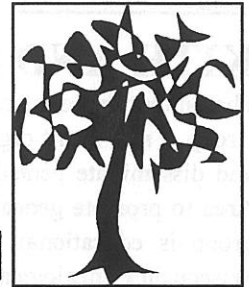




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OUR JULY MEETING

Come join us at the Marshfield Public Library on July 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual "Problem Solving Session". Bring along your genealogy problems for our panel of experts to solve. Our own members have experience in many counties and states and will help by giving suggestions on how to break through your brick wall. Bring your research along, as we might even be able to find things right at the library. Hope to see you then.

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DON'T FORGET! WE'VE MOVED!!!

By vote at our January meeting, members decided to change our meeting location from the Clinic to the library. This was due to new security measures that the Clinic has now put in place and the fact that it is quite a distance for some of our members to get to the Clinic's Conference rooms.

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CENSUS ENUMERATION DATES

The dates of census enumeration were as follows:
1790 census taken starting on 2 August 1790
1800 census taken starting on 4 August 1800
1810 census taken starting on 6 August 1810
1820 census taken starting on 7 August 1820
1830-1900 census taken starting on 1 June of the census year.

1910 census was taken starting on 15 April 1910
1920 census was taken starting on 1 January 1920
1930 census was taken starting on 1 April 1930.
(from "Census Wanted: Dead or Alive," by Michael John Neill.)

MCMILLAN LIBRARY HAS RARE RESOURCES ON-LINE

Materials available on the McMillan Memorial Library Web site, <http://scls.lib.wi.us/mcm>, include:

- * Photos assembled by Wisconsin Rapids historian Tom Taylor in the 1920s and 1930s, and a collection of historic village of Vesper photos.
- * A 1923 Wood County history book and a 1970 book about Wood County place names.
- * An index of the writings of modern-day Wood County historian Dave Engel, including a search of the texts.
- * Genealogical-rich city directories from 1892, 1905-06, 1911-12, 1913-14 and 1921.
- * Lists of Wood County's soldiers and sailors from 1885 and 1895.
- * Wood County maps from 1895 and 1928.
- * Pamphlets and books chronicling the history of Wisconsin Rapids bridges, the McMillan Memorial Library, the Wisconsin River Valley, Riverview Hospital, the 82nd Airborne Division and Wood County parks.
- * Graduate indexes for Howe High School from 1875 to 1903 and Lincoln High School from 1904 to 2001.

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FOR BEGINNERS

There are an abundance of very helpful sites and pages for beginning genealogists, for example:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson1.htm>

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The bimonthly newsletter of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, a non-profit organization created to collect, preserve, and disseminate genealogical data found in the Marshfield Area to promote genealogical research. The purpose of the group is educational. The group is associated with the Wisconsin Genealogical Council.

MEETINGS: The meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Public Library. Months with no meetings include: November & December.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions are free with membership. (The business year runs from May 1 to April 30). Individual membership is \$12 per year, and family membership, for those living at the same address, is \$15 per year. Organization membership fees are the same as for an individual membership. Mid year memberships include all current volume issues.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26 – 28, 2002 German Fest 2002 To get further information, contact Lois Marti at lamarti@juno.com or call her at (414) 257-1087.

August 2, 2002 Genealogy Days at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids. 9:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Genealogy materials tours of the library at 1:30 p.m. Times for computer help/instruction will be listed on posters at the library.

August 3, 2002 Genealogy Days at McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids. 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tour of library materials at 10:15 a.m. Computer times will be listed on posters at the library.

August 7-10, 2002 Federation of Genealogical Societies, Ontario, CA. "California, A Goldmine of Diversity."

September 20-21, 2002 Ancestral Pursuit V Workshop on the U.W. Green Bay campus, sponsored by the U.W. Green Bay Area Research Center and Friends of Cofrin Library. The workshop begins on Friday afternoon with sessions emphasizing the nuts and bolts of genealogy (beginning research strategies and basic records.) The workshop continues Friday evening with a buffet dinner and a one-person play, based on actual survivor accounts of the Peshtigo Fire. Through the moving words of a survivor, learn how the calamity of October 1871 changed the history of many families and communities in northeastern WI. Individuals attending the workshop on Saturday will be able to choose from sixteen different sessions. To receive a workshop brochure and registration form, contact the Area Research Center, Cofrin Library, U. W. Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay, WI 54311-7001. (920) 465-2539 or e-mail at: speccoll@uwgb.edu.

October 12, 2002 Wisconsin State Genealogy Society Fall Meeting, Ramada Inn, Wausau, WI. Henry A. (Hank) Jones Jr., speaker.

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MAGG NOW ON-LINE

Visit us at: <http://marshfieldgenealogy.homestead.com/indexmagg~ns4.html>

If you experience any problems with the site, please e-mail us at schnitz@wctc.net and let us know.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of MAGG,

Many of us have been busy this summer taking those special research trips, whether it be to a cemetery to look for a lost head stone, to that one court house that you forgot to check something at the last time you were there, or simply going to one of the many family reunions that take place during the summer.

Some of us have even been going on road trips to places we've never been before. For example, Lori and I went to Green Bay several weeks ago and spent the day at the U.W. Archives and at the public library. We both found additional pieces to our genealogy puzzles and it was a good trip.

I also had a chance to go to the public library at Reedsburg in Sauk County and spent over five hours in front of a microfilm reader, after finding a card index of births, marriages, and deaths from all of their newspapers since they started. What a find!! This is a fairly new library that has now expanding their genealogy collection, especially in their family and local history area.

My words of wisdom...first, take someone with you that knows where you are going or have a really good map. Don't forget to do your research ahead of time and have the phone numbers of the locations that you are going to be researching at with you and know the hours that they will be open. Second, make sure to check the libraries of the surrounding towns from around where your family came from, not just their library. Also, periodically, check those libraries for new resources. You might be surprised what you'll find. Happy hunting!

Sincerely,

Vickie Schnitzler

MAGG President

MARSHFIELD RESOURCES

Indexes to the Births, Deaths, & Marriages of the Marshfield Times and Marshfield News, 1880-1908, (3-volume set).....\$75.00

Sold Individually: Births.....\$17.50
Deaths.....\$30.00
Marriages.....\$35.00

MAGG Surname Index and Pedigree Charts from 1984-1994.....\$15.00

Surname Index and Pedigree Chart Updates from 1994-2000.....\$4.00**

Past issues of Newsletters

-Individually.....\$1.00
-Volume Set (6 Issues).....\$5.00

Order these items from the Marshfield Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

**Available October 2000.

THE MARSHFIELD STORY: 1872-1997, PIECING TOGETHER OUR PAST

Cost: \$29.95 (Soft-cover), plus \$6.00 shipping.
Available by contacting the Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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THE HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD 2nd VOLUME NOW AVAILABLE

A brand new volume of Marshfield History and Genealogy is now completed, with all new stories and pictures. The price for the soft-covered edition is \$34.95 and for the hard-covered edition is \$59.95. Please add 5% sales tax, \$1.75 (soft) / \$3.00 (hard). If books are being shipped, an additional \$6.00 is added for each book ordered. Checks should be made out to: **The Marshfield Chamber Foundation** and sent to **The Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449-0914.**

CHECK FOR MULTIPLE OBITUARIES

By Elizabeth Dalton

Although I've been the family historian for a number of years, always obtaining birth, marriage, death records, and obituaries on each member researched, I found myself at a standstill on my husband's Martin line. I couldn't locate the Kentucky county where a great-grandmother, Elizabeth DiEllen Martin had been born. Her obituary, merely mentioned she had been in Kentucky and went to Kansas.

At a family reunion recently, I was exchanging information with another Martin researcher and learned that after Elizabeth's death, there had been two obituaries published in local newspapers. The newspapers, located in the same county, clearly had been submitted by different family members. What a find! This second obituary, much more detailed, even listed the names of Elizabeth's surviving brothers along with the county birth of a daughter. I now have a new direction to pursue in the Martin family research.

Although this was the first time I became aware of the possibility of a "second" obituary notice, Maybe there were more instances when I could have gleaned more details on a departed family member by simply checking out other newspapers in the vicinity.

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SPEED UP YOUR GOOGLE SEARCH

By Mary Walker

In researching names on my favorite search engine, "Google," I have found that using the "cached" option is often much faster. All the words that have been entered on the search line are highlighted, saving me time on a long document. I also have found many interesting photos of places that my ancestors have lived, using the Images search area.

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OLD GUEST BOOKS FROM WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

By Carrie Taylor

I am visiting my mom for the summer and have happened upon a goldmine of information that I never expected to find. Don't overlook those old guest books from weddings and funerals. You can learn the names of many unknown relatives and sometimes their children. Some have signed their names listing also their place of residence. Some women have signed their names as Mrs. Paul J. Sandstone (for example), so you can then find out their husband's names. My mother also wrote the addresses of some who she needed to send thank you notes to in the margins. Pay attention to those who share your family names.

Also, included in the funeral packets are if the flower cards were sent to the funeral home. My mother kept all the sympathy cards for her deceased parents and they all listed names and addresses on the envelopes. Don't forget, when everyone else is sorting through the belongings of a deceased loved one, ask them to keep an eye out for any old address books. They contain a lot of great information, too.

It is going to take me a while to sort through all this. Maybe even all summer long!

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WATCHDOG SITES

There are a couple of "watchdog sites" that watch for Web sites like FamilyDiscovery.com and Genealogy-Developments.com The International Black-sheep Society of Genealogists maintains a "Genealogy Hall of Shame" at:
<http://www.ancestordetective.com/watchdog.htm>

You might also want to check Cyndi's List at:
<http://www.cyndislist.com/myths.htm#Consumer>

If you ever have a question about an online genealogy "service," check these sites before spending any money.
(Excerpted from "An Old Genealogy Scam Reappears", North Pines News Quarterly, Vol. 18, #2.)

COMPUTER CORNER

THE NETHERLANDS, 1702

Regional map of Belgium, Luxemburg, and the Netherlands showing the political division between the United Netherlands and the Spanish Netherlands, 1702.

To view this map, go to <http://www.ancestry.com/rd/map.asp?ImageID=276>

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THE NETHERLANDS, 1603

Regional map of Belgium and the Netherlands showing the two political states of United Netherland and Spanish Netherlands in 1603.

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image viewer at: <http://www.ancestry.com/search/io/plugin.htm>

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GERMANY. MECKLENBURG CHURCHES. Contains church pictures from the Buetzow area of Mecklenburg Vorpommern, including the parishes of Neukirchen, Bernitt, Moisall, Kambs, Satow, Schwaan, and Gross Tessin from recent trip to Germany.

<http://freepages.sports.rootsweb.com/~fkruse/>

(Previously published in *RootsWeb Review*: Vol. 5, No. 28, 10 July 2002.)

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CHICAGO VOTER REGISTRATIONS, 1888, 1890, 1892

Searching for ancestors in the United States around the time of the 1890 U.S. Federal Census can be difficult, particularly in large cities. Those with ancestors in Chicago are fortunate in that Ancestry.com has posted databases of Chicago Voter Registrations for the years 1888, 1890, and 1892 --- complete with links to images of the original records. Ancestry.com subscribers with access to the U.S. & Canada Records Collection can access the databases at:

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1888 <http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D5991>

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1890 <http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D5997>

Chicago Voter Registrations, 1892 <http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=D6001>

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ANCESTRYVIEW CITY DIRECTORY ON CD-ROM

Looking for a substitute for lost 1890 census records? Look no further. These AncestryView CDs can help you locate your ancestors during this important period. See the URLs listed with each CD title for more detailed coverage information.

City Directories: Massachusetts 1885-97
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2346>

City Directories: New England States 1881-1902
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2347>

City Directories: New York 1886-94
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2348>

City Directories: Northern Midwest 1884-98
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2345>
[Cities and States Included:
MICHIGAN: Alpena, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Muskegon and Saginaw.

MINNESOTA: Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

WISCONSIN: Appleton, Ashland, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, Madison (University of Wisconsin), Racine and Waukesha.]

City Directories: Pennsylvania 1887-93
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2349>

City Directories: Southern Midwest 1882-98
<http://www.ancestry.com/rd/prodredir.asp?sourceid=831&key=P2350>
[States and Counties Included:
INDIANA: Allen County, Elkhart, Evansville, Hammond City, Hartford City, La Porte, Lawrence, Madison County, Michigan City, Muncie, Montpelier, Huntington, Indianapolis, Johnson County, Lafayette, Portland, Shelbyville, Shelby, Terre Haute and Valparaiso

OHIO: Canton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Dayton, East Liverpool, Fremont City, Greenville, Norwalk, Springfield, Toledo, Warren, Trumbel, Youngstown and Zanesville.

ILLINOIS: Alton, Boone, Evanston, Joliet, Metamora, Rock Island, Moline, Peoria, Quincy and Sangamon.

IOWA: Creston, Des Moines, Iowa City, Muscatine and Sioux City.]

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SURNAMES

CALLIES, KRAEMER, SCHMITZ, STEPPKE, RENNER, KUERSS, BAROFSKY, KRUEGER, NOLL, MEYER, MILLER, COLLINGS, HASSEMER, KELSCH, KOELSCH, VANARK, LEDKE, LOEWECKE, HERMS (HERMES), VOLCARS, MELL, BALL, OMES, MATHEIS, MINZLOFF, ERLICK, SUMPF, RUDGINSKY .

(Contact Jack A. Callies, 4661, Oberle Ct., LaVerne, CA 91750, (909) 593-8550, JDCALBAR@aol.com)

HARTL, PANKRATZ, KOLBECK, REITMEIER.

(Contact Irene Wunrow, 9491 Arpin-Richfield Road, Arpin, WI 54410.)

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QUERIES

The Kith and Kin will publish queries of 50 words or less without charge for members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. Submit your query on a separate piece of paper with your name, address, and [phone number and/or e-mail address]. The Kith and Kin reserves the right to edit queries and assumes no responsibility for their accuracy.

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Looking for information on William NOLL, Senior's ancestors names and vital statistics. My great grandfather John NOLL of Milwaukee may be his brother. Also seeking information on HASSEMER family. John NOLL married Susanna HASSEMER in 1852.

Contact Jack A. Callies, 4661, Oberle Ct., LaVerne, CA 91750, (909) 593-8550, JDCALBAR@aol.com.

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Looking for any info on William Arthur KERN, born 22 May 1899 at Greenwood, Clark Co., WI. Disappeared after Jan. 1920. Last two places known to have been at were New Richmond and Loganville, WI.

Contact Lorraine Markee, 406 N. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449-2226.

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Looking for John LEZOTTE. Died in Iron Co., in the 1940's. Can't find death certificate or cemetery listing. Appreciate any clue to finding John. Contact Linda Berres, 513 N. Cherry Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449, (715) 384-5388, lezotte@charter.net.

GEORGE G. MORGAN: "ALONG THOSE LINES . . ." "Taking the Plunge on Ships' Passenger Lists"

[The following was taken from the above article. To see the article in its entirety, view at the address at the end of the article.]

INTERNET RESOURCES

There is a growing set of resources on the Internet for learning more about ships' passenger lists and researching them, as well as a number of online indexes. One place I always check for "how-to" materials is the Library at Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com/learn/main.htm>). It contains scores of articles about this subject.

In addition, there are a number of online resources, which include:

- The Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild at rootsweb.com (<http://listg.rootsweb.com>)
- The American Family Immigration Center at Ellis Island (<http://www.ellisland.org>)
- Cyndi's List's (<http://www.cyndislist.com/ships.htm>)
- Passenger Lists on the Internet (<http://members.aol.com/rprost/passenger.html>)
- Immigration And Ships Passenger Lists Research Guide (<http://home.att.net/~arnielang/shipguide.html>)

In addition, there are a number of CD-ROM products published by companies around the world that may be of help to your research.

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NEW MEMBER

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CITIZENSHIPS

(As listed in area papers for Clark, Marathon, and Wood Counties.)

CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT BY RECORD NUMBER

Forty-Two Wood County Residents to Take Examinations Monday

Wisconsin Rapids— The largest number of petitioners for naturalization as United States citizens in recent Wood County history will appear in Circuit Court here next Monday for the citizenship hearing to be conducted before Circuit Judge Herman J. Severson.

Forty-two alien residents, representing 14 European nationalities, as names as petitioners who will be examined by an official of the Federal Bureau of Immigration. The number exceeds that of any year since the immediate post-World War period. The naturalizations proceedings are expected to consume the entire first day of the October term of Circuit Court for Wood County.

Fifteen Germans comprise the largest national group to be represented. Polish, Sedes, Candians, and Czechoslovaks number four each: there are two Norwegians and Hollanders, and one each of Greek, English, Irish, Rumanian, Russian, and Austro-German extraction and one former citizen of the Free City of Danzig.

The petitioners are Mary Stranz, George Demos, Celia Garber, Oscar Gusk, Gustave Gidean Anderson, Maria Schroeder, John James Gerry, Gertrude Schafranek, Frank Joseph Hager, Minna Weiss, Augusta Krummel and Emma Schroeder, all of Wisconsin Rapids; Anton Smieteiniak, Alfred Richard Gilbert, and Oldrich Simek, Nekoosa; Agda Dorothea Osberg, Louis Bekisz and Maren Fjeld, Port Edwards; Edla Kristina Renberg, Anna Bertha Elise Bouma, and Rudolph Fleischauer, Arpin; Carl William Becker, Niclaus Dera- nek, Paul Gladoske and Gustaf Braun, Wisconsin Rapids, R. F. D.; Anna Ida Anderson, Frank Krupka and Terezje Krummel, Milladore; Hilda Bohn Kohel. Auburndale, R. 2; Rosie Koller, Sherry; Anton Kleifgen and Gertrud Lubberink, Pittsville; May gorst, Pittsville, R. 2; Christ Schultz, Nekoosa, R. 1 and Sister Maria Basilla (Anna Thoma), Albert Oscar Perner, Alois Pilz, Robert Tyrolt, Ole Olson Warren, Charley Julius Herman and Stephan Epstein, Marshfield.

(from *Marshfield News Herald*, Thurs., October 2, 1941, pg. 3.)

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE LAND OFFICE,"

by Patricia Law Hatcher, Patricia Law Hatcher, CG, FASG

I needed an example. I wanted to show a patent from the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) website <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov> and its matching homestead case file -- and I wanted an example from my own family. I knew it wouldn't be easy. Many people misunderstand what is on the BLM website. It is run by the Eastern States office of the BLM. This office covers public-land states along the Mississippi and eastward.

The website, therefore, has patents for those eastern states up through 1908, but not for the western states. That's where the problem arose. By the time the Homestead Act was passed in 1862, much of the land in eastern states had already been sold through cash sales and other acts. Only the states of Minnesota and Arkansas have any significant amount of homesteaded land. Other states have some homesteaded land (the act wasn't ended until 1972), but I couldn't find any family members with homestead entries on the website.

However, there was a second opportunity. Beginning in 1908, serial patents were issued from Washington for all states, so-called because each was assigned a serial number when it was issued (i.e., they aren't organized by locality, but chronologically). The BLM website has been adding these serial patents to the website, which therefore include both eastern and western states. Quite a bit of the land in the Great Plains and American West was patented after 1908, and some of it was by homesteading. I knew that my great-grandfather, Hans Madson, and his family had gone to the Nebraska sand hills in anticipation of becoming "Kinkaiders." The Kinkaid Act of 1904 was one of several special homestead acts passed to recognize that land in the plains and mountainous west just didn't fit well with the terms of the 1862 act.

I went to the BLM website and trying some variants, searched for Hans Madison in Nebraska. There was no entry for my great-grandfather, but I recognized a familiar name. His eldest son, Hans P. Madison, had a 1911 patent. I knew that when great-grandpa moved back to Iowa, the man my mother called "Uncle Pete" had stayed in western Nebraska. Pete was the son of Hans's first wife, Karolina. They had immigrated in 1878 with Hans Peter and his baby sister. Two more children were born before Karolina died. Hans then married my great-grandmother, Christina, who had been widowed while pregnant, and they had ten more children.

I printed the patent from the website. Now to find the case file. I called the BLM Wyoming office (it covers Nebraska), which informed me that they had sent the case files to NARA in Washington, but they weren't positive where they ended up because of some bureaucratic shuffling during the processing. So, I hired a professional researcher in Washington to track down the case file firsthand.

When the documents arrived, I immediately began flipping through them. Imagine my horror as I saw that in 1910 Hans P. had sworn that "I am a native born citizen of the United States, I do not know what state I was born in, my parents are dead, they died when I was a small child, and cannot find out where I was born."

I talk about land fraud, but I never planned on using my own family as an example! Furthermore, I was amazed at the nerve. The Madson family was well known in the area - and one of the deponents who testified that the statement was true was the brother-in-law of Pete's step-mother Christina, who had lived on Hans Madson's property. The land location left no doubt that this was Uncle Pete. But why would he lie? Hans had become a naturalized citizen, so Peter was naturalized, too. *(continued on next page)*

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The answer is that he didn't lie - well, not exactly. Another document in the case file, made in 1905, provided surprising information. Hans Peter Madison said "That at the time he entered said tract, he was residing with Hans Madson on his ranch, in Deuel County, Nebraska, and had resided with him during his (affiant's) life-time, and never knew any other father than said Hans Madson. That said Hans Madson always represented to affiant that he was his father and that the wife of Hans Madson was his mother, and the latter always represented to affiant that she was his mother, up to the time of her death which occurred about twenty-one years ago, and at a time when affiant was only nine years of age. A certified copy of the Citizenship papers of Hans Madson, was filed with his homestead application, as at the time the said Hans Madson represented that affiant came over from Denmark with him when he was very young."

"That since he made said final proof, Hans Madson has told him repeatedly that he was not his son, but that he got him when he was very young, and that he had always lived with him, and at other times he would say to him that he was his son, but that he was born illegitimately, and separated from him leaving affiant in doubt as to his birth-place. That so far as affiant has any knowledge, he believes that he was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, which place he left when he was twelve years old, and then moved to Deuel County, Nebraska where he has resided for the past eighteen years. That for fifteen years of the time, he lived with Hans Madson, that about three years ago Hans Madson left Deuel County Nebraska, and went to Iowa, and it was at this time that the said Hans Madson told the affiant that he was not his son, and that the affiant is in doubt now as to where his birth-place really is, Denmark or The United States, and makes this affidavit for the purpose of placing before the Land Department, all of the facts with reference to the matter."

Surely Pete knew he was Danish (having to learn English at the age of five would have been a big clue), but if Hans wasn't his father, his citizenship by virtue of Hans's citizenship was lost, hence the claim he was born in Council Bluffs. Apparently all involved agreed that this would be the simplest solution to this problem.

And was Uncle Pete the son of Hans and Karolina? Yes. Years ago, I had located his baptismal record in Vester Uslev, Maribo, Denmark, in 1874. So is the lengthy deposition a lie? No, it would have been pointless. I am speculating, but I suspect that father and son had a fairly strong disagreement and that the father lashed out verbally in anger. Notice the timing of the revelation, when Hans had given up on western Nebraska and was moving the family. Did Pete refuse to go?

Apparently the rift was mended and Hans's angry statements retracted, because both groups of descendants believe Pete was Hans's eldest son.

Land records are boring? I don't think so.

The lesson? No single document can be relied on to provide an accurate picture of our ancestors.

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HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD SCHOOLS

Graduating Seniors as Recorded from Local Papers

Compiled by Lorraine Markee, MAGG

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Class of 1954

Sally Aschenbrenner, Richard Backaus, Edwin Baldwin, Jacqueline Barwineck, Wayne Baumgartner, Ruth Benz, Dale Berg, Glenda Bishop, Carol Bitzer, Ruthann Boucher, Edward Boushon, Janet Brandt, Delvan Bredemann, Audrey Bump, Conrad Christensen, Janice Clark, Esther Deitchman, Elayne Earll, Janice Ehlers, Lois Ehrike, Sally Emmel, Robert Erickson, Joyce Fisher, Donna Foltz, Victor Folz, JoAnn Franz, Marianne Frenzel, Marion Frueh, James Furstenberg, James Gallatin, Suzanne Garten, Donald Garvue, Donald Genett, Lois Gerber, Sharla Giese, Marshall Gilliland, Gerald Glenzer, Ronald Gorke, William Grancorvitz, Clark Greehling, Louis Grobe, Paul Hagen, James Haley, Wayne Happe, Carol Haselberger, Allan Hauke, Shirley Heckel, Ronald Heeg, Patrick Heintz, Bonnie Heinzen, Ruben Herkert, Gayland Hildebrandt, Arla Hintz, Kenneth Hodges, William Irvine, Shirley Jakobi, Robert Johnson, Samuel Johnson, Marlene Katzenberger, Margaret Kekhofer, Marlene Kind, Doris Kobs, James Kobs, John Koenig, Russell Kohl, Katherine Konitzer, Lois Korth, Monica Kraemer, Marlene Krings, Eli Krueger, Jerold Larson, Janet Lawrence, Patricia Leinwander, Robert Lindner, Luther Lipka, Mary Loiselle, Betty Lucas, Jeanette Lustig, Janette McGinley, Gerold McNaul, Neil Malueg, Marlene Mews, Patricia Meyer, Betty Mielke, Galen Mielke, Elgene Montag, Gene Mueller, Dennis Nelson, Raymond Nikolai, Allen Nuhlicek, John Oleson, Bonnie Ott, Melvin Ott, Ardene Paasch, Shirley Paasch, Kathryn Pagles, Donna Pankratz, Ronald Parks, Betty Parmelee, Herbert Pingel, Patricia Poeppel, Jo Ann Polasek, Valmore Prust, Herbert Puscheck, Richard Raschke, Carole Rasmussen, Donovan Rasmussen, Velva Rasmussen, Rodney Reek, Robert Robinson, Donald Ruder, Carol Sauer, Joanne Scheibe, Robert Scherr, James Schiller, Betty Schmidt, Donna Schmoll, Richard Seehafer, Loraine Seidel, Frank Shramek, Delmont Smith, Tom Southworth, Barbara Specht, Ronald Specht, Wanda Stacke, Dean Stevens, Darlene Stofflet, Linda Stoiber, Betty Strebing, Shirley Sydow, Donald Thuss, Marilyn Tinkham, Kathleen Tracy, James Trierweiler, Dwayne Tyler, Jeanette Venzke, Donald Vogel, Vernon Wagner, Orville Wein, Carol Wenzel, Margaret Wenzel, Francis Williams, Arlene Willis, Evelyn Woehrle, Rae Joanne Wolff, and Frederick Wood.

(from the *Marshfield News Herald*, Fri., June 4, 1954, pg. 9.)

Class of 1955

Russell D. Knapp, principal, presented the class, and Dr. A. J. Schulte and Mrs. G. L. McCormick, members of the Board of Education, presented diplomas to the following graduates: Richard Arndt, Bruce Abbott, Grayce Anderson, Lois Aschebrock, Barbara Aslakson, Sadra Austin, Donna Bauman, Edwin Becker, Baletta Bell, Carl Beyer, Marilyn Biechler, Beverly Blanchar, Thomas Blanchard, Guy Boucher, Laura Boushon, Donald Brandt, Douglas Brandt, James Bricco, Janalee Bulgrin, Doris Bump, Sandra Bump, Inez Cattanaach, Evelyn Christensen, James Cournoyer, Carol Deichsel, Jeannete Deichsel, Lorraine Ditmer, Richard Dix, Ronald Domres, Barbara Dregne, Mary Ruth Dressendorfer, Dan Ellis, Merle Erickson, Sharon Felhofer, Karen Fond, Donna Frankland, Lurita Fuerlinger, Thomas Gallagher, Burleigh Galvin, Robert Geisler, Colleen Hansen, Maureen Haslow, Beverly Hayden, Eugene Heisler, Lavern Heisler, William Herkert, Sonja Hestekind, Terry Hildebrandt, Donald Hintz, Ronald Hintz, Mary Hoffman, Georgia Hunter, Daniel Hytry, Dorothy Israel, Marian Jahr, Mary Lou Jirschele, Melvin Johnson, David Jones, Darlene Karsten, Ronald Katzenberger, Roger Kieffer, Norma Klawitter, Russell Klein, William Klum, Harland Kobs, Lyle Kolbeck, Paul Konrardy, Patricia Korth, Donald Kueng, Marvin Lange, Lory Larson, Patricia Lawrence, Marie Lawrie, Dennis Liddell, Raphael Maciejewski, Robert Marsh, Marion Martin, Jeannete Messing, Arnold Meyer, Caroline Morrison, Rae Jean Nelles, Doris Nelson, Erna Paar, Edith Paasch, Peter Pachiyannis, Beverly Pierce, William Pierce, Jerry Poplawski, Wayne Poplawski, Marlene Puls, Betty Radue, James Rice, Norbert Riedel, Robert Riedel, Ervin Roehrborn, Deanne Sauer, Eldor Schallock, Lester Schalow, John Scheibe, Frances Scherr, Robert Schiferl, Marlen Schlinsog, Darlene Schmidt, John Schultz, Robert Schultz, Siegfried Sebastian, Elmer Seehafer, Patricia Sibald, Lorraine Simmons, Dale Spindler, Beverly Spry, Agnes Stockheimer, Carolyn Sutton, Charmaing, Thiel, Duane Thieme, Daniel Vander Ploeg, Floyd Wein, June Welk, Donald Wendt, Betty Wickershiem, Dolores Willis, Eunice Zettler and Dorrene Zweck. (from the *Marshfield News Herald*, Wed., June 1, 1955, pg. 11.)

1942 CLARK COUNTY MARRIAGES

As recorded in the Clark County Press in January, 1942

Submitted by Linda Berres, MAGG

(To be continued in upcoming issues of Kith and Kin)

Marriages of 1942

March (continued from previous issue)

Helen Lillian Puttkamer, Neillsville, and Harold Joseph Kren, Levis

Elma Krultz and Ludwig Hribar, Willard

Nona Marie Dankemyer, Lynn and Robert Gail Howard, Granton

Hazel Snyder, San Diego, Calif., and William Rohloff, Loyal, Married November 20, 1941

Rosella Severson, Greenwood, and Edward Dergance, Willard

Ethel Lenz, Greenwood, and Charles Klomfar, Waukesha

Frances Meng, Greenwood, and Paul A. Smith, Milwaukee

Florence Altenburg, Lynn and William Vandenberg, Neillsville

April

Dorothy Ferguson, Granton, and Vernon E. Crawford, Chicago

Theresa Moeller and Marvin Mallory, Granton

Hedvey Janezich, Waukegan, Ill., and Private Alfons Hemmersbach, Camp Croft

Ann Jean Turner and Thomas Petrich, Eveleth, Minn.

Delma Messing, Granton, and Walter Lueck, Loyal

Ida Ockerl and Joseph Volovsek, Hendren

Vera E. Diercks, York, and Leonard E. Drescher, Pine Valley

Angeline Popovich, Chicago, and John Korenchan, Willard

Velma Turner and Carl Buddinger, York

Florence Bradford, Seattle, Wash., and Raymond A. Earl, Portland

Martha Dyer, Chicago, and Michael Gilbride, Chicago

May

Ginger Nelson and Joe Palmer, Milwaukee

Doris Spry and Raymond Foemmel, Granton

Nellie Peters, Chili, and Roland Sharratt, Granton

Betty Ann Carter and Loyal Leahy, St. Paul

Adelyn Brandon, Whitehall, and Sylvin Olson, Strum

Lucille Dux and Arthur Renner, Chicago

Roberta Braatz, Neillsville, and Everett Dan Davis, New London, Conn.

Mary Rippenburg, Humbird, and George Hardy, Neillsville

Lorraine Walker, Thompson Valley, and Wilfred Wood, Seif

Anita Ratsch and Glenn Marden, Neillsville

Shirley Mae Gault, Neillsville, and John Thomas Wyer, Chicago

June

Helen Spencer and Edwin W. Schuetze, Monroe

Mildred Ann Stochek, Spencer, and Eugene Joseph Walter, Granton

Betty Jane Hubing and William Lowe, Long Beach, Calif.

Marie Hales and Nartin Hillert, Granton

Bertha Laager and George Poertner, Hewitt

Mary Rose and Norman Hunstock, Homewood, Ill.

Norma Schmoll, Granton, and Harold Junchen, Neillsville

Margaret Tramm, Stanwood, and Dr. Leonard Witt

Alice Ruth Wendt, Owen, and Danel Olson, Greenwood

Irma Wahlen, Neillsville, and Willaim Rizner, Chicago

Rev. Jack Grether and Mmarie Hildebrand and Marie Grether and Rev. Calvin Stuebbe, in a double wedding at Magley, Ind.

Norma Kippenhan, Greenwood, and Emery Sieger, Eleva

Dorothy E. Lenzkow and Arthur E. Dux, Neillsville

Vivian Schoenherr and Harold Thoma, Weston

Ruth Ott and Manfred Paul Benduhn, Milwaukee

Florence Friske, Greenwood, and Hershel Edwards, Stevens Point

Margaret Mary Bohn, Milwaukee, and Wendell Palmer, Tomah

Marian Wepfer, Madison, and Robert Carl Schmitz, Milwaukee

Helen Meier, Levis, and Harold Beyer, Neillsville

July

Eileen Stevens, Washburn, and Leland Dopp, Granton

Edna Hasz, Granton, and Paul J. Grass, Manistee, Mich.

Alice Plummer, Greenwood, and Vernon Kind, Marshfield

Edna Shumway and James I. Wankovich, Kenosha

Eileen Geisler and David Trieber, Chicago

Leona Wieting, Neillsville, and Frederick Schoenherr, Globe

Gwen Bunce, Black River Falls, and Frederick Kluhsman, Neillsville

Mary Fox, Detroit, and Bernard Eibergen, Granton

Violet Elene Brown, Beaumont, Calif., and Donald Vincent Burrows, Fresno, Calif.

Shirley Schmitz, Fremont, and Eldred Tesmer, Christie

Frances Solberger, Hewett, and Sargeant Lawrence Kolbrack, Merrillan

(to be continued in the next issue of Kith and Kin)

MEETING DATES:

- Thursday, July 25, 2002.....Our annual "Problem Solving Session" will be held at the Marshfield Public Library starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Bring your problems and our panel of experts will try to give suggestions to help you solve them.
- Wednesday, August 1, 2002MAGG Road Trip to Madison to the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library. Anyone interested in joining the group for the trip needs to call 387-4044. We will be leaving the Northway Mall parking lot in Marshfield at 6:00 a.m. Supper will be at the Old Country Buffet before we leave Madison.
- Thursday, September 26, 2002.....To be announced. Watch for information on our web site.
- Thursday, October 24, 2002.....To be announced. Watch for information on our web site.



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