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## **Greetings MAGG Members,**

What a year 2010 has been!

First I want to thank each of MAGG's members for making this a very successful year. We have been very active and involved in projects here in Marshfield, in Wood County and also in the state. Look back with me and remember some of the things we have done and where we have been:

We saw the close of our research for the Wood County Veteran's and Veteran's Boulevard Projects. The many hours of looking up obituaries of our Wood County Veterans helped both of these projects to be more successful.

February was the month of one of our Beginner's Workshops at the Marshfield Public Library. It was also the month of the Marshfield Cultural Fair on the U.W. Marshfield Campus. Because of our display, our very knowledgeable volunteers and our exposure to the attendees, many more people are aware of the genealogical resources that are here in our community.

This spring, we were involved in looking up obituaries for Wood County Vietnam Veterans for the LZ Lambeau event in May. Again, because of our amazing group, we were also able to find obituaries for more Veterans in many other counties, too.

We learned more about Homestead Records and some more tips for doing New York research. We traveled through some of our speakers to Iceland and Norway.

During the month of May, we were busy with all of the Historic Preservation activities and events...the cemetery tours, the historical re-enactments and lasagna dinner at West 14<sup>th</sup>, just to name a few.

May also brought another Beginner's Workshop to the Marshfield Public Library.

We shared some of our best activities and ideas for Family Reunions. We learned what the Newspaper Archives were and how to use them to do genealogical research. Also, we went to the Internet and learned some ways to use Facebook to help with our research and how to find family members.

During the summer, many hours were spent at the Marshfield Hillside Cemetery, more specifically the Gate of Heaven and Queen of Heaven Cemeteries, transcribing the cemetery stones for the city of Marshfield. Check out the final project at: <http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/CemServ/index.html>.

Some of our members traveled to Manitowoc County for the WSGS Gene-A-Rama in April and also to Stevens Point in October for the WSGS Fall Conference. Some went to Wausau for the LDS Workshops.

We picnicked at the Breden's in October and saw the "Great Things That are Happening" at the Library in November. Some of us even ended up at the Capital in Madison for the dedication of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial "Paper Wall". It was very humbling to see our work being appreciated by those who served in Vietnam and by those that gave so much.

What does 2011 have in store for us? Bring your ideas to the January meeting. Many of our speakers have been planned but there is always room for more projects, trips and a few more speakers

Don't forget the newspaper indexing project at the library. Check with Lori for more details.

Sincerely from your President,

## SHARED ITEMS OF INTEREST

The WSGS is beginning a project which will culminate in a new benefit for members. The generational and pedigree charts completed by members in the 1970s and 1980s have been stored in the WSGS office with an index done on 3x5 cards. The data from those cards is being entered into the free genealogical program (PAF) from the LDS.

The above information was in vol. 56, #4, the October 2010 issue. Also was the change that effective 1 Nov 2010, a surcharge of \$12 per year would be added for those members who choose to continue receiving the newsletter in print format. As with many organizations, including this one, budgets are being reviewed and methods of avoiding the raising of membership dues discussed.

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Cemetery Records Online -  
<http://www.interment.net/>

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From: Footnote <thomasj@footnote-inc.com>  
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Date: 21 Oct 2010

Several weeks ago Footnote.com (as part of iArchives) agreed to be acquired by Ancestry.com and that transaction has officially closed today.

As we join forces with Ancestry.com, there is a huge opportunity to leverage each other's strengths and move even faster towards our goals.

You may be curious about how this deal affects members of Footnote.com? The plan is to continue to run Footnote.com the way we have always run Footnote.com - continuing to do what we believe is best for our brand, our customers, and our business.

Now that the deal is officially closed we are excited to leverage some of Ancestry.com's resources and expertise to take

Footnote.com to the next level. It has been exciting to see Footnote.com grow over the past four years. Footnote.com started with only 5 million historical documents and today we have nearly 70 million searchable documents, over 1 million members, nearly 100,000 Footnote Pages, and over half million annotations added. We couldn't have done it without our members and the great team at Footnote.com and we are excited for Ancestry.com's support in the next chapter.

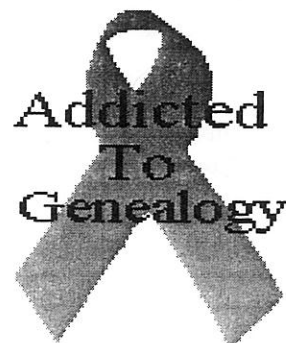
Marshfield Public Library is proud to announce the addition of a new genealogy microfilm collection. We have added 50 rolls of microfilm containing the records of Passenger lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana 1820-1902. The 50 reels we now own are for the dates of January 1, 1820 - March 31, 1866. This microfilm was purchased with a generous donation from Charlotte Kruse.

*(The above from Lori Belongia)*

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I recently had some research done for me by the Clallam County Washington Genealogical Society. Included in all the materials I received was a list of websites for Washington state research. The Washington Digital Archives at [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/default.aspx) gave me lots of information on all my families. I even found the listing for a marriage that I thought for sure had happened either in Wood or Marathon Counties. It was a welcome surprise.

*(Pat Kell's experience)*



## History of City School System

These articles by L.H. DRESSENDORFET appeared in the Marshfield News Herald, April/May 1929

### Article 14

Pursuant with statute 41.15 of the Wisconsin school laws an industrial board of education was formed on July 29, 1912 by the district school board. The following men were appointed as employer members: E.E. WINCH, HENRY KALSCHED, E.C. DICKENSON and Joseph PFLUM. C.W. OTTO, the superintendent of schools, was an ex-officio member. Upon action of this board, a night school was started in 1913. The day vocational school was not started until 1914, because there was no available quarters. The industrial board asked the city council to levy a tax of one-half mil on a dollar of the assessed valuation of the city. R.J. CARVER was hired to conduct the school and take care of the boys section while MRS. CARVER was employed to conduct classes for the girls. The cost of the operation of the school for the first year was \$3,407.15. Of this, only half was actually paid by the community as the state paid the other half.

For a long time the district board had advocated the establishment of a school to take care of the deaf and dumb children of the city. Their efforts bore fruit for in the fall of 1912 this instruction was given in a special room by Miss Anna CONDON. This school proved itself successful and ever since this time it has served the city of Marshfield and surrounding community.

Again in 1913 it was necessary to provide more room for the high school so at the annual meeting, the board was empowered to raise \$12,000 by means of a bond issue in order to remodel and enlarge the McKinley high school building. Inasmuch as the board found \$12,000 too small an amount to build the proposed addition, they asked for an additional levy on July 6, 1914. The contract for the construction of this addition was let to the J. WEINBERG Construction company for \$13,853.

The day vocational school was located in the rooms on the third floor of the Washington school building, the district board having allowed the industrial school board the use of these rooms.

The Marshfield business college equipment was purchased by the industrial board at a cost of \$125 from the proprietors of the college. In 1815 and in the fall of the year, day business college was started in the rooms rented on the second floor of the THIEL building on Central avenue. When the THIEL hall was leased to the Marshfield Clinic the school was moved over to the second floor of the BARTMAN building.

### Article 15

St. Joseph's Hospital Training School for Nurses was started in 1914. At first the entire enrollment of the school was sisters. Later outside girls entered to receive training in the nursing profession. The teaching staff of the school was composed of the members of the medical staff of different departments of the hospital. SISTER M. BARTHOLOMEW started the training school and remained in charge until last year when she was succeeded by SISTER M. AGATHA.

Upon petition of the Parent-Teacher association, a supervisor of music and art was again employed in the fall of 1915. The supervisor had been dropped in 1908 when the board found it was unable to find competent supervisors.

Another attempt was made at the annual school district meeting on July 6, 1915 to change the method of electing the district board. It was again proposed that the annual district meeting method be done away with and that the board be elected by wards. After a discussion the proposal was defeated by an almost two to one vote. To defray the expenses of the schools. \$30,089.99 had to be raised by local taxes, of this amount of \$24,000 was for teachers' salaries.

Manual training and domestic arts were extended to the seventh and eighth grades, the school board using the equipment and teaching force of the vocational school for this purpose. A supervisor of grades was employed so as to relieve the superintendent of some work as he was at that time acting as principal of the high school too.

When the schools opened in fall, a full-time teacher of agriculture was employed. It was evident that in a rural community such an institution would be highly desired and beneficial.

In 1917, the United States entered the war and the schools cooperated to the fullest extent with the government. The industrial board saw to it that night classes were offered in telegraphy. They also organized classes for the instruction of the foreign born so as to make our citizenship more homogeneous.

### **Article 16**

The ever present problem of more school room presented itself again in 1918. At the annual meeting of the district on July 1, 1918, it was resolved by a vote of 58 to 3 that the district board be allowed to purchase a site and build, and to borrow for such a purpose \$60,000 with interest at 5 per cent. This building was to house a junior high school and a vocational school. It was also resolved to buy lots one, two, and three of block 80 as a site for this building. This site was purchased at a cost of \$5,000. Later it was found that this site would not be large enough so the board purchased lot four at a cost of \$5,500.

In 1918 it was impossible to engage a good male teacher to conduct the agricultural course in the high school so it was deemed advisable to close the course until the end of the war.

For the proposed new building CHILDS AND SMITH of Chicago were employed as architects. The board voted to name the new building Garfield school. Because of the war it was found necessary to receive permission from the War Industries Board at Washington to erect the new building. The reply of this board was "in view of the serious shortage of both labor and material this board does not look with favor upon the construction of the new school buildings until the war shall have been won".

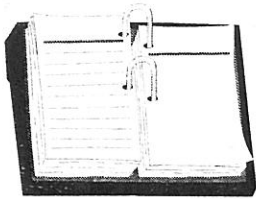
Up to this time the clerk's salary had been \$300 per annum and that of the district treasurer \$150. In view of the growth of the school district's affairs and the large amount of time that had to be devoted to these offices the salaries were raised to \$500 for the clerk and \$200 for the treasurer.

For the first time in the history of the schools, it was found necessary to close the schools on account of an epidemic. On October 10, 1918, on account of the prevalence of the Spanish Influenza it was deemed advisable to close the schools. They were kept closed until Nov. 5, 1918.

In 1917 the first full time principal of the high school was employed in order to give the superintendent the necessary time to his office. D.L. MILLER, who was then superintendent of schools resigned in January 1919 in order to engage in business. CHESTER NEWLUN of Sauk City, Wis. was engaged to succeed him. A history of the superintendents shows that MR. BORDEN resigned in June 1906, he was followed by D.C. GILES who served until June 1910, C.W. OTTO, one of the high school assistants was his successor. He remained in charge of the school until June, 1917 and was followed by D.L. MILLER.

### **Article 17**

At the close of the World War, the school board decided to go ahead with the building of the Junior high and vocational school. The bonds were sold and bids for the construction of the building were advertised. The lowest bid came from KRASIN BROTHERS at a figure of \$51,458. This was exclusive of heating, lighting, and plumbing. The bid for these items was \$13,859. It took a year and nine months to finish the school. It has been estimated that the labor and material used in the construction of the building cost \$100,000 whereas only \$65,311 was paid, according to the contracts.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETINGS

- 27 January 2011 Paul Ptacek is going to show us what Community Based Web-sites are, how to use them in genealogy and how to set them up.
- 24 February 2011 Ken Wood. *Family House Histories*
- 12 March 2011 Beginner's Session at the Marshfield Public Library. Please call ahead to reserve your space and the materials for the workshop. Call Lori Belongia at (715) 389-2745. Be sure to leave your name and phone number or email address.
- 28 April 2011 Lori Belongia. *What's New in Genealogy at the Marshfield Public Library*
- 26 May 2011 Vicki Schnitzler *Civil War*

**Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are in the Marshfield Public Library's General Meeting Room. Meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.**

## OTHER MEETINGS

- 26 Feb 2011 Marshfield Cultural Fair, UW-Marshfield/Wood County
- 15-16 April 2011 Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Spring meeting, La Crosse, WI. Details later or check out the WSGS website at [wsgs@wsgs.org](mailto:wsgs@wsgs.org). Theme will be the Civil War but with classes for those who do not have Civil War interests.
- 11-14 May 2011 National Genealogical Society (NGS) meeting, Charleston, SC. *Where the Past Is Still Present*. Further info at [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org).
- 21 May 2011 Family History Conference, LDS, Rib Mountain, WI. If interested in receiving advance notice, please email [danoble10@gmail.com](mailto:danoble10@gmail.com).
- 7-10 Sept 2011 Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) Conference *Pathways to the Heartland*, Springfield, IL. [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)
- 9-11 Sept 2011 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Plattdöötsch Konferenz, Holiday Inn, Rothschild, Wisconsin. Contact Don Zamzow, [donz@gitlc.com](mailto:donz@gitlc.com)
- 15 October 2011 WSGS Fall meeting, Pewaukee, WI
- 26-29 Oct 2011 13<sup>th</sup> Annual CGSI (Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International) Genealogical/Cultural Conference, St. Louis, MO. [www.cgisi.org](http://www.cgisi.org)
- 27-28 April 2012 Gene-A-Rama at the KI Convention Center and Hotel Sierra, Green Bay, WI



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Purpose: 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.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Marshfield Public Library at 7:00 P.M.

The newsletter, Kith & Kin, is currently published

four (4) times a year.

The membership year begins May 1 and the dues are \$12.00 a year for individual.

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# Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

## 2011-12 RENEWAL FORM

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I am willing to have my name & address information included with the newsletter: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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I would like to see the following programs or activities: \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following suggestions for a guest speaker/topic: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve for various activities (i.e. Cultural Fair, Community Day at the library, Beginner Sessions) \_\_\_\_\_

I have the following book(s), resource, or area of interest to share with the members: \_\_\_\_\_

**Free 50 word query to be placed in the KITH AND KIN newsletter (can be done any time of the year):** \_\_\_\_\_

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