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Remember the Spanish Flu Epidemic in Marshfield? 1918-1919

SPANISH FLU

Invades City—Over 40 Cases In Town—Rules For Checking Spread of Germ.

Spanish influenza, the dreaded foreign malady which is sweeping over the country and causing much illness and many cases of deaths, has invaded this city and as a consequence quite a few of our citizens are in its grip. Based on reports to his office from the local physicians, City Health Officer Hayward Tuesday estimated there were over 40 cases of this disease in the city, and up to that time none had proved fatal. All the physicians are working hard to check the spread of the germ and feel that they have the situation well in hand so far. It was, however, suggested that everybody exercise certain rules for the prevention of the disease, as follows:

1. Keep away from all known cases of influenza and "colds."
2. Avoid all public gatherings and crowded street cars.
3. Use your handkerchief if you must cough, sneeze or expectorate.
4. Quit shaking hands. Ninety per cent of all contagious diseases is spread by way of the hands. Keep them clean and away from your mouth.
5. Get plenty of fresh air day and night. Eat enough of plain, but nourishing food and take sufficient rest at night.
6. Give prompt attention to oncoming illness. Go to bed at once and call a doctor.
7. Do not consider yourself recovered until your doctor tells you so. Serious complications are largely due to neglect to do so.

DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST THE FLU

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDERS VARIOUS PLACES CLOSED AND MEETINGS STOPPED.

Effective Last Monday And In Force Until Further Notice.

The epidemic of influenza has grown more serious the past week. The number of people ill with the disease has greatly increased and several deaths have occurred. As a result the board of health, composed of John P. Adler, Adam Guckenberger and W. S. Sigel, met Monday morning with Health Officer J. C. Hayward to consider ways of stamping out the disease and decided on an order closing movie houses, theatres, pool halls, all public and parochial schools; churches and Sunday schools, and prohibiting church suppers, lodge meetings, banquets, rummage sales and large gatherings of any other kind, effective last Monday and in force until further notice from the board of health.

This order shall extend to and include all mercantile and business houses of any nature that have in the past or do at present send merchandise or other articles of any description out on approval.

Articles from left to right were taken from [The Marshfield News and Wisconsin Hub, Marshfield, Wisconsin](#) via [Newspapers.com](#)

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More articles on the epidemic are on pages 8 & 9.

President's Message

Hello MAGG Members,

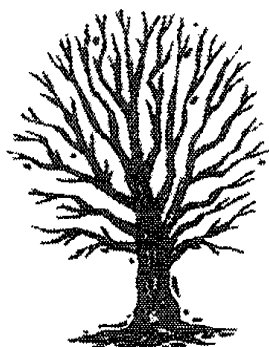
I hope everyone is doing well and is safe in their home. During this COVID-19 Pandemic, I have had lots of time to think about family. Maybe that's because we haven't been able to get together during those special holidays like Easter and Mother's Day. Please cherish those special times and what they mean to you. For example, during Mother's Day (which was today), our family usually spends time with members from both my husband's side and my side throughout the day. Today however, we stayed home, I got a phone call this morning from my son and then spent most of the rest of the day sewing face masks. Not my idea of a typical special day. But it made me think about how much we may take the luxury of having family close by, for granted. Now is the time to advantage of all the technology we have at our disposal. For those of you with internet, use Facebook, Skype, Twitter or any of the other methods of social media to spend time with the family that we need distance ourselves from during this time. Even sending emails, helps. If you don't have any of those options, make phone calls to relatives. Nothing helps gap the distance between family like hearing their voices. But whichever you decide to use, please take the time to make the contact. We all need to know how everyone is doing during this stressful time.

You will notice that also included in this newsletter, are some newspaper articles dating back to October 1918 and how Marshfield was dealing with the Spanish Flu. Although we have been fairly lucky so far, with hardly any cases reported in the Marshfield area during this current pandemic, many were not so lucky in Marshfield during the Spanish Flu epidemic. Please follow the social distancing guidelines in effect currently and all the other guidelines like hand-washing, not touching your face, wearing a face mask if you must go out in public, etc. You'll notice the guidelines haven't changed much over the years. Just be safe.

Finally, as just a reminder, all of our meetings and events have been cancelled. Please watch our Facebook page, the library's website or your email for updates pertaining to when we will start getting back together. At this time, during the required "stay-at-home" policy, no decisions have been made. But we will let you know as soon as we do. You are all a part of our genealogy family and are greatly missed, too!

Until we meet again, Be Safe!!

Vickie



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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.

DNA Basics Chapter 11: What is Genetic Genealogy?

by Talya · August 7, 2019

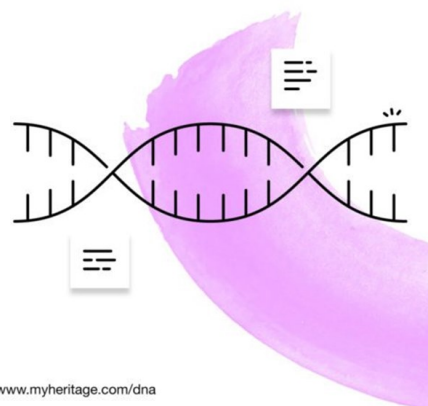
Genetic genealogy is the use of DNA testing in combination with the traditional arsenal of genealogical tools, such as personal and historical records, to draw a complete picture of the family relationship between individuals. It might sound complicated, but it isn't — everyone from casual genealogists to experts in the field can do it.

Incorporating DNA data into your research can help discover previously unknown family. This is especially useful for adoptees searching for biological parents, children of sperm donors obtaining missing pieces of their medical history, and Holocaust survivors reuniting with family they had no hope of finding after World War II. It can also help extend beyond the memories of living relatives to discover distant cousins you may never have found otherwise.

Using genetic genealogy, you can complete missing details and solve mysteries within your family's story. It can help you determine whether your family migrated due to the slave trade, a famine, or other major local events generations ago, and at least as interesting — do you still have relatives in those places your family migrated from?

To begin leveraging genetic genealogy, you can take a [MyHeritage DNA test](#). MyHeritage is the number one destination for family history research and has developed many DNA tools fully integrated into our genealogy platform. Three to four weeks after taking a MyHeritage DNA test, you'll receive your Ethnicity Estimate and a list of your DNA Matches, people likely to be your relatives based on shared DNA. With the fastest-growing database worldwide, your chances of finding quality matches are very high.

DNA Basics



 MyHeritage DNA

www.myheritage.com/dna

Based on the shared DNA, MyHeritage will provide an estimate of the relationships between each of your matches. Note that these are only estimates. It's impossible to know for sure how someone is related to you based on shared DNA alone.

There are a number of ways to determine the exact relationship between you and your DNA Match, such as:

- Studying the DNA match's family tree to see if you can discover a link
- Reviewing shared [Smart Matches™](#), pedigree charts, shared ethnicities, and shared ancestral surnames
- Contacting the DNA Match or the owner of the family tree to compare notes

But the advantage of using MyHeritage is that we provide a number of innovative and powerful tools that can make this task a lot easier.

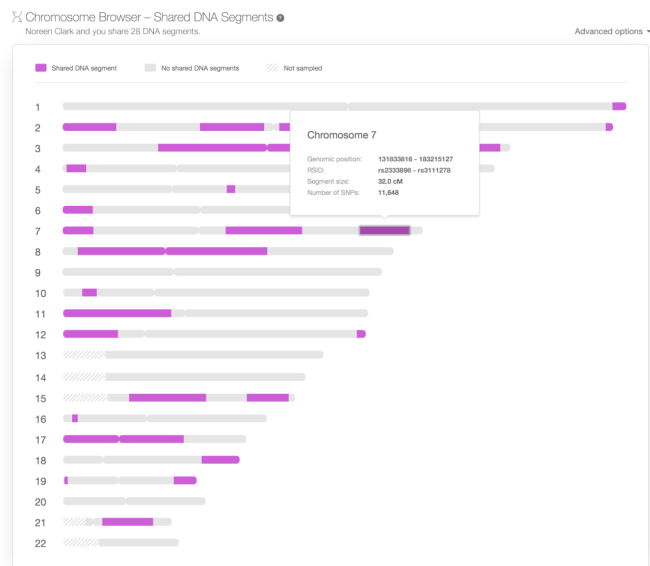
Chromosome Browser

The Chromosome Browser provides a schematic chart of the DNA segments you share with your

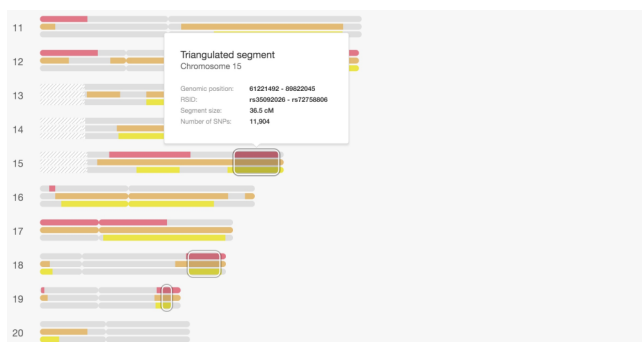
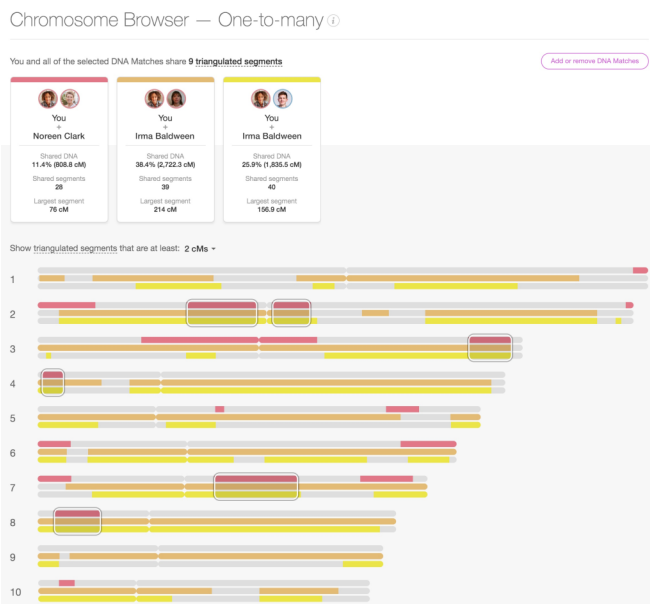
A DNA Match card contains details on estimated relationship, shared DNA, and whether they appear on a family tree on MyHeritage

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DNA Match. This can provide some clues as to the genetic connections.



You can also use the [I-to-Many Chromosome Browser](#) to compare multiple DNA matches to each other. This is especially helpful when you have DNA matches with known relationships, such as parents and grandparents, to whom you can compare the unknown DNA match.



Theory of Family Relativity™

This [recently updated](#) MyHeritage tool basically does all the heavy lifting for you. The [Theory of Family Relativity™](#) algorithm combines DNA data with information from your family tree profiles and the nearly 10 billion historical records to predict which family relationships are most likely. This calculation is completely automatic and shows up along with your DNA Match, potentially saving you hours and hours of research and hard work.

Autoclusters

Another innovative and extremely useful tool available to MyHeritage users is [Autoclusters](#). We generate a compelling, easy-to-read visual chart that organizes your DNA matches into shared match clusters which likely descend from shared ancestors. By viewing the chart, you can easily trace likely relationships and make new discoveries about your DNA Matches.

Remember, the more detailed your family tree is, the more you will be able to make of your DNA results.

(from <https://blog.myheritage.com/2019/08/dna-basics-chapter-1-1-what-is-genetic-genealogy/>)

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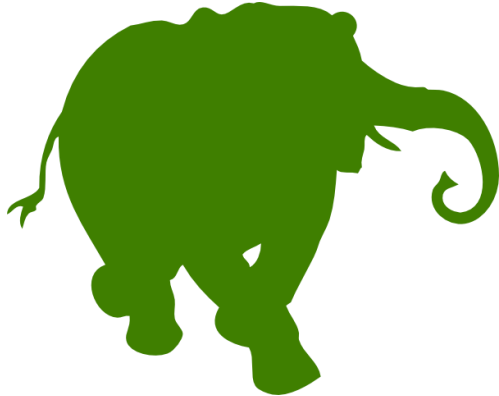
When taking a DNA test, you and your siblings can have differing amounts of certain ethnicities, even if you're full siblings. This is because of genetic inheritance and its naturally random way of dishing out the gene percentages. So, if you and your brother are partly of Scandinavian heritage, you could be twenty percent Scandinavian while your brother could be forty-five percent (or vice versa).

(from <https://www.criminalelement.com/seven-fun-genealogy-facts/>)

[Elephind Update - April, 2020](#)

4/20/2020, from the April, 2020 Elephind Newsletter

The "Search Multiple Historic Newspaper Collections All At Once" website, elephind.com has just published an update that includes many more items and issues from 2 updated collections.



(from the April, 2020 Elephind Newsletter):

Updated Newspaper Collections

[Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections](#) -

Four collections including student titles, farming, vaudeville and Illinois newspapers. Over 1.6M pages in total.

[Boston College Newspapers](#) - An archive of student newspapers and Catholic titles dating from 1829-2019. For the complete newsletter article, click [HERE](#).

If you have never used (or heard of) [Elephind](#), here are a couple of articles that I have written about this wonderful site that may be interesting to you:

* [Elephind - One to Watch](#)

* [When is Fuzzy Search Too Fuzzy? Elephind Tells Us!](#)

If you have never tried Elephind, check it out! The url is [elephind.com](#).

(from <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/elephind-update-april-2020#.XqB310BFzIU>)

New Wisconsin Records Have Been Added to Family Search

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organization in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Patrons may access FamilySearch services and resources free online at FamilySearch.org or through over 5,000 family history centers in 129 countries, including the main Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wisconsin, Dane County, Naturalization Records, 1887-1945

Description

Images of naturalization records from Dane County, Wisconsin. The records include declarations (1887-1915), petitions (1906-1945), photographs (1841-1955), depositions (1910-1929) and certificate stubs (1907-1926). This collection is being published as images become available. 27,285 records have been added to this collection. Go check it out at: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1384564>

There are numerous other Wisconsin records in the Family Search collection. Have you gone on the website to see what they have? I did a quick check for Wood County records and this is what I found:

Wisconsin, Wood County, Records

- [Archives and libraries - Inventories, registers, catalogs](#) (1)
- [Biography](#) (4)
- [Biography - Indexes](#) (1)
- [Cemeteries](#) (1)
- [Cemeteries - Indexes](#) (7)
- [Census](#) (1)
- [Census - 1905 - Indexes](#) (1)
- [Church records](#) (1)
- [Church records - Inventories, registers, catalogs](#) (1)
- [Genealogy](#) (2)

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- [Genealogy - Periodicals](#) ₍₁₎
- [Genealogy - Societies](#) ₍₁₎
- [Genealogy - Societies - Periodicals](#) ₍₁₎
- [History](#) ₍₄₎
- [History - Newspapers](#) ₍₁₎
- [History - Newspapers - Indexes](#) ₍₁₎
- [Land and property](#) ₍₁₎
- [Land and property - Indexes](#) ₍₄₎
- [Land and property - Maps](#) ₍₂₎
- [Maps](#) ₍₂₎
- [Military records - Civil War, 1861-1865 - Indexes](#) ₍₁₎
- [Military records - Indexes](#) ₍₁₎
- [Names, Geographical](#) ₍₁₎
- [Names, Geographical - Indexes](#) ₍₁₎
- [Naturalization and citizenship](#) ₍₁₎
- [Obituaries](#) ₍₁₎
- [Obituaries - Indexes](#) ₍₁₎
- [Periodicals](#) ₍₁₎
- [Schools](#) ₍₁₎
- [Vital records](#) ₍₇₎
- [Vital records - Indexes](#) ₍₃₎
- [Vital records - Newspapers - Indexes](#) ₍₄₎

Information under each of these categories will vary, based on the number of items listed in each category. Note the author of the fourth item in the below example.

- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - Genealogy - Periodicals (1)
- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - Genealogy - Societies (1)
- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - Genealogy - Societies - Periodicals (1)
- ▼ **United States, Wisconsin, Wood - History (4)**

[History of Wood County, Wisconsin](#)

Author: Jones, George O.

[History of Wood County, Wisconsin](#)

Author: Jones, George O.

[A place called Plover Portage](#)

Author: Isherwood, Justin

[Reflections of 150 years : celebrating the sesquicentennial of Wood County, Wisconsin, 1856-2006](#)

Author: Rogers, Lorraine Voigt; Cruthers, James C.; Wehland, Jan

- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - History - Newspapers (1)
- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - History - Newspapers - Indexes (1)
- ▶ United States, Wisconsin, Wood - Land and property (1)

Example of items in the “History” category for Wood County, WI in the Wisconsin records on the Family Search website.

(Edited from the Family Search website <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeld=825283&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Wisconsin%2C%20Wood%22> by Vickie Schnitzler,)

How to Stay Focused in Your Genealogy Research

By Amy Johnson Crow Blog from April 23, 2020



Genealogy research is filled with distractions. There are so many cool things to explore about our family history that it's easy to fall into a research rabbit hole. Fortunately, there's a simple thing you can do to get focused and make more discoveries.

Generations Cafe Podcast, Episode 46

You can listen to this episode on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), and most other podcast apps.) Length: 11 minutes.

Lately, many of us (myself included) are having some difficulty focusing on research. But let's be honest with ourselves—focusing has long been a stumbling block for our research. (How many times have you gone “down a rabbit hole”?! I've lost count how many times I've done that!)

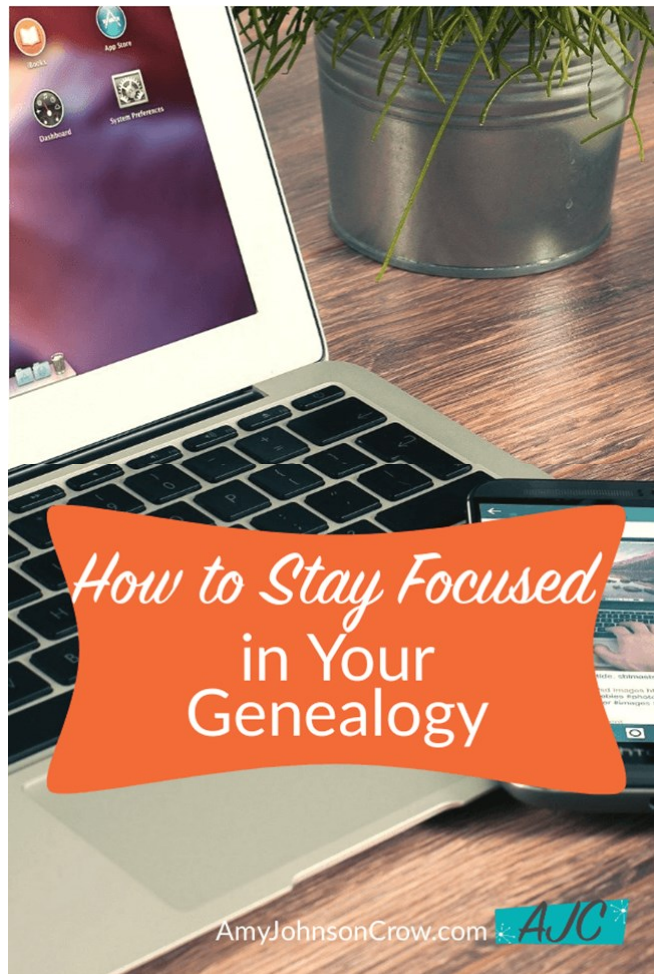
My Best Tip for Staying Focused When Researching

In my episode [“7 Family History Activities When You Can't Focus.”](#) I suggested “Use the WANDER Method” as a way you can get more accomplished. The WANDER Method is how I describe the genealogy research process.

The W in WANDER—**What Do You Want to Find?**—is not only the first step in the process, it's also my best tip for staying focused.

Before you start to research, ask the question. What is it you're looking for? Do you want to find Eliza-

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How to Stay Focused in Your Genealogy

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beth's maiden name? Do you want to find when Martha died? Do you want to prove George served in the Civil War?

How Asking a Question Helps You to Focus

Research is much like a road trip. I can get in my car and drive around, taking whatever road seems interesting. I can have some fun doing that, but I have no idea where I'll end up. On the other hand, I can take a road trip with a destination in mind. If I go from my house and I want to head to Fort Wayne, I know what roads will take me there. Sure, I can still take a detour to visit a random cemetery, but I'll know what road I need to get back on to get to my destination.

In my research, if I know what my destination is—what it is I want to find—then I can focus on the resources that are most likely to give me the an-

swers. If I go into a research session wanting to prove whether or not George served in the Civil War, it's easier for me to ignore the tempting resources about the Revolutionary War or World War II.

Be Specific

I have found that the more specific my question is, the easier it is for me to focus. Asking "What about everything about George's life" isn't going to help very much; it's too broad of a question.

One of my ancestors is Matilda Debolt Skinner Crossen Brown McFillen. I only have death information for her first husband. Rather than asking, "When did all of Matilda's husbands die?" a better question would be, "When did Samuel Crossen die?"

Other Benefits of Asking a Good Question

Asking a good research question has benefits beyond aiding in focus. It can help you get better answers when you're at a library, archive, or on social media. Almost daily, I see someone on Facebook posting a "question" which is paragraphs long and full of biographical detail... but there isn't a question. People respond, but who knows if they're actually helping the person, because it isn't clear what it is they're really looking for.

Getting into the habit of starting with a question will also make you a better researcher. "What do you want to find" is the first part of the **WANDER Method**. The second is "Analyze what you already have." How can do an analysis if you don't know what it is you're looking for?

Getting into the habit of asking a question at the start has been the single best thing that has helped me in my research. I don't totally avoid rabbit holes, but it is much easier for me to get back on track when I do.

(from <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/how-to-stay-focused-in-your-genealogy-research/>)

More on the Spanish Flu Epidemic in Marshfield 1918-1919

Items Reprinted from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Marshfield, Wisconsin

MIKE J. MILLER DIES FOR HIS COUNTRY.

"Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller were saddened last week with the receipt of a message telling of the death of their son, Mike J. Miller, a private in the signal corps, at Camp Dodge, Iowa, Oct. 9. The cause of death was given as Spanish influenza. Mike entered the service last June and at the time of death was 23 years old. He was a half-brother of Ben and Isadore Miller and the young man who invariably included a smile in his greetings for his fellow men. Through his sunny and kindly disposition he won many friends, all of whom regret his loss. The sympathy of the community is with the relatives of the deceased. The body arrived here Sunday night with military escort and was taken to the home of the parents, where it lay until Monday afternoon, when it was shipped to Wausau for interment in the Jewish cemetery.

(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Oct. 17, 1918, Page 1)

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PAST WEEK'S DEATH LIST

PRACTICALLY ALL ARE VICTIMS OF THE SPANISH DISEASE - TWO DIE AT HEWITT.

Rozellville Family Loses Father And One Son - An Actor Dies Here

Robert Crane, one of the actors of the Breckenridge Stock company, which played at the Adler theatre last week, died at St. Joseph's hospital Thursday, of influenza-pneumonia. He was born in Wisconsin and was 34 years old at the time of death. He is survived by his wife, to whom he was married about three months ago. The body was shipped to Lebanon, Mo., the home of Mrs. Crane's parents. On account of the death, the Thursday and Friday shows of this company were cancelled.

Mrs. Frank Scarborough of this city died at the hospital Monday evening of influenza-pneumonia. She was born in Marshfield and was in her 33rd year at the time of death. Besides her husband and one son and one daughter, she leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cliver, and two brothers and three sisters, who are William and Sylvester Cliver, Mrs.

Leonhard Lang and Mrs. Hugo Gehler, city, and Mrs. Louis Binder of Milwaukee. The funeral was set for tomorrow.

Carl Trinkler, 37 years old, a farmer near March Rapids, where he lived most of his life time, died at St. Joseph's hospital Thursday, the cause of death being given as influenza. He was born in Brown county, and was brought to March Rapids by his parents when he was a babe. Surviving him are his wife and seven children. The body was shipped to March Rapids for interment.

Frank Wesley, a lumberman of March Rapids, well known in the city, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital of Spanish influenza Friday. He was born in this state and was 36 years, five months and 13 days old. His wife and several children survive him. The funeral was held at March Rapids Monday.

Bertha Hudak, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hudak of the town of McMillan, passed away at the local hospital Sunday night, death being due to influenza. Besides her parents, she leaves seven brothers and one sister.

Monday influenza-pneumonia claimed two of the **William Krostag** family of Rozellville, the father and his son, **George Krogstad** being the victims. The father was 50 years old and a mail carrier by occupation, while the boy was 22 years old. Both were born in Wisconsin.

Carl Federwitz of Hewitt, 32 years old, died at the hospital of pneumonia Tuesday morning. **Mrs. Margaret Federwitz** of Hewitt, a widow, 27 years old, died of the same disease at the same place the day preceding. Her husband was a brother of Carl Federwitz. The funeral of both will be held from the Lutheran church at Hewitt this afternoon.

Rosa Maria the year and a half old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Luchterhand** of the town of McMillan died of pneumonia at the hospital Monday.

Fred Heintz died Friday of lobular pneumonia. *(from the Marshfield News & Wisconsin Hub, Oct. 17, 1918, Page 1)*

INFLUENZA STILL RAGING

SECOND WEEK OF EPIDEMIC SEES MANY MORE PEOPLE SUCCUMB TO THIS MALADY.

Mrs. Kingsbury Closely Follows Husband To Grave Sgt. Reese Claimed.

CLEVELAND KINGSBURY.

This community was shocked Saturday to hear that Cleveland Kingsbury, a former popular resident of this city, died at his home in Wausau shortly after 10 a. m., that day of pneumonia, following influenza. Interment was made in Wausau Monday. The funeral was private.

Mr. Kingsbury was a resident of this city for a number of years and went to Wausau in the spring of 1917 to engage in the dry goods business under the name of Kingsbury & Smart company, prior to which time he was a traveling salesman of the Carson, Pirie, Scott & company of Chicago.

In 1911 he was married to Margaret Mason of Stevens Point, after which they made their home in this city, living here until they moved to Wausau. Surviving him are his wife, two children, a sister living in Chicago and his father, of Moorehead, Minn.

He was a member of the Masons, Elks, the United Commercial Travelers and the Wausau Country club.

The Wausau Record-Herald has the following good words to say of Mr. Kingsbury:

"He has been very active in all civil affairs, taking a great interest in everything pertaining to war activities and being always ready to sacrifice his time and money to help put them across.

Mrs. Margaret Kingsbury, widow of Cleveland Kingsbury, who died last Saturday, died of influenza-pneumonia early Tuesday morning. She was very ill when her husband passed away, and the shock of his death caused her to grow worse. She was a daughter of Mrs. C. P. Mason and was born in Stevens Point 26 years ago." Surviving her besides her mother and two children are two sisters, Mrs. Harry Atwood of this city and Miss Doris Mason of Wausau. The funeral service will be held in Wausau at 11 a. m. today.

Arthur Reese, a prominent and well known young man of the city, employed at the Upham furniture and undertaking store, died at the local hospital Saturday morning of pneumonia. He was born in Marshfield 30 years ago and made his home here all his life. Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Johanna Reese, 811 South Cedar street, and three sisters and one brother, who are Mrs. Adam Emmerich, city; Mrs. Wiley Moffatt, Hartford; Mrs. Floyd Adams, Denver, Col.; William, Wilson, Wis. He belonged to the Home Guards and held the rank of sergeant. The funeral was held from the home of his mother Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Sturm, widow of Adam Sturm and mother of Mrs. W. W. Noll of this city, who had been in failing health since last April when she suffered a stroke of paralysis which affected her entire person excepting the left arm, quietly and peacefully sank into eternal slumber at the home of her daughter in this city Thursday afternoon. The funeral was held from the Sacred Heart Catholic church Saturday morning.

Mrs. Sturm was born in Germany, December 11, 1837. She came with her parents to this country when she was 13 years old. They settled in Sheboygan county, where she grew to young womanhood. At the age of 19 she became the wife of Adam Sturm. Forty-one years ago she and her husband moved to Rozellville, where they farmed about 20 years, after which they came to this city to live in retirement. He died about a year after they located in this city.

Their marital union was blessed with three sons and two daughters: Jake, Neenah; William, Ashford; Joe, Stratford; Mrs. W. W. Noll, Marshfield; Mrs. J. D. Schneider, Cleveland, Wis. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Joseph Dhein, Sheboygan.

Marcella & Claudina Johnson. The cup of sorrow in the Alex Johnson family was filled to overflowing Monday evening when death entered their home for the second time within a week, claiming the second of their two daughters, Marcella, 11 years old. Their oldest daughter, Claudina, died the Tuesday evening preceding. The cause of death in both cases was influenza-pneumonia. Besides her parents, two brothers survive, who are Grant and Wayne.

(Remainder of article will be continued in next issue)

Marathon County, Wisconsin Homesteaders
Homesteading Act of May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)
(We have already completed Clark and Wood Counties, so would like to include Marathon, County.)

Names	Date	Doc #	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #
COLLIER, ARTHUR	1/5/1876	751	028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 3	6
			028N - 009E	Lot/Trct 4	6
			029N - 009E	Lot/Trct 23	31
			029N - 009E	Lot/Trct 24	31
CONE, EDWIN E	6/10/1879	1070	028N - 002E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	10
CONNOR, THOMAS	8/1/1870	105	027N - 005E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	24
CORNELIUS, PAUL	1/11/1892	2756	028N - 007E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	10
CORNISH, GABRIEL W	9/25/1876	821	029N - 002E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	4
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COWEN, MARVILLA	6/10/1879	1097	029N - 002E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	32
COX, HENRY C	12/30/1885	1976	026N - 003E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	2
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CRAMER, LORENZO	1/30/1877	851	028N - 002E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	4
CRAWFORD, WILLIAM M	6/4/1877	902	028N - 002E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	28
CROCKER, NAPOLEON	2/20/1883	1505	027N - 006E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	20
CROSS, ALBERT N	11/20/1883	1139	026N - 002E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	28
CROW, JOHN	4/10/1886	2060	027N - 010E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	31
DAHL, CHARLES	11/20/1883	1652	029N - 006E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$	25
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DAKE, ROBERT P	5/24/1879	1042	028N - 002E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	18
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			027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 11	30
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DALLMAN, EMIL	6/30/1905	5141	026N - 010E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	30
DALLMANN, ALBERT	12/30/1885	1972	027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 13	30
			027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 14	30
			027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 23	30
			027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 24	30
DAMBEK, JAN	12/20/1904	4982	026N - 010E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	18
DAMON, DENNISON	6/1/1882	1401	026N - 007E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	8
DANELSON, ERICK	4/30/1880	1195	029N - 002E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	22

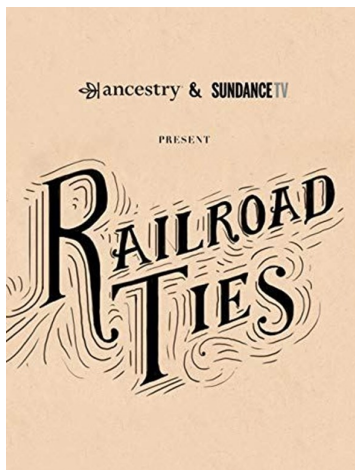
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			026N - 009E	Lot/Trct 9	18
DANIEL, THOMAS H	5/15/1875	584	026N - 004E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	32
DARLING, FITZ H	12/15/1873	308	027N - 002E	S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	6
			027N - 002E	N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	6
DAUL, ALBERT	5/19/1903	4507	026N - 005E	NE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	4
DAUL, FRANK	8/30/1895	3399	026N - 005E	NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	2
DAVIS, CHARLES H	6/25/1889	2203	026N - 010E	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	12
DAY, CALVIN P	6/20/1884	1746	027N - 010E	NE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	27
			027N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	27
			027N - 010E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	27
DAY, EDWARD	1/11/1892	2694	027N - 010E	W ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄	35
			027N - 010E	SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	35
DAY, HENRY	11/28/1900	4073	027N - 008E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	26
DEILER, LEANDER	3/21/1893	3097	027N - 005E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	34
DELONAY, FRANK	4/10/1882	1394	030N - 009E	Lot/Trct 6	30
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			030N - 009E	Lot/Trct 18	30
DEMAREST, HENRY J	6/10/1879	1096	029N - 002E	N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	30
DEMOSS, DENNIS	9/9/1878	1020	029N - 002E	NW ¹ / ₄	10
DENNEY, JAMES W	12/15/1879	1182	029N - 002E	W ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄	34
DENNY, WARREN W	5/5/1883	1531	029N - 003E	S ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	30
DESCHAMPS, ISAAC	4/30/1880	1214	028N - 002E	W ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	26
DESCHAMPS, PETER	6/4/1877	914	028N - 002E	S ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	20
DETERT, JOHN	5/23/1891	2573	028N - 007E	W ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	18
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DHEIN, VALENTINE	3/7/1892	2814	026N - 003E	SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	24
DICK, STARWOMAN	12/20/1904	5021	027N - 009E	Lot/Trct 9	30
DICKENSON, REYNOLDS H	4/10/1882	1306	028N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄	10
DIETZLER, ROBERT	5/12/1897	3572	030N - 003E	N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄	4
			030N - 003E	SW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	4

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Genealogy Documentary 'Railroad Ties'

From Dick Eastman's Blog, January 30, 2020

A genealogy documentary is available online.



In *Railroad Ties*, six descendants of slaves and abolitionists come together to explore their shared lineage (spoiler: four of them turned out to be related to one another.)

The video is sponsored by Ancestry.com and features renowned historian, Henry Louis Gates Jr. The film interweaves

powerful personal moments with contextual historical anecdotes.

You can watch the documentary on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/3MdupcscFi0>

(from <https://blog.eogn.com/2020/01/30/genealogy-documentary-railroad-ties/>)

Finding Females in Our Family Tree

Finding the females in our family tree can be a bit challenging, due to fewer records and changing surnames. However, there are some good strategies for researching them. Here are a few posts and podcasts that I've done on the subject:

- [3 Practical Strategies for Finding Your Female Ancestors](#)
- [Finding All of the Daughters in the Family Tree](#)
- [5 Tips for Finding Women's Obituaries](#)
- [Unusual Sources for Finding Female Ancestors](#)

No matter who you're researching, you need to have a good research method. Check out my post on [the WANDER Method](#) to ease that process.

Until next time,

Amy Johnson Crow

(excerpted from an email from Amy Johnson Crow to Vickie Schnitzler, dated 5 March 2020)


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Upcoming Meetings

May 28, 2020,

June 25, 2020,

July 23, 2020,

August 27, 2020,

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all future meetings have been postponed until further notice.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have to our members and speakers, but we choose to be safe so we can continue working on our family histories.

Watch our Face Book page, the Everett Roehl Marshfield Public Library's Website or our website for updates.

Meetings of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group are regularly held at 6:30 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.