



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP

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NEWS OF OUR GROUP

WHAT'S IN A PICTURE?

Our September meeting, "What's in a Picture?", was presented by Don Schnitzler and proved to be very informative and helpful for genealogists. Schnitz pointed out many clues to use for dating and identifying photos. He gave an excellent history of photography explaining the different methods that have evolved through the years.

He finished his program by taking pictures of pictures for the group. A total of 344 pictures were taken. The group owes a very big thank you to Schnitz for the service. Just out of curiosity, I checked local photography prices and compared them to what it cost the group to have Schnitz do them and found that our group saved a total of \$512.00. It really pays to belong to a genealogy group!

Thanks again Schnitz!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our October meeting was held at the Upham Mansion. Pearl Axelson outlined the history of the North Wood County Historical Society for our group. Betty Abbott told about the rooms in the mansion and related the interesting tales of Governor Upham's Military History. Mrs. Abbott has a copy of Mrs.

Upham's Journal which details this part of the Governor's life.

We are grateful to the North Wood Historical Society for sharing with us. The group would like to take this opportunity to invite the members of the Historical Society to attend our meetings.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The November 15th meeting will be held at the Flame Room of the Wisconsin Gas Company. Mr. George Winkler will present a program on the railroads in our area and the part they played in the history of Marshfield and the surrounding communities.

George has been interested in this subject for quite some time and has done extensive research on it.

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There will be no meeting in December. Enjoy the holidays and get ready for a new year of genealogy!

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NEW AT THE LIBRARY: The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy.

HOW AND TELL

In Feb. , we are proposing a show and tell session. This will be used for members of the group to tell about the research they are currently working on and get help or suggestions from the group on problem areas. It will also be a good time to share experiences encountered while doing research.

Show and Tell sessions are very useful to groups which are growing as quickly as our group is. It gives everyone a chance to get to know one another. Be sure to bring some of your genealogy along to share.

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SEMINAR

Our Beginner Seminar in September was a success. We met new friends, enlisted new members and had a good time. Many of those present gained new insight or were reminded of research methods that had been forgotten.

Sue Mevis, the reference librarian at the Marshfield Library, was kind enough to speak to the group. She explained the interlibrary loan system and the reference material that is available at the library.

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TRIP TO MADISON

On October 27, 1984, twenty members of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group invaded the State Historical Society in Madison, Wisconsin to engage in serious, extensive genealogy research! At

6:00 A.M., they boarded a minibus in Marshfield and departed for Madison.

Upon arrival at the Historical Society, the group was given a brief tour of the Library by a member of the staff. After the tour, everyone dispersed to pursue their particular area of research. Most of the group headed for the microforms room to use the censuses and newspaper files.

It has been reported that Karen Boerboom enjoyed the city directories and Ray and JoAnne Rhodes were busy in the family history collection.

After a busy day of research, the group enjoyed a hearty dinner at the Heritage House before heading for home. Despite the rainy weather the adventurous group was treated to a special scenic trip home by the trusty busdriver, Howard.

Another trip will have to be arranged for those who weren't able to make this trip. There is a wealth of research material available at the Wisconsin Historical Society for genealogists.

We would also like to plan a trip to the LDS library in Shawano for the near future.

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TOWN OF DAY BOOK

The Centennial book for the Town of Day, Marathon County is available through our group for \$15.00. (Add \$1.00 for mail orders). The book was written by group member, Patti Laessig-Zimmerman and covers 101 years of Town of Day history.

SURNAMES

Please submit your surnames for publication as soon as possible. The surname index will be published in December and will be available in January. If you have already submitted names and have more to add, now is the time to do it. Deadline for surnames is December 30.

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members!

VICKIE ANDING - Rt. 2 Box 131C ,
Granton, WI 54436

HARRIET HANNUM - 11695 Hwy B,
Marshfield, WI 54449

MARILYN GRAHAM - 600 W. 13th St.,
Marshfield, WI 54449

MARY WOLTMANN - 3117 N. Popp
Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449

DICK AND JUDY TREANKLER- M360 STH
97, Marshfield, WI 54449

Please feel free to contact other members of the group if you feel you would like some help with problem areas of your research.

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IDEAS NEEDED

We need your input for ideas for our programs. If you have a particular interest or an area of genealogy you would like to see explored more extensively, please contact one of the officers of the group. We will try to find a speaker with knowledge of that subject to speak to the group.

LDS BRANCH LIBRARY

There is an LDS Branch Library at Eau Claire located at 3335 Stein Blvd. Their phone number is (715) 834-8271 and they are open 6:30 to 9 Wednesday and Thursday evenings and 1-4 Thursday afternoons. The Librarian is Mrs. Dorothy Olson, 5220 Olson Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 54702 and her phone number is (715) 832-3022. Arrangements can be made to stay open other hours if necessary and there are people available to help with reading various languages.

Their files contain:

Updated indexes to almost all the states and some foreign countries.

(IGI) International Genealogical Indexes which contain information on what has been done in the Temple since 1969.

(AIS) Accelerated Index System also called "Searches" which are mainly indexes to U.S. Censuses.

Family Registry Indexes

Locality Indexes

Author/Titles Indexes to materials Salt Lake would have on microfilm.

Surname Indexes

Topical Guides

Passenger List Indexes

Gazeteers

Films are ordered from Salt Lake City and take from 4-6 weeks to arrive. Charge is \$2.25 for 2 weeks and \$3.00 for 6 months but they must be used at the library.

How to Preserve a Newspaper Clipping

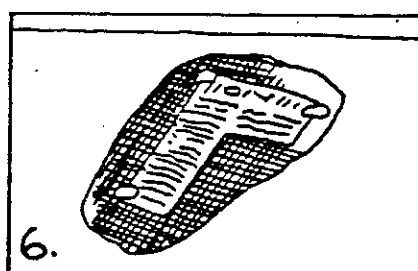
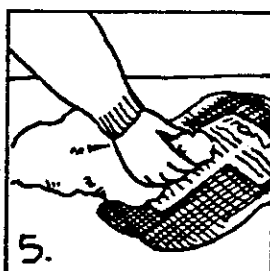
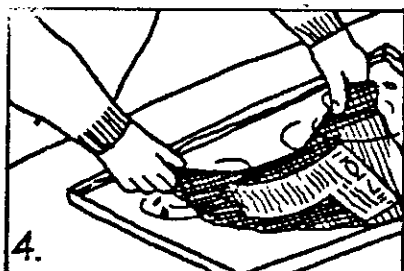
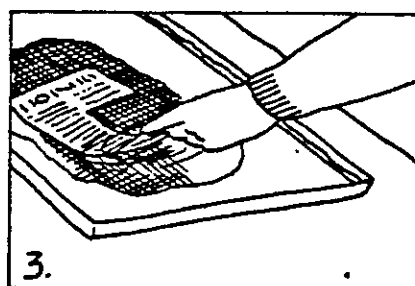
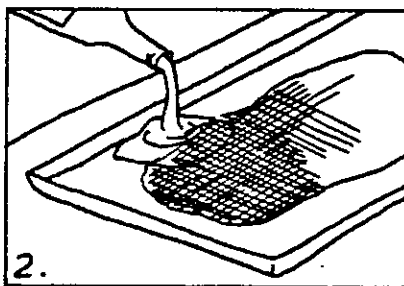
Have you ever cut out an important newspaper item to store in a scrapbook or diary? If so, you might have been surprised several months or years later to discover that the newspaper clipping had grown yellow and brittle. As you learned in the article "Saving the Printed Page," there are many factors that contribute to the decay of printed materials.

Following is an activity that will enable you to preserve newspaper clippings, using easy-to-find materials and a simple procedure.

You need:

- newspaper clipping
- milk of magnesia tablet
- quart of club soda
- flat pan, large enough to hold clipping
- piece of nylon mesh material, such as an old nylon stocking towel
- weights, such as paperweights or small stones

1. Dissolve the milk of magnesia tablet in the club soda overnight.
2. Place the nylon mesh in the bottom of the pan and pour in the liquid.
3. Put the clipping on top of the mesh and soak it for about an hour.
4. Carefully remove the clipping from the pan. Use the mesh so you don't have to touch the wet paper.
5. Use towel to pat dry the clipping. Do not move clipping!
6. When clipping is partially dry, place weights on the corners to keep it from curling. Do not move clipping until it is completely dry.



FROM OUR EXCHANGE MAIL**CLARK COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER:****NORTH CAROLINA RESEARCH**

In 1978 a state law authorized the North Carolina State Archives to answer written inquiries from non-residents of the state upon payment by the writer of a search and handling fee. Effective July 1984 the fee was increased to \$5.00. Inquiries should be addressed to: North Carolina State Archives, 109 East Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

The Diplomatic Records Branch of the National Archives, Rm 5 D, Washington, D.C. 20408, has passport applications through 1905. 1906 and later passports are in the custody of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, 1425 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. When writing for information, give the name of the person who applied for the passport, residence and the place and approx. date of the application. A nominal charge is made for photostatic copies for which you will be billed. These records are only for persons leaving the U.S., not European immigrants.

GEMS OF GENEALOGY GREEN BAY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:**REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS**

The National Archives and Record Service has announced that complete sets of microfilm (over 1200 rolls) relating to service in the Revolutionary War are now available for use at the 11 Regional Archives Branches. The closest Branch is the Federal Archives and Records Center, 7358 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60629.

IRISH RESEARCH

If you need help with Irish root digging, you may be able to find it from David McElroy, Irish Genealogical Services, 60 Ivanhoe Ave., Carryduff, Belfast BTB, N. Ireland. \$8/hr. Their flyer states Civil Registration of Protestant marriages began in Ireland in 1845, and all are indexed in Dublin. Prior to 1845, marriage may be located by searching Marriage Registers of the various churches serving the area where an ancestor lived. This is fairly simple in rural areas; quite difficult in Belfast area.

This Service has compiled an index relating to the various Protestant churches in Belfast having Marriage Registers pre-1845. For a limited time they will search this index for just \$5.00.

Planned is a Catholic Marriage Index for Belfast (1798-1864). For more data re their services, sent \$1.00 to the above address.

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY GENEALOGIST:**MINNESOTA RECORDS**

Birth and Death information cannot be obtained without paying a \$5.00 fee. Marriages may be searched by anyone, but copies are \$5.00. (By law, clerks only may search the birth-death records) If date and place

are unknown for these records, \$8.00 per hour is charged for the search.

Not also: There is an alien index, taken circa 1917 that may help some, since it has good information. Minnesota also has a 1905 State census, jaust as Wisconsin does. That census is not indexed, but could be used in conjuncton with the city or county directories. For those interested in using a professional to help, at least in part, we suggest Paula Stuart Warren, 1869 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55104

FAMILY VINES MANITOWOC COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

LOST IN IOWA?

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF IOWA NEWSPAPERS, 1836-1978, at Council Bluffs, Iowa Public Library has names and dates of published newspapers. The Iowa State Historical Library personnel encourage reference questions by mail or telephone, related to Iowa History. Minimum charge for out-of-state genealogy questions is \$3.00; includes . hr. staff research time, up to 5 pp photocopies and postage. Additional time & copyhing charged at same rate.

PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION

If you know the name of the photographer, look in the NATIONAL UNION CATALOG MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION (found in all large libraries) to learn where the photographers registers are housed.

SCOTTISH?

Scots Ancestry Research Soc., 3 Albany St., Edinburgh 1 & Scottish Genealogy Society, 21 Howard Place, Endinburgh EH# 5JY can help you directly or provide names of professional searchers.

AMERICAN CANADIAN RESEARCH

THE AMERICAN CANADIAN GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY address: P.O. Box 668, Manchester, NH 03105. Has library; publishes twice/yr THE GENEALOGIST newsletter as part of your \$10.00 membership.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

IRISH RESEARCH

For \$18.00 a year, you can subscribe to the ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE, a journal of genealogical and historical research by Donna Reid Hotaling. Write to D.R.H. Associates, 2255 Cedar Lane, Vienna, VA 22180

HEART O'WISCONSIN NEWSLETTER

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Photoduplication Service, Library of Congress, 10 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20540.

From Chippewa Co. Genealogy Society Newsletter:

SPECIAL CENSUS OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS

The Constitution of the United States provides for a federal census to be taken every ten years. Originally this census was taken to determine the population of each state. The direct taxes and number of Congressmen allowed in the House of Representatives for the various states were then calculated as a proportion of the national population. But the goals of the census were gradually expanded beyond this original purpose. The censuses grew with the country as more questions were asked on each successive census. By 1890 a great deal of information was being collected that can help researchers learn more about earlier Americans.

Unfortunately, about 15% to 25% of the regular population schedules of the 1890 census were burned in an accidental fire at the Commerce Department Building on January 10, 1921. In 1933 congress authorized the destruction of the remaining fragments. Most of the remains were disposed of in 1935.

However, a special census of Civil War Veterans or their widows was taken at the same time as the regular population schedules. Congress authorized these special schedules of Civil War veterans as a way to locate persons entitled to pensions or disability benefits. It was hoped the special schedules would be published and thereby allow war comrades to find each other and thus make it easier for them to obtain the affidavits showing they were entitled to veteran's benefits.

The 1890 special schedules of surviving soldiers, sailors, and marines, and their widows, were only intended to be for Union veterans and spouses. But many Confederates must have been listed by accident. As the census taker visited each dwelling he asked the questions from the regular population schedules. One of the questions asked was whether there were any veterans or wives of veterans in the household. If the answer was positive, the census enumerator was supposed to pull out the separate special schedule and complete it. Naturally, some mistakes were made and Confederate veterans or their wives were listed. Examining the special schedules shows these Confederates were often discovered and crossed out or otherwise noted. However, it is also clear that many Confederate veterans and their wives were listed by accident and never removed.

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CONSUMER ALERT!

Genealogy items offered from the following list should be considered with caution:

- Beatrice Bailey, Inc., Sterling Pa.
- DeBreffng, Brian, of London, England and Kilkenny
- Sharon L. Taylor of Numa Co. Ltd., Copley, OH aka Halbert's Inc.,
of Bath, OH
- Spectator Books, Inc. Moweaqua, Ill.
- Warnick, James P. of Moweaqua, Ill.

Das kleine Alphabet.

The Small Alphabet

GERMAN SCRIPT ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j
 k l m n o p q r s t
 u v w x y z
 ä ö ü
 au äu eu
 ei oi ch sch st qu
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Das große Alphabet.

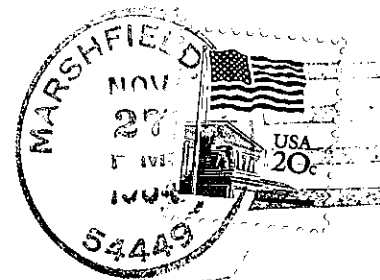
The Large Alphabet

A B C D E F G H
 I J K L M N O P
 Q R S T U V W
 X Y Z — Ä Ä Ö Ö
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 Qu Qu

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 15 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting at 7:00 at the Flame Room of the Wisconsin Gas Company. Program by George Winkler - "MARSHFIELD AREA RAILROADS 1872-1984"
- December - No meeting. Return to regular schedule in January.
- January 17 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting. Ray and JoAnne Rhodes and Karen Boerboom will give the program, "GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN GERMANY" Meeting place will be announced.
- February 21 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting. Tentative program is SHOW AND TELL. Meeting place will be announced.

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