C-36/royal-assent>

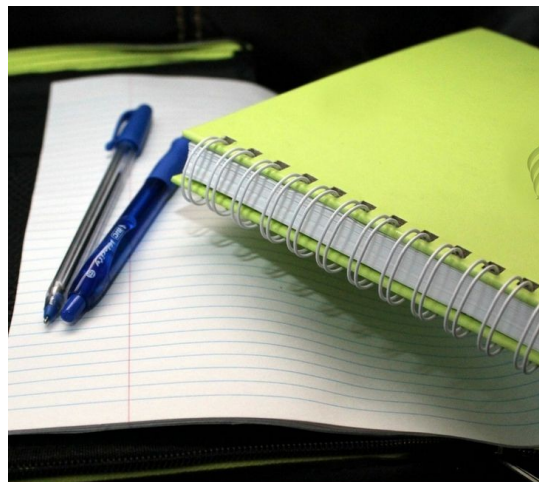
(from <https://blog.eogn.com/2018/01/03/canada-parliament-enacts-law-that-removes-restrictions-on-access-to-census-after-92-years/>)

10 Top Genealogy Tips: A Year in Review

by Amy Johnson Crow

Amy Johnson Crow Newsletter, 27 December 2017

One of the neat things about genealogy is variety of things you can learn. These top ten posts cover some topics you might expect (spoiler alert: DNA), but also some surprises. Let's take a look at the top ten posts from this year (based on readership).



10 Top Genealogy Tips

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1. [Why Ancestry and FamilySearch Aren't Sources](#)
Ancestry and FamilySearch are two of the most popular websites in genealogy. But did you know that they aren't actually sources? [Here's why — and what it means for your research.](#) (<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/why-ancestry-and-familysearch-arent-sources/>)
2. [The Truth About Ancestry's Hints](#)
Those shaky leaves can point us to some good records, but there's [something about them that you absolutely need to know.](#) (<https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/truth-ancestrys-hints/>)
3. [Organize Your Genealogy: Tips from a Professional Organizer](#)

Professional organizer and genealogist Janine Adams shared some [great advice on how to get all that paper under control](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/organize-genealogy-tips/). (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/organize-genealogy-tips/)

4. [How to Use Ancestry's Hints Without Going Crazy](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/how-to-use-ancestry-hints/)

[Make those hints work for you](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/how-to-use-ancestry-hints/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/how-to-use-ancestry-hints/), instead of you endlessly chasing them.

5. [The Real Reason You Shouldn't Re-shelve Genealogy Books](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/real-reason-shouldnt-reshelve-genealogy-books/)

I know you're trying to be helpful, but did you know that even when you get the book back in the right place, you could be doing more harm than good? [Here's why](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/real-reason-shouldnt-reshelve-genealogy-books/). (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/real-reason-shouldnt-reshelve-genealogy-books/)



6. [How a Professional Genealogist Approaches Brick Wall Problems](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/professional-genealogist-brick-walls/)

Professional genealogist Kathleen Brandt of a3Genealogy shared [her strategy for getting through that brick wall](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/professional-genealogist-brick-walls/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/professional-genealogist-brick-walls/), including what she requires her clients to do when they have such a problem.

7. [Using DNA in Your Genealogy: Tips from Blaine Bettinger](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/using-dna/)

Blaine Bettinger, the Genetic Genealogist, gave a [great overview on getting started with DNA](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/using-dna/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/using-dna/) and how to not get overwhelmed with all of those matches!

8. [The End of FamilySearch Microfilm Loans: What It Means for You](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/familysearch-microfilm-loans/)

Many of us knew that the end of microfilm from FamilySearch was coming, but we didn't quite expect

it this quickly! [Here's what it means for our research](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/familysearch-microfilm-loans/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/familysearch-microfilm-loans/), especially during this transition before everything in the vault has been digitized.

9. [Let's Stop Hand Wringing About DNA and Genealogy](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/lets-stop-hand-wringing-dna-genealogy/)

"They're just in it for their ethnicity pie chart!" While that's true for many people who take a DNA test, [that isn't necessarily a bad thing for genealogy as a whole](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/lets-stop-hand-wringing-dna-genealogy/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/lets-stop-hand-wringing-dna-genealogy/).

10. [The Best Newspaper Site for Your Genealogy](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/best-newspaper-site/)

How can you know which subscription newspaper site is the best? [Here's how you can tell \(and save yourself some money in the process\)](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/best-newspaper-site/) (https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/best-newspaper-site/). (from https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/10-top-genealogy-tips/)

Buffalo NY Death Index 1852-1944 is now Online

by Dick Eastman
Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter,
21 December 2017

Reclaim the Records has done it again! The following is an extract from a longer announcement from Reclaim the Records:

203 INDEX OF DEATH RECORDS-CITY OF BUFFALO, N. Y.

CLASS	AB CD	EF GH	I J	KLM NOP	QRSTU VWXYZ	Second Initial	SURNAME	VOL.	NUMBER	YEAR
							Dieth	573	3868	1927
							Diehl	574	4021	"
							Dierrick	574	4231	"
							Diebold	575	4399	"
							Dierrick	579	5334	"
							Diebold	580	5619	"
							Di Franco	580	5650	"
							Di Fazio	580	5721	"
							Diehl	581	5760	"
							Diemer	584	6688	"
							P. Diehl	585	6846	"
							A. Diebia	586	7183	"
							W. Diebolt	587	7348	"
							M. Diebacher	588	124	1928
							Diebold	589	307	"
							Diets	589	366	"
							Di Figlia	589	443	"
							Diebolt	594	1671	"

We don't have an exact count, but we estimate that there are about 640,000 names listed in these records. Buffalo was one of the top fifteen most populated cities in the world at the time.
(continued on page 12, column 1, "Death Index")

Odds and Ends from the 1940's

Items Reprinted from the Marshfield News Herald, Marshfield, Wisconsin

Lumberjack Recalls Days of Mud Streets in 1887

"By golly, you have a real street here now. And it's easy to park. I remember when the street used to be a bunch of mud."

Dan T. Smith, 69, of Mauston, took off his glasses and smiled at a News-Herald reporter as he told of his early days as a lumberjack in Marshfield.

Smith, who will be 70 on June 1, 1941, is spending a few days in St. Joseph's Hospital here for a checkup and has not been in Marshfield for 10 years.

"I came to Marshfield 53 years ago when only 16 years old," he said. "That was in 1887. The streets then were filled with mud. Old wood planks were used for sidewalks. It certainly is a change from the modern streets of today. A team was stuck in front of a building located where the Marshfield Clinic is now.

"I helped take the yoke off the team. I used to run logs from Spencer to Necedah. I also worked in the sawmills in Necedah. I worked nine years on the log drive and 12 winters in the woods.

"When I first applied for a job my boss told me I was too young. But I told him I'd work and proved that I could hold my own with the best of them. When I came to Marshfield there were only two buildings here.

"I came to this country from Austria in 1876 and stayed two years in Milwaukee, then only a small town," he said.

Smith finally quit the lumber business and went into the hardware business in Mauston.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 10, 1940, page 5, column 2.)

Band To Present Concerts At Camp Marshfield Unit Will Entertain for Fifth Corps Base Hospital

Marshfield's 135th Medical Regiment Band will provide daily band concerts for the Fifth Corps Base Hospital located at Camp Williams, Camp Douglas,

Wis., for the mass army maneuvers, Director A. J. Rasmussen said today.

The band of 29 men will leave Marshfield on the Chicago and North Western at 2:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 11. The band will arrive at Camp Douglas about 5 a.m. and will be stationed at Camp Williams for three weeks.

To Join Regiment

At the camp the band will join the 135th Medical Regiment. Headquarters of the regiment are in Madison.

Duties of the 135th Medical Regiment will consist of operating a base hospital for the Fifth Army Corps, composed of troops of the regular army and National Guard and Reserve Officers from the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Indiana.

The Sixth Corps consists of troops from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois. Both Army Corps comprise the Second U. S. Field Army under the command of Lieut. Gen. Ford of Chicago.

Maneuvers Extended

Units of four United States armies will mobilize in various sections of the country for maneuvers, said to be the most extensive field exercises since the World War.

The Length of the maneuvers has been extended from 14 days to 21 days. In 1939 a two-weeks' encampment was held in the summer with a week's encampment in November. This year both are being combined.

The camp will be held from Aug. 11 to 31.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 6, 1940, page 3, column 8.)

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL CARRY MEN TO MANEUVERS

Camp M'Coy To Be Operations Base Local Guard to Engage in Defensive, Offensive Tactics

Historic days of the World War when American boys went off to France will be re-enacted this Sun-

day morning when 83 men comprising the 128th Regiment 32nd Division of the National Guard, board a special train at the Marshfield station en route for imaginary battlefields in Wisconsin.

At exactly 2:30 a.m. a North Western train bearing the Marshfield contingent will pull out of the station. It will be a big morning for Marshfield. From Wausau the 127th Regiment an anti-tank platoon, will arrive here on the Soo line. The 128th Regiment Wausau Band will arrive on the North Western.

Has 83 Men

The Marshfield contingent has 83 men, but authority has recently been granted to add one more officer, Captain Roy Lupient said today.

At Neillsville the special train will pick up special units of the 128th Service Company. At Merrillan Junction a special train will be combined with another train from the north with units from Menomonee, Hudson, and Spooner.

Destination of the Marshfield unit is Tunnel City, four miles west of Tomah, which is the rail head for the 32nd Division. The 83 men from Marshfield will detrain there and hike into a campsite at Camp McCoy, under the command of General Fish, Division Commander of Milwaukee.

Three Weeks' Training

Training will include both offensive and defensive tactics, Captain Lupient said. The Marshfield contingent will undergo a three weeks' training period from Aug. 11 to 31.

According to an article in the Wisconsin National Guard Review, official publication of the Wisconsin National Guard, if the 32nd Division is called into service it will go to the vicinity of Camp Bullis, Texas, in the Leon Springs area. This is said to be familiar ground for Wisconsin Guardsmen who were on the Border, for they did their maneuvering and rifle work at Leon Springs. The camp ground was then two days march from San Antonio.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 6, 1940, page 3, column 1.)

Marshfield Unit Arrives At Camp

Company C, 128th Infantry, Wisconsin National Guard, has arrived safely at Camp McCoy and has set up rapidly, Roy Lupient, commander of the First Bat-

alion, announces in a letter to the News-Herald. The company was scheduled to fire a combat problem Monday, Lupient writes.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 13, 1940, page 1, column 1.)

B.W. Berg To Establish Equipment Firm Here

B. W. Berg, S. Cedar street announces the establishment of a new McCormick-Deering farm machinery agency in the building formerly occupied by the Lauby Bait Company, just south of the North Western crossing on S. Central avenue.

Mr. Berg, who recently moved to Marshfield with his family, will handle a complete line of farm machinery and service parts.

A native of Dodgeville, he recently returned to the United States from South America, where, with headquarters at Buenos Aires, he was engaged for 14 years as factory representative for a large American farm implement company, serving Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, and Bolivia.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 14, 1940, page 6, column 5.)

Movement of Traffic Increased Near Here

Army maneuvers in the Camp Douglas, Sparta and Black River Falls area have increased traffic considerably on highways near Marshfield, Tony Hansen, county traffic officer, said today. Traffic movement on Highways 10 and 13 is much heavier than last year, Officer Hansen said. Motorists proceeding northward have been using Highway 13 to avoid congested army maneuvers areas.
(from the Marshfield News Herald, August 20, 1940, page 5, column 8.)

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“If you’re the family photographer (and not showing up in photos), your family historian descendants will become upset with you.”
(from <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-101-funny-quotes-sayings-for-genealogists.html>)

(More 1940's articles to be continued in next issue)

Clark County Wisconsin Homesteaders
Homesteading Act of May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)

(Continued from last issue of "Kith N Kin")

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
MILES, WILLIAM	8/10/1875	1110	026N - 001W	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	13
			026N - 001W	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	24
MILLER, GEORGE F	9/20/1884	2996	029N - 001E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	22
MILLER, THOMAS H	12/19/1885	5296	023N - 001E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	26
MILTENBERGER, CHARLES	10/1/1874	783	026N - 001E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	27
			026N - 001E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	27
			026N - 001E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	27
MILTIMORE, JAMES A	4/30/1880	2095	029N - 001E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	8
MITCHELL, WARNER B	9/15/1871	298	026N - 001W	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	10
MITTIMORE, DANIEL	9/20/1875	1128	029N - 001E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
MOELLER, HENRY HERMAN	5/18/1925	04577	027N - 004W	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	18
MOH, CHRISTIAN	6/15/1874	2319	023N - 001W	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	18
MOLDENHAUER, MICHAEL F	5/10/1875	2752	024N - 001E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
MONROE, CLARK C	6/1/1880	4156	023N - 002W	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	26
MOORE, JOHN	5/10/1882	2440	028N - 004W	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	15
			028N - 004W	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	15
MOORE, LYNUS	6/13/1878	1711	028N - 003W	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	7
			028N - 003W	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
			028N - 003W	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	18
MORSE, FRANK	4/26/1902	6313	023N - 003W	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	34
			023N - 003W	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	34
MULLER, GERMAN	5/15/1877	1487	029N - 001E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	20
			029N - 001E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	20
NAGEL, AUGUST	1/31/1890	3654	026N - 001W	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	6
			026N - 001W	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	6
NAVRATILL, JOSEPH	6/25/1920	04011	027N - 003W	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	3
NEITZEL, AUGUST	2/15/1889	3410	029N - 001W	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
NEITZEL, WILLIAM	5/14/1890	3770	029N - 001W	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
NELSON, ANDREW	4/30/1880	2097	029N - 001E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	14
NEUBECKER, WILHELM	3/12/1908	6019	023N - 002W	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	35
NEVERMAN, WILLIAM	2/9/1898	5602	023N - 002W	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	2
			023N - 002W	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	2

AM	10/18/1898	5602	023N - 003W	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	2
NEVILLE, MARTIN	3/1/1875	988	027N - 002W	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	3
			027N - 002W	N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	3

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NEVERMAN, WILLIAM	10/18/1898	5602	023N - 003W	N½SW¼	2
			023N - 003W	N½SE¼	2
NEVILLE, MARTIN	3/1/1875	988	027N - 002W	S½NE¼	3
			027N - 002W	N½SE¼	3
NEWCOMB, JOSEPH A	6/1/1878	1552	028N - 001E	NW¼	32
NEWCOMB, WILLIAM H	10/1/1880	2139	025N - 003W	S½SE¼	2
NICHOLS, GEORGE W	10/1/1880	2109	027N - 001E	W½SE¼	12
NICHOLS, JOSEPH	3/1/1876	1264	026N - 001E	SE¼	2
NICHOLS, MILO L	10/1/1874	768	025N - 003W	SE¼	24
NICHOLS, THEODORE	3/1/1876	1285	026N - 001E	W½NW¼	2
NICHOLS, WILLIAM	11/5/1878	1773	026N - 001E	NE¼NW¼	2
			026N - 001E	NW¼NE¼	2
NORMAN, ERVIN	10/25/1895	5208	023N - 003W	N½SW¼	30
			023N - 003W	S½NW¼	30
NORTON, JOSEPH B	12/15/1879	1832	029N - 001E	SE¼NE¼	12
			029N - 001E	N½SE¼	12
			029N - 001E	SW¼SE¼	12
NUTTING, AMASA	5/15/1876	3178	024N - 003W	SE¼	2
NUTTING, RHODOLPHUS L	6/24/1878	3663	024N - 003W	E½SW¼	2
OLDHAM, AARON	2/20/1877	3368	023N - 002W	E½NE¼	10
			023N - 002W	SW¼NE¼	10
			023N - 002W	NE¼SE¼	10
OLSON, ANDREW	4/30/1880	2004	029N - 001E	S½NW¼	30
			029N - 001E	N½SW¼	30
OLSON, DORE, AMUNSEN, PETER	4/15/1875	2731	023N - 002W	E½SE¼	18
OLSON, GILBERT	4/10/1882	2390	029N - 001W	S½NE¼	36
OSTROM, JEROME B	7/13/1875	1066	027N - 002W	NW¼NW¼	34
PADDOCK, CHESTER M	4/10/1882	2319	028N - 001E	S½SW¼	12
PALMER, WILLIAM	6/1/1878	1688	025N - 003W	E½SE¼	28
PARKER, GEORGE W	10/1/1874	782	027N - 001W	E½SW¼	25
			027N - 001W	E½NW¼	36
PARKER, IRVIN L	7/27/1904	6794	023N - 003W	SW¼NW¼	26
PARKER, JAMES	5/15/1873	525	026N - 001W	SE¼	25

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who still has an old computer with the old software installed. For instance, if you find someone who still has Roots3 installed on a computer some place (and if they also have the optional Roots 3 program that creates GEDCOM files), they could import your data and then export it in GEDCOM format. The information then can be read by any modern genealogy program.

For more information about GEDCOM files, see my "GEDCOM Explained" article at <https://blog.eogn.com/2014/05/24/gedcom-explained/>.

Whatever you do, don't get trapped in the obsolescence problems again. Copy your data often to whatever new media has recently become available. (<https://blog.eogn.com/2017/12/28/what-to-do-with-floppy-disks/>)

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lous American cities, and was occasionally in the top ten, during this 1852-1944 time period.

These records have never been online before, nor were they on FamilySearch microfilm. They were only available if you physically sat in the Buffalo Inactive Records center, and that was all. Well, we at Reclaim The Records decided to change that. And here they are now!

If you wish to access these records, you need to first read "**Things you should know about the Buffalo death index**" and a lot of other background information at: <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/records-request/14>.

The **Buffalo NY Death Index 1852-1944** may be found on Archive.org by starting at: <http://bit.ly/2kAyc6i>.
(from <https://blog.eogn.com/2017/12/21/buffalo-ny-death-index-1852-1944-is-now-online/>)

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You know you're a genealogist if the highlight of your last trip was a cemetery visit.

You know you're a genealogist when you realize your collection of DNA results is more important than your nick knacks.

(from <https://blog.genealogybank.com/genealogy-humor-101-funny-quotes-sayings-for-genealogists.html>)


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Upcoming Meetings

January 25, 2018

"Disaster Planning for Your Genealogy" MAGG member, Vickie Schnitzler will be talking about how you can keep your genealogy safe and steps to take to help safeguard your research.

February 22, 2018

"A virtual tour of the Wisconsin Area Research Center, UW-Stevens Point." Don Schnitzler and MAGG members will share some of their recent finds at the research center with a focus on the naturalization records held in the archives.

March 22, 2018

"Challenges of African American Genealogical Research" James Walker, President for the Stevens Point Area Genealogy Society will be talking about researching his family and how historical events had an impact on comprehensive records.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library upstairs in the Felker Family Genealogy and Local History Room, except July (month of our family picnic) and November & December (no meetings) unless otherwise specified.