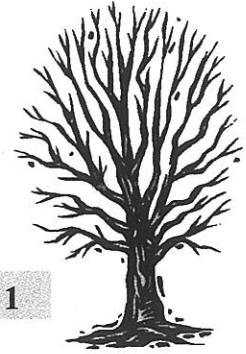




KITH AND KIN

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group
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NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

There will be no meetings in November or December this year. At our annual meeting this past year, concerns were brought up regarding our meeting in December. Members mentioned the poor attendance, the possible bad weather and the busy time of year as reasons to discontinue the December meeting.

Past policy has been that because of Thanksgiving we did not have a November meeting and because of Christmas, there hasn't been a December meeting scheduled during the fourth Thursday in December. Instead there was one meeting scheduled for the two months and up until now has been the first Thursday in December.

Members present at the annual meeting voted and the motion carried...no more December meetings. Hope to see everyone in January.

Our January meeting in 2003 includes Paul Ptacek enlightening us with his research on the Czech Republic. Paul has spent quite a bit of time there and will be sharing many fascinating details about doing genealogical research over there. He has also put together a web site for researchers and asks for you to email his questions ahead of time and he'll bring the answers to the meeting. If you don't have internet access, just prepare any questions and bring them along to the meeting. Web site address is: <http://czechcensus.tripod.com> with email links on the site. This should prove to be an very interesting meeting.

WISCONSIN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Burlington GS

www.rootswebs.com/~wiburlgs/

Chippewa County GS

www.chippewacounty.com/home/genealogy.html

Dodge/Jefferson GS

www.dodgejeffgen.com

Fond du Lac GS

www.rootsweb.com/~wifonddu/resources/organizations/fdlgensoc.htm

Grant County GS

www.rootsweb.com/~wigrant/gcgensoc.htm

Kenosha GS

www.rootsweb.com/~wikenosh/gensoc.htm

LaCrosse GS

www.rootsweb.com/wilacgs

Langlade GS

www.rootsweb.com/wilangla/index.html

Marathon County GS

www.geocities.com/mcgsociety

Milwaukee County GS

www.execpc.com/~mcgs/

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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: August, 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

April 4-5, 2003 Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Spring Seminar. Holiday Inn Convention Center, Eau Claire, WI Check: www.wsgs.org

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SHARE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

www.ancientfaces.com has become the largest visual genealogy presence on the Internet by providing a free location for the exchange of photos. Thousands of photos are shared free at AncientFaces by their owners so that others researching their family trees can place faces with the names of ancestors. People come to AncientFaces to add a more personal touch to genealogy by adding stories and recipes that have been passed down through their families to ensure the preservation of these treasures for generations to come.

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GENEALOGY FROM THE HEARTLAND

www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/ is a circulating collection of over 5,000 books donated to the Mid-Continent Public Library. The donation was started by the American Family Records Association who also has *Ancestors Online*, a list of pedigree tables and charts. This collection is available to researchers nationwide through Inter-Library Loan. Click on the “Genealogy and Local History” link; then click on the “Genealogy from the Heartland” link. You will need “Acrobat Reader” to access the list. (from “Genealogical Gems”, Newsletter of the Fox Valley Gen. Soc., Vol. 21, #2, Fall 2002, pg. 16.)

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,

Well they say that things are better late than never. I am beginning to feel that way about this newsletter. My sincere apologies in the lateness of this edition. This past fall has been a busy and trying time. It seemed that no matter how hard I tried to make time to work on this newsletter, something else would happen. But it is now in your hands and the January/February edition will be coming out soon, hopefully on time.

Because this is the November/December issue, I want to take this time, even if a little late, to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very blessed and Happy New Year. Hopefully, during the holiday season, you had a chance to get together with family members and catch up on the latest news. Don't forget to add those notes, new babies, weddings, etc. to your genealogy records before you forget.

This spring should be a busy time for us. We have Paul Ptacek coming to our meeting in January, sharing his expertise on Czech research. February in a problem solving time at the library and March will spent on copying those rare, one of a kind or borrowed photographs. In April, we have the opportunity to be involved with several workshops, one helping the younger members of our community to become interested in genealogy at a special girl scout day at the library and also another one for the adults of the community. Come to January's meeting to get more details.

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:

Marshfield Area Genealogy Group

P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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

Cost: \$125.00 (Hard-cover), plus \$6.00 shipping. Available by contacting the Marshfield History Project, P.O. Box 914, Marshfield, WI 54449.

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 to be 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.**

1823 GENERAL GAZETTEER

Our research can come to a halt by not being able to locate a place name on a map caused by a change of name or unexpected spelling. The General Gazetteer of 1823 will show you what existed and where in 1823.

This 1823 Gazetteer is now online. Go to <http://www.vii.com/~cda/1823/contents.htm>

(from *Pedigree Pointers*, Fall 2002, pg. 4, via *IGS Newsletter*, August 2002, via *SCGS SEARCHER*, May/June 2002.)

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ILLINOIS NEWSPAPER PROJECT (INP)

www.library.uiuc.edu/techserv/inp/webpages/main.htm is a part of a larger national endeavor known as the United States Newspaper Program (USNP) coordinated by the Library of Congress, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The US Newspaper Program is a cooperative effort between the states and the federal government charged with locating, cataloging, and preserving, on microfilm, newspapers published in the United States from the eighteenth century to the present.

The Illinois Newspaper Project is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Under the auspices of the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Illinois Newspaper Project travels throughout downstate Illinois inventorying and cataloging collections held by public and private organizations, as well as, private individuals. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide bibliographic access (through inventorying and cataloging) to newspapers in Illinois and to identify unique newspapers within the state to be included in the microfilming stage of this project.

(Permission to publish granted 3 October 2002 by the Illinois Newspaper Project.)

(from *"Genealogical Gems" Newsletter of the Fox Valley Gen. Soc.*, Vol. 21, #2, Fall 2002, pg. 17.)

Wisconsin Genealogical Societies

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Monroe-Juneau-Jackson GS

feefhs.org/misc/frgmjjgs.html

Rock County GS

www.rootsweb.com/~wircgst/

South Central Chapter of the WSGS

www.rootsweb.com/~wisccwsgs/

St. Croix Valley GS

www.presenter.com/~scvsgst/

Stevens Point Area GS

www.pchswi.org

Taylor County GS

www.rootsweb.com/~witcsg/

Three Lakes GS

rootsweb.com/~wittgs/tlgs.index.htm

Walworth GS

www.rootsweb.com/wiwalwor/wcgs.html

Washburn GS

www.rootsweb.com/wiwashbu/

Waupaca GS

www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/WAGS.html

(from *"Genealogical Gems" Newsletter of the Fox Valley Gen. Soc.*, Vol. 21, #2, Fall 2002, pg. 17-18.)

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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 the Ernest **Fricke** & Frederick **Wissman** families—lived in Town of Hamburg, Marathon Co., WI early 1900's. Contact Florence Schuette, 409 W. Kalsched, Marshfield, WI 54449.

COMPUTER CORNER

WISCONSIN COUNTY WEBSITES

Lincoln—<www.co.lincoln.wi.us/>

Langlade—<www.rootsweb.com/6wilang12/>

Marathon—<www.co.marathon.wi.us/>

Manitowoc—<www.manitowoc-county.com>

Milwaukee—<204.194.250.11/>

Outagamie—<www.co.outagamie.wi.us/>

Portage—<www.co.portage.wi.us/>

Sheboygan—<www.rootsweb.com/~wisheboy/>

Shawano—<www.co.shawano.wi.us/>

Taylor—<www.taylor-county.com/>

Waupaca—<www.rootsweb.com/~wiwaupac/>

Winnebago—<www.co.winnebago.wi.us/>

Wood—<www.co.wood.wi.us/>

(from "North Pines New Quarterly", North Pines Gen. Group, Vol. 18, #3, pg. 813.)

HISTORICAL NEW YORK TIMES PROJECT

<www.nyt.ulib.org> has free resources on the Civil War.

NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

<www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/> is a searchable database of those who served in the Civil War—both Confederate and Union.

NEW YORK STATE NATURALIZATION DATABASE

<www.jgsny.org/nynats.htm> has links to searchable online NYS naturalization indexes for some counties.

IRISH SURNAME

<www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~irishsurnames/> has information on some of the most numerous surnames in Ireland.

GERMAN ROOTS

<www.germanroots.com> has many German genealogical resources.

THE GENEALOGY SPOT

<www.genealogyspot.com> is a well organized site with many good links, useful information, and interesting categories to search.

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1908-1950 STATE DEATH INDEX

<mnhs.org/>

ILLINOIS STATEWIDE MARRIAGE INDEX, 1763-1900

<www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives>

RESEARCH IN MANITOWOC COUNTY

<<http://www.2manitowoc.com/>>

CIVIL WAR POWs

<<http://pacivilwar.com/pow/>> is a website for Union and Confederate POWs of the Civil War.

MINNESOTA NATURALIZATION RECORDS

By Joan Frahm

The Iron Range Research Center, Chisholm, MN has the entire set of microfilmed MN County naturalization records (87 counties). Conrad Peterzen, a Research Center volunteer, has made a comprehensive index to the records. His index records the name of each person requesting citizenship and includes the following information: spouse's name, county of residence, microfilm reel reference, print volume and page number. The index is important as women before 1922 became citizens through their husbands and did not have their own papers. Includes records of people who were denied citizenship and those who never completed the process. Web site:

<<http://www.ironworld.com/ancestry>>

After checking to see if your ancestor is listed and you wish a copy of the records, which will cost \$10.00, write to Iron Range Research Center, ATTN: Naturalization, P.O. Box 392, Hwy. 169W, Chisholm, MN 55719-0392.

(from the "North Pines News Quarterly", newsletter of North Pines Gen. Group, Vol. 18, #4, Oct/Nov/Dec 2002, pg. 810.)

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CENSUS MISSED MANY MINORITY KIDS, ESTIMATES SAY

(The Associated Press, Wausau Daily Herald, Wausau, WI Dec. 7, 2002)

1.1 million kids missed in the 2000 census. Black and Hispanic children in the urban areas accounted for about half of the undercount. Los Angeles County and Cook County, IL which includes Chicago, were among the places with the highest minority undercount of children and adults... 3.3 million people were missed nationwide or about 1.2 percent of the entire population. 37,000 Wisconsin residents were not counted, 15,136 were children. The undercount in the city of Milwaukee was 10,021.

(from the "North Pines News Quarterly", newsletter of North Pines Gen. Group, Vol. 18, #4, Oct/Nov/Dec 2002, pg. 810.)

THE NATIONAL OBITUARY ARCHIVE

<www.arrangeonline.com/HomePage.asp> is the world's largest repository of obituaries and death records with more than 55 million individual entries on file. Visitors may search the archive freely to learn about the deaths of friends or family or to explore relationships when building. Funeral directors across North America serve as Contributing Members to help us publish obituaries based on information provided by families. We also use information from international news organizations to report the most prominent deaths of the day. In addition to archival records from funeral homes and our own staff research, many historical archives are based on Social Security Administration files and other verified public records. To improve the completeness and accuracy of our archive, we encourage families and those familiar with one or more names in our records to correct any errors they find and to purchase lasting, illustrated memorials to replace the basic data from official sources. New names are added to the National Obituary Archive repeatedly throughout the day.

(Permission to print granted 4 Oct. 2002.)

(from "Genealogical Gems" Newsletter of the Fox Valley Gen. Soc., Vol. 21, #2, Fall 2002, pg. 16.)

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WAUKESHA COUNTY, MARRIAGE INDEX

"Index to Waukesha Co., WI Marriages 1846-1907" is available at The Waukesha County Historical Society and Museum's Resource Center. Marriages are alphabetical indexed by the husbands last name and also by the wife's maiden name. The museum has a web site.

<<http://waukeshacountymuseum.org/>>

(from the "North Pines News Quarterly", newsletter of North Pines Gen. Group, Vol. 18, #4, Oct/Nov/Dec 2002, pg. 810.)

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DATABASE OF OBITUARIES, WASHINGTON & OREGON

<<http://obitz.us>>

(from Pinery Pedigree, Nov/Dec 2002, pg. 15.)

CITIZENSHIPS

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

21 RESIDENTS TO BE MADE NEW

Petitions to Be Heard on Naturalization Day

Neillsville— Tomorrow on June 19, Naturalization Day, 21 candidates for citizenship will make naturalization petitions, the ceremony taking place on the Courthouse lawn at 2:30 p.m.

Following is a list of the candidates: Kurt Schroeder and Mary Turczyn, Neillsville; Carl William Jahnke and Meta Jahnke, Granton; Katherine Vogel, Minnie Ernestine Stange, John Plomann, Loyal; John Krol, John Joseph Twarowski, Andrew Kowalewczany, and Zuzanna Filipek, Thorp; Victor and Mary Labacz, Frank Anton Sawczuk, and Annie Sawczuk, Greenwood; John Greschner, Olga Marie Mutka, Owen; Fritz Martin Hoppe, route 2, Marshfield; Carl John Nelson, Unity; August Heinrich Schulze, and Anna Marie Bundgaard, Withee.

Selections by the local High School Band under the direction of Walter Keohane, will be followed by a prayer by the Rev. Jens Bundgaard, Withee, who became a citizen of this country last year. This year, his wife, Anna Marie Bundgaard, is one of the group of candidates applying for naturalization.

The address will be given by Victor Nehs.

Miss Marguerite Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brown, will sing a solo.

The Neillsville Business and Profession Women's Club is sponsoring the program, as in former years.

(from the *Marshfield News Herald*, June 18, 1945, page 2.)

CITIZENSHIP PAPERS ARE GRANTED TO 44

Taylor County Residents Attain New Status in Court Monday

Medford— Citizenship was granted 44 Taylor County residents Monday when Circuit Judge G. N. Risjord conducted proceedings here at the Courthouse. Several applicants were rejected because of insufficient knowledge of the English language and general knowledge of the government.

Those granted their second papers were: Casper Olson, Medford; Fred Prohaska, Medford; Katherine Walczyk, Gilman; Mary Ackermann, Medford; Adolph Ernest Frisch, Rib Lake; Francas Juskiewicz, Lublin; Paulina Valent, Medford; Gunhild Reiersen, Medford; Jacob Heinz, Rib Lake; Soren Pederson, Jump River; Leokadia Wojtowicz, R. 2 Withee, Peter Filas, Rib Lake; Sophie Schindler, Owen; George Maplesden, Perkinstown.

Mike Schwartz, Rib Lake; Anna Bednarczyk, R. 2 Withee; George Odau, Westboro; Apolonia Lukewich, Medford; Anna Sweda, Lublin; Anastazia Klosowski, Lublin; Mary Jascor, R. 2 Withee; Nellie Penk, Lublin; Stella Czyzewski, Lublin; Mary Witek, Lublin; Katajyna Ogorzalek, Lublin; Ursula Salzgeber, Whittlesey; Anna Zuber, Lublin; Anna Ochodnicka, Westboro; Marie Bodewin, Medford.

Pelegia Adamczuk, Medford; James Neuman, Whittlesey; Babette Schmid, Goodrich; Gottlieb Joseph Ackeret, Medford; Pauline Malisheski, Donald; Milovan Budimlija, Rib Lake; Anna Smola, Medford; Ferdinand Frank, Rib Lake; Sophie Sajdak, R. 2 Withee; Hulda Stebner, Donald; Stancho Minchoff, Sheldon; Joseph Turek, Gilman; John Kowalski, Medford; Mrs. Stanislaw Nowak, Lublin; Joseph Larson, Stetsonville.

Four former citizens were repatriated, having lost their citizenship through marriage to foreigners. The citizenship applicants were disposed of by noon. (from the *Marshfield News Herald*, Oct. 1, 1941, page 8.)

The Straight Scoop on Death Certificates

From WSGS Newsletter Vol. 49 No. 2 September 2002

By Jack Brisse, President, WSGS

On New Year's Day, 2003, certain changes go into effect with regard to the format, content and access to Death Certificates in Wisconsin. Many genealogists have expressed concern and confusion about these changes. I want to give you the accurate and current information, and I ask you to help dispel the confusion by passing the "straight scoop" along to your sister and brother genealogists.

The first thing you should know is that Death Certificates will NOT be closed to you. You will still be able to access MOST of the records you want, but you *will need to know and follow the rules*. Some background:

1. The changes were incorporated into the State Statutes (Sections 69.18 and 69.20) with the passage of the 2002/2003 Biennial Budget Bill (Wisconsin Act 16), signed by the Governor on 30 August 2001. It is common practice in Wisconsin for budget bills to include many items of policy that have little or nothing to do with the budget itself. You can read the law online at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/99stats.html>. Scroll down to Chapter 69 and click on "PDF" (the Folio version is hard to read). Or you can request a copy from your State Senator or Assemblyperson.
2. The content and format of Vital Records is largely driven by the reports and recommendations of the National Center for Health Statistics (NHCS), a part of the US Department of Health and Human Services. Recommendations with respect to access to vital records are promulgated in the "Model State Vital Statistics Act and Regulations" also issued by the NHCS. The recommendations are derived from the work of panels of experts across the country. Since they are not federal laws, each state implements them as it chooses, although most states, including Wisconsin, follow them fairly closely.
3. In recent years both content and access have been increasingly influenced by considerations of privacy and identity theft. Many genealogists may claim the dead have no privacy rights, but an awful lot of people don't agree. Death certificates include information which might affect the privacy of living persons as well. As for identity theft, there are no good data as to the incidence of identity theft traceable to use of vital records. Frankly, that makes little difference: many people are worried about identity theft, and identity theft and privacy are popular issues with politicians. My point is that like it or not, justified or not, the pressure to limit access to vital records is going to increase, not decrease; we've got to learn to live with it, genealogists are not going to be exempted from the rules.
4. Changes to the law that affect format and content of certificates are for *deaths occurring on or after 1 January 2003*, but some certificates issued after 1 January will follow the old rules because death occurred in 2002.
5. Another change to the law imposes a 50-year limitation on access to some parts of death certificates, but that will only apply to certificates for deaths occurring *after 1 January 2003* because existing certificates don't include those parts.

How does all this affect genealogists? I have studied the revised Chapter 69, the report of the NHCS panel that reviewed death certificates, and the *Model State Vital Statistics Act*, and I have consulted with the staff of the Wisconsin Bureau of Health Statistics, which is responsible for implementation of the changes to the law. I think I have a pretty good understanding of what you *should* be able to expect. Two caveats: 1) the final review by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services legal staff is not quite complete so there *could* be some changes—not likely to be many, if any, and probably quibbling, but you know lawyers. 2) You may still run into a clerk who has her, or his, *own* idea of how it's supposed to work; after all we are dealing with human-type people here! If this happens, don't get into a fight; if you can't work it out locally send me *the facts* so I can ask Bureau of Health Statistics staff to help get it straightened out.

Now to the specifics:

First: Not everyone needs (and some don't want) all of the information recorded on the death certificate, so the certificate has three parts: Fact of Death, Extended Fact of Death, and Statistical Use Only.

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Part 1 Fact Of Death is available to anyone. Besides the who, when and where it includes names of Father, Mother and Surviving Spouse, specifying birth surname (NOT "maiden name" for women), plus the informant (and his/her mailing address), funeral home (or alternative), and the name and address of the physician, coroner or medical examiner who certified the death. Finally, you will get the manner of death as natural, accident, suicide, homicide, undetermined, or still pending.

Part 2 Extended Fact of Death includes occupation, where and how the remains were disposed of, some information about injuries, and not only the immediate cause of death, but also the underlying causes and significant contributing conditions. This information is available only to those with a direct and tangible interest in the record. (Don't get excited, direct and tangible is coming up.)

Part 3 Statistical Use Only includes race and education, whether tobacco use contributed to the death, and whether or not pregnant at death or in the preceding year. Information from Part 3 will not be available. Just think what insurance companies might do with it.

Now it is important that you get this next specific straight. Part I *Fact of death* is available for inspection by *anyone at anytime*. Part 2, including the cause of death, may not be inspected or disclosed until 50 years after the date of death unless you have a direct and tangible interest, or if you are a direct descendant of the decedent. After 50 years, the whole certificate is open to anyone.

Okay, now; "Direct and Tangible Interest." The law (sec 69.20(1)) says that a person with direct and tangible interest in a vital record is the registrant (who doesn't count in this case since he or she is dead), a member of the registrant's immediate family, the parent of the registrant (unless parental rights have been terminated), legal custodians or guardians, a representative authorized by *any* of these folks, and any other person who "*demonstrates* a direct and tangible interest when information is necessary for the determination or protection of a personal or property right." immediate family is defined by BHS as spouse, child, brother, sister or grandparent. Demonstration of personal and property rights will have to be determined on a case-by-case basis. If you have followed all this you should see that there will be very little problem in getting access to the information on any death certificate for a member of your family. For a death occurring before 1 January 2003 there is no limitation on access. After that, within the 50-year limited access period, Parts 1 and 2 for all those in your direct line are still open to you. For collaterals, and others, all you need is authorization from a parent, member of the immediate family or legal custodian or guardian. For example: you do not have a direct and tangible interest in the death records of your father-in-law or mother-in-law, but want to include cause of death, and perhaps other information, in genealogies you are preparing for children and grandchildren. Your spouse, of course, can get the records, or authorize you to do so. If your spouse were not living (or even if there was a nasty divorce) an authorization from any of his or her siblings would suffice. So far as I can tell, genealogists working on their own family lines should have problems only if they are feuding with the relatives. Professional researchers, or those researching as a favor, will have to ask the person for whom they are researching to provide authorizations.

I began with some caveats, and it dawns on me I should add another. Wisconsin has 74 Local Registrars (each County Register of Deeds, plus Milwaukee and West Allis Health Offices). To get a copy of a vital record the law requires that you make a written request, but there is no specified form for that request. The Bureau of Health Statistics does have such a form that they encourage Local Registrars to adapt (such as to whom checks should be made out), but it is not mandatory. The BHS form is pretty clear as to who qualifies as having a direct and tangible interest, but that doesn't mean all the rest of the forms are. The law is still the same, though, and you now know where to find it.

Finally, although some of the information I have given you is applicable to all vital records, I have limited discussion and advice to Death Certificates. I am sure some of you can come up with situations that "prove" that I don't know what I'm talking about, but I've really researched this, and I'm convinced that no one is out to create problems for genealogists, the impact on genealogists is minimal. BHS is also working hard to ensure Local Registrars get the 16straight scoop" too. If you do encounter problems you cannot resolve locally, give me the facts and I will try to get answers for you. Let me know if this has been useful to you; perhaps I can address other vital records in the future.

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HISTORY OF MARSHFIELD SCHOOLS

Graduating Seniors as Recorded from Local Papers

Compiled by Lorraine Markee, MAGG

(continued from the last issue of "Kith and Kin".)

Class of 1956

Members of the Senior High graduating class are: Vicki Albrecht, Keith Asplin, Ronald Bandt, Marilyn Bangart, JoAnn Bartz, Alan Berg, Mary Beurtler, Robert Blum, Ruth Bredemann, Eugene Brooks, Arlene Bump, Carolyn Burg, Dave Buss, Gilbert Chambers, Carla Cliver, Patricia Cournoyer, Merlyn Curtis, Byrl Dahl, Roger Davis, Daonald Deichsel.

David Deitchman, Joyce Ebersold, Joyce Ehrike, Marilyn Federwitz, Glen Fink, Betty Fischer, John Frankland, Lawrence Frischman, Vernon Frischman, Richard Fulwiler, Douglas Fyksen, Gerald Gehl, Earl Giese, LeRoy Gilhausen, Sharon Haley, Richard Halle, DuWayne Hansen, Barbara Haslow.

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(from the Marshfield Senior High School Graduation Program.)

1942 CLARK COUNTY MARRIAGES & DEATHS

As Recorded in the Clark County Press in January, 1942

Submitted by Linda Berres, MAGG

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Marriages of 1942

November 1942 (continued from previous issue)

- Evelyn Hillert, Greenwood and Jack Burroughs,
Stevens Point.
Miss Alice May Schmidt and Lieut. N.P. Wagner,
Austin, Minn.
Miss Carol Ann Melius, West Bend and Herbert
M. Aspen, Neillsville.
Mrs. Martha Raatz and John Augustine, Owen.
Miss Lola Mae Sweiso and William Pfeifer, Mil-
waukee.
Miss Jannette Buelow, York, and Everett Gehrt,
Pine Valley.
Miss Rosalyn Messing and Robert Harrison.

December 1942

- Miss Gustana Abramovich, Lublin, and Steve
Franckiewicz, Withee.
Miss Florice Marie Hebbard, Yreka, Calif., and
Staff Sgt. Kenneth L. Frank, San Jose,
Calif.
Miss Annabelle L. Garbusch, Neillsville, and
Private George H. Anding, town of Lynn.
Miss Bernadine Molle and Emanuel Zimmerman,
Unity.
Eleanor Edblom, Unity, and Norman Mellinthin,
Spencer.
Miss Vivian M. Vinger, Greenwood, and Sgt.
William C. Cavanaugh, Rockford, Ill.

Deaths in 1942

January 1942

- Oscar E. Drescher, 69, Owen
Charles Hiles, Houston, Texas
Mrs. Leon Canfield, 58, Tulsa, Okla.
Frederick Griffith, 34, Sioux City, Ia.
Joseph Kubat, 75, Neillsville
John Hubing, 66, Loyal
Arthur Hendricksen, 40, Greenwood
Joseph Winter, 89, Neillsville
Archie Clair Ketchum, 67, Millston

- Patrick E. McMahon, 72, Greenwood
Mrs. T. M. Alexander, 95, Jacksonville, Fla.
W. B. Thoma, 74, town of Seif
Mrs. James Jordan, 74, Laurel, Mont.
Mrs. Mathilda Wedekind, 83, Neillsville
Robert H. Boecher, 86, Milwaukee
Mrs. John J. Twamley and son, Irving, Chicago

February 1942

- George Stiefvater, Greenwood
James Plachy, 59, Chicago
Byron Wittingham, 71, Arpin, Wis.
John Bryner, 84, Humbird
Edwin S. Dunham, 72, Oconomowoc
Elmer Gotter, 35, Granton
Joseph Sloniker, 73, Greenwood
Mrs. Joseph Susa, 78, Greenwood
Ernest Alt, 60, Elkart, Ind.
Ellsworth Gustman, 44, Van Nuys, Calif.
Mrs. William Schaefer, 76, Plymouth
Rev. Philip Koeneke, Chili

March 1942

- Rush S. Hake, 55, Neillsville
Orson Vandenberg, 25, Granton
Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, 86, Granton
Mrs. John Drummond, 70, Greenwood
Axel Krokson, 67, Greenwood
Mont Morin, Rice Lake
William Wischuelke, 83, Lynn
Mrs. John May, 71, Chicago
Mrs. Grace Schoefield Young, Kansas City, Mo.
Albert Fenske, 91, Chili
George Bozicevich, 63, Greenwood
Harold E. Grow, 55, Hayward
Joseph Quast, 84, Greenwood
James Hayden, 80, Chili
Cecil A. Ackerman, 83, Spokane, Wash.
Mrs. William Anthony, 75, York township
Jacob Baumgartner, 69, Humbird

April 1942

- Herman Hoffman, 66, Manister, Mich.

MEETING DATES:**PLEASE REMEMBER, NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER!!**

- Thursday, January 23, 2003.....Paul Ptacek will be joining us and sharing his expertise on his research in the Czech Republic. He has spent a lot of time there and even has put together a web site for researchers. <<http://czechcensus.tripod.com>> The meeting is at the Marshfield Public Library, General Meeting Room, starting at 7:00 p.m. Tell your friends and bring them along.
- Thursday, February 27, 2003.....Problem solving session at the library. Bring those genealogy problems and let the group try to help you solve them. More info to follow.
- Thursday, March 27, 2003.....Photo copying night. Bring your borrowed or one of a kind photos for Vickie to copy. The price is \$1.00 each and you get a 4" x 6" black and white glossy copy and the negative.

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