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## NEWS OF OUR GROUP

### MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

New officers were elected and installed May 23rd at the annual meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group. The 1985-86 Officers are: president, Joann Hilgeman Rhodes; vice-president, Judy Luchau; and secretary-treasurer, Deanne Reyer.

Two members of the Board of Directors were selected at the meeting held June 27. Vicki Johnson was elected for two years and Florence Schuette was elected for one year.

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS APPOINTED

At the June 27th meeting of the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, committee chairpersons were appointed by President Joann Hilgeman. The appointments were as follows: Judy Luchau, membership; Vicki Hasz, program; Vicki Johnson, research and education; Gloria Spindler, fundraising; Edna Loiselle, history; Sherri Framness, form sales; and Joann Hilgeman and Don Schnitzler, publicity.

Other chairpersons serving the group are: Marlene Cherney, Necrology and Vital Events; Sue Weber, librarian; and Don "Schnitz" Schnitzler, newsletter.

### RESEARCH FIELD TRIP TO THE WISCONSIN STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On August 10th, the Group will spend another day at the State Historical Society Library in Madison. Like the last research trip there, we will travel by bus. Our travel plans are still being worked out, but the bus should leave Marshfield about 6 a.m. and return about 9 p.m.

The round trip fare will be about \$16, but may vary slightly either way depending on the number participating in the trip. Those persons interested in attending are asked to contact Deanne Reyer, phone 384-4180, to make reservations. Seating is reserved on a first come basis for members and non-members of the group, but members will be given priority.

While en route, several persons with research experience at the State Historical Society will answer questions about the resources available there, and give directions on where to find them while researching. Help will also be available at the library, to ensure everyone has a successful day.

The bus should make only one detour on our way home, that being a side trip to Madison's Heritage House for supper. Their smorgasbord is about \$5.

### President's Message

I am thrilled about the enthusiasm shown by all our members as we start our new year. Never before have I experienced knowing so many people willing to share the responsibility of elected positions and committees. I am proud to be associated with everyone of you, and look forward to our continued individual genealogical research and group endeavors.

Our program chairperson, Vicki Hasz, is busy putting together the programs for our next ten meetings. Deanne Reyer is working out details for a possible seminar in 1987. Marlene Cherney and committee, are continuing the indexing of the Warshfield Times, 1882-1907. This Necrology and Vital Events project is going well with only a few unassigned rolls left, any interested volunteers should talk with Marlene.

Our Membership chairperson is Judy Luchau. Each of us can assist her by inviting just one other interested person to our meetings. If they become members, we would bring our membership to over 100. When talking to prospective members, don't forget, new members will receive all back issues of our newsletter, Kith and Kin, for the year they join. They may also purchase our earlier newsletters. The use of our Group's genealogical library is also a big plus for all of the members.

Our Thanks to Karen, Sue, Deanne, and Schnitz for helping us all to develop our potential through this organization. And thanks to each and every member as we continue to fulfill our genealogical needs and collect, preserve and disseminate genealogical data.

Joann

### 1984-85 FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance May 1, 1984..... \$ .00

#### Income

1984-85 Membership dues..	\$314.00
Form Sales.....	16.54
Madison Bus trip.....	352.00
Town of Day Books.....	30.00
Microfilm Use Donations..	4.00
Copying pictures.....	31.00
	<u>\$753.19</u>

#### Expenditures

Newsletter printing.....	\$204.00
Newsletter postage.....	62.50
Forms printing.....	63.00
Lamar's Bus line	
Madison trip.....	350.00
Town of Day Book.....	<u>30.00</u>
	\$709.50

Balance on April 30 1985 \$ 43.69

Report submitted by Deanne Reyer,  
Secretary Treasurer.

## JUNE DAIRY FEST MALL DISPLAY

Our 1985 June Dairy Fest Display was a huge success, with many Dairyfest visitors stopping by to learn how to research their family history. Drawing a great deal of attention and use was the Wisconsin 1880 census records. Often one, two or three people were waiting to see if they could locate their ancestors among these records. Also attracting interest was the collection of early agricultural artifacts displayed. They prompted many stories, and just as many questions, about our early dairy heritage.

Just as the visitors to the booth seemed to enjoy the time spent with us, so did members of the group who turned out to help. Members sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm during the two day display were: Vicki Hasz, Karen Boerboom, Elsie Zurn, Barb Heart, Vicki Johnson, Edna Loiselle, Sue Weber, Deanne Reyer, Char Mischka, Joann Hilgemann, Esther Carlson, Barb Salzmann and Don Schnitzler.

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## MEETING REVIEWS

Following our Annual Business Meeting in May, Joann Hilgemann shared her trip to Germany by means of a slide presentation. Her enjoyable and interesting talk gave us all a better insight into the people, architecture, and scenery of Germany.

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Don Schnitzler and Deanne Reyer presented a program around genealogical research trips at the June meeting.

Schnitz discussed the necessary steps to be taken for preparing for a trip. He presented two keys

for successful research trips, organization and self-confidence. Schnitz stressed that most of the work that goes into a successful research trip should be done before you ever leave home. He recommended that as part of the preparations, you write down in advance, everything that you want to search for. Then using your notes you can make the most of your research time. *DON'T TRUST YOUR MEMORY.* He concluded by saying, be confident, "Go prepared for a good and successful trip, no matter what happens."

Deanne's portion of the program centered on the Newberry Library at Chicago. This large library is an excellent resource for family historians because of its extensive collection of printed genealogical and historical material. Deanne first outlined the beginnings of the Library and then explained how they have gone about collecting materials over the years. She highlighted some of the holdings of specific interest to genealogist. One particular holding, the Newberry Library Genealogical Index, was talked about in detail. Deanne's talk went on to include a discussion of the policies that must be used by patrons of the library.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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GENEALOGY INFORMATION EXCHANGELIBRARY OF CONGRESS  
PHOTODUPLICATION

One of the greatest sources of photographs of the civil war or of famous people, or important people or important events in American History is the Library of Congress. Tens of thousands of negatives have been catalogued for the public. Prints in 8-by-10 or larger are available (not always from the original negative) for a few dollars. A catalog of print services can be obtained by writing: Photoduplication, Library of Congress, Washington D.C., 20540.

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AMERICAN FRENCH  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The American-French Genealogical Society (AFGS) is one of the largest French-Canadian genealogical organizations in New England. In addition to having one of the most complete French-Canadian genealogical libraries in the United States, they have the *Loiselle Index of French-Canadian Marriages*, the *Rivest Files*, both which represent over two million marriages on microfilm; and the *Forget Marriages of Rhode Island*.

The AFGS will search these indexes for a \$4 fee, or \$2 for members. Marriage Request Forms will be sent to you at no charge, upon request. Please include a SASE with each inquiry. Address correspondence to: AFGS, Department "R", P.O. Box 2113, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02861-0113.

*"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."* Chinese proverb

## PROBATE PACKET

When writing to a courthouse for information about a will, ask for a "Probate Packet" instead of a will. You may find what you are seeking because sometimes an individual died without leaving a will, but did leave property that went through probate.--from the *Central Montana Genealogical Society Newsletter, Wagon Trails*

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## BOOK OF MAPS

A book of maps is called an atlas because the 16th century Flemish geographer Gerardus Mercator's book of maps detailing various portions of Europe sported on its cover a picture of the Greek titan Atlas holding the world on his shoulders. Thus this book became known as the atlas.

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## QUAKER RECORDS IN ENGLAND

For Quaker researchers who may need records in England, the central repository of minutes and digests is The Friends House, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ, England.

## QUAKER RECORDS IN IRELAND

For Quaker researchers who need records in Ireland, the main source is in Dublin. Write: c/o Recording Clerk, Friends House, 6 Eustace St., Dublin, Ireland.

### WISCONSIN MAPS AVAILABLE

A complete set of 72 Wisconsin county maps bound into one book is available for \$9.95. The 128 page book measures 22 X 16 inches and contains the maps and other information, including federal, state, county and town roads. Write: County Maps, P.O. Box 5096, Madison, Wisconsin 53705.--from *Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter, Pinery Pedigree*

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### PROBATE RECORDS AT THE WOOD COUNTY COURT HOUSE

Early Wood County Probate Records are available for use on Microfiche at the Wood County Court House. The Clerk of Probate controls their use and can direct you to the correct procedures.

Each microfiche may contain as many as 100 pages of copy. The cost for each page copied is \$1, payable to the Clerk of Probate.--from *the Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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### NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The New England Historic Genealogical Society, founded in 1845 is dedicated to collecting, studying and preserving the history of New England families and communities. Their library collection, the largest in New England, contains nearly 400,000 volumes of the most significant genealogical and local history material available in print today. Family and town histories, city directories, reference works, rare books and microforms are all part of their open stack collection.

You do not have to live in New England to enjoy the NEHGS. As a member you can utilize their book loan mail service for research in your home. The circulating library has a collection of more than ten thousand volumes in the main library. Members may borrow up to three books at a time for three weeks use. A multi-volume catalog gives members an up-to-date bibliography of this collection.

For more information about the New England Historic Genealogical Society, write them at: 101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.

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### EARLY MAP REPRODUCTIONS

For a free catalog of early map reproductions, 16th to 19th century, write: Goldbug, Box 588-T, Alamo, California 94507. Include a SASE.

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### GENEALOGY IN ONTARIO

*Genealogy in Ontario: Searching the Records* by Brenda M. Merriman, CGRS. Formerly Upper Canada and Canada West, records go back to early 1780's: government, land, probate, census, civil registrations, clues to church records, suggestions for non-resident genealogists, emphasis on Public Archives in Ottawa and the Archives of Ontario in Toronto.

To order write: Ontario Genealogical Society, Box 66, Station Q, Toronto, Ont., Canada M4T 2L7. The price is \$9.95 ppd.

### NEW ADDRESS and PHONE

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### WOOD COUNTY COURT HOUSE MICROFILM PROJECT

Records in the Register of Deeds office at the Wood County Court House are being microfilmed. There is as of yet no information as to the extent of this project. -*from the Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter*

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### MISSOURI RESEARCH

The Secretary of State of Missouri will search one surname and give you a list of what he finds under that name at no charge. You may then select the items you want him to copy at a cost of 50 cents per page. Write to: Secretary of State, Jefferson City, MO 65101. -*from the Clark County (Washington) Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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### HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Western New York Genealogical Society has announced the republication of F.W. Beers' Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie County, New York. This atlas, one of the premier sources of genealogical and historical material for Buffalo and Erie counties, New York, includes 726 biographies, 200 illustrations, maps and histories of area towns. Its 184 pages are indexed.

The pre-publication price is \$22.50 before July 15, with delivery scheduled for August. To order, write: Western New York Genealogical Society, Inc., Department Atlas, Box 338, Hamburg, New York 14075. -*from the Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter. Gems of Genealogy.*

### FAMILY REUNION CERTIFICATES

Holding to the belief that family unity is the very foundation of the American way of life and that the family reunion is one of our most cherished traditions, The Wisconsin Genealogical Society will present to any family having had five family reunions, a certificate of Commendation. Another certificate will be issued for each additional five reunions.

For those families interested, write to: Betty Paterson, 139 West Wilson Street, #403, Madison, WI 53703. Include the family name, and the date and place of the five reunions for which the certificate is requested.

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### ILLINOIS REGIONAL ARCHIVES DEPOSITORY

The Illinois Regional Archives Depository system (IRAD) provides room at specified sites for the preservation of records when storage space in courthouses and other offices has become a problem. Designated depositories in Illinois are: Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, Illinois State University at Normal, Sangamon State University at Springfield, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and Western Illinois University at Macomb. Each IRAD installation has an inventory of what is deposited at that library as well as a computer listing of holdings at the other five regions.

To find what is available on any given Illinois county, one may phone, write or go in person to any of the depositories and the staff will assist you in locating the desired county records.

### OBTAINING NEW JERSEY WILLS

Photocopies of New Jersey wills, from the 1600's through 1901, can be obtained from the New Jersey Bureau of Archives. When requesting photocopies, send all specifics you know to help identify the subject name, date of death or probate, case number, county, etc. to: Archives Section, CN307, 185 W. State, Trenton, NJ 08265. When information is located, you will be sent a billing slip, and upon receipt of payment, they will send your copies. Wills dating earlier than 1817 will be copied from microfilm, not from original documents.

The Genealogy Division of the New Jersey State Library can provide copies of abstracts only from wills for years of about 1600 to 1817. Their ordering and billing procedure is the same as with the Archives Section. Wills dated after 1901 are filed with the appropriate Superior Court. -- from the *Tri-State Trader Genealogy Section*

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### WISCONSIN STATE OLD CEMETERY SOCIETY

The Wisconsin State Old Cemetery Society was incorporated in 1971 as an affiliate of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Its aims are to encourage the restoration, maintenance and preservation of all old, abandoned and/or neglected cemeteries and burial sites throughout the state.

The WSOCS also publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Inscriptions*, which keeps their members informed of individual group activities as well as giving notices of all meetings of the Society.

One of the major accomplishments of the WSOCS, of great interest to genealogist, is the project of their Archivist. He maintains 3 x 5 file index of all located cemeteries in the State with a corresponding surname card index showing in which cemetery these surnames appear.

Membership in the society is widespread, with members from most counties in Wisconsin as well as from at least 40 States. Annual membership dues are \$6. If you would like more information about the WSOCS, or are interested in becoming a member, write to: WSOCS Treasurer, Mrs. Roland Wernecke, 5431 Village Drive, West Bend, WI 53095.

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### MARYLAND RESEARCH

Baltimore City marriage certificates for the years 1885-1975 may be obtained for \$4.75 each. The fee should be sent by money order only to: Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, Room 140, Court House, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. -- from the *Clark County (Washington) Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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### GENEALOGY CLUB OF AMERICA

Membership in the Genealogy Club of America includes the *Genealogy Digest* (quarterly publication on genealogy) Free ancestral exchange (queries), and discounts on genealogy forms and research. The cost of membership is \$18/yr or \$30 for two years.

Send to: The Genealogy Club of America, 420 South 425 West, Bountiful, Utah 84010. For more information send a SASE.

### FREE WORKSHOPS AT THE CHICAGO BRANCH NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives and Records Administration is now celebrating its re-establishment as an independent federal agency. In recognition of this, the National Archive-Chicago Branch will hold one day genealogy workshops this year as a means of introducing itself to the public.

The workshops, designed to teach genealogy to interested members of the public who have little or no knowledge of the subject, will include a lecture, audiovisual presentation and practical application.

Attendance at each workshop is limited to 25 participants, and interested persons **MUST** telephone in advance to register for the date of their choice. Remaining workshops are scheduled for July 29; August 6 and 22; September 6 and 23; October 8 and 23; and November 7 and 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the National Archives Center, 7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60629.

To obtain more information, and to register, call Peter Bunce at 312-581-7816.

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### FREE GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP AUGUST 24, 1985

The Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society is sponsoring a free genealogical workshop on Saturday evening, August 24th, 7 to 10 p.m. It will be held at the Plover Municipal Building, 700 Post Road, Plover, Wisconsin.

The guest speaker is Mr. Ronald A. Bremer of Salt Lake City, Utah, editor and publisher of the new

publication *Roots Digest*. Mr. Bremer has 30 years genealogical experience in America and Europe, is a Founder of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and is a former research specialist for the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The workshop will include a brief introduction, with the remainder of the session dedicated to the answering of genealogical questions by Mr. Bremer. Tape recording of the session is encouraged.

If you have any questions, please contact: Nadine Guilbault, 212 Sunset Avenue, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54481. Phone (715)341-1919.

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### INDEX TO 1882 HISTORY OF BUTLER COUNTY OHIO

An index to the 1882 History of Butler County, Ohio has been prepared with emphasis put on genealogical information, aspecting births, deaths, marriages and family history.

This 2nd printing is available for \$11/copy plus \$1 for postage and handling. Order from: Cross Roads, 4009 Bluebird Court, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.

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### GENEALOGIST CERTIFICATION

Are you interested in becoming a certified genealogist? For free information concerning certification contact Richard E. Spurr, Executive Secretary, Board of Certification of Genealogists, 1307 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036.--from *Clark County (Washington) Genealogical Society, Trail Breakers*



**Editors Note!**

Your suggestions are needed. Many of you completed a survey similar to the one below when you renewed your membership, but not all of you. Because the survey responses will help us establish the content of upcoming programs and newsletters, we'd like to give everyone the chance to have input. So take a few minutes to complete the survey below and return it to Schnitz at the next meeting or send it to the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group, P.O. Box 337, Marshfield, WI 54449.

**PROGRAMS**

What subjects would you like to see covered in our programs?

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Do you have an area of expertise that you could share with the group in the form of a program? If yes, what subject(s)?

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**NEWSLETTER**

Which communities in the Marshfield Area would be of greatest interest to your own research?

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Countries, States, and Counties you are researching: (please provide as much information as possible, for example: New York, Warren County, Town of Hague.

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Are there any specific topics you would like to see covered in our newsletter?

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Can you recommend any genealogical newsletters that we might establish exchanges with?

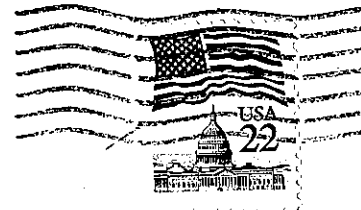
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\*\*\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*\*\*

- Thurs. July 25.....**Overcoming Dead Ends or Problem Areas.** A group exchange of difficulties experienced in personal research. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their "dead ends" and discuss possible approaches to overcoming them with the group. **Necrology Index and Vital Events Project Report** Marlene Cherney, chairperson of the project will give a brief presentation on the status of the project and the correct methods of recording information taken from early Marshfield newspapers.
- Sat. August 10.....**Research Field Trip to Wisconsin State Historical Society and Archives, Madison.**
- Thurs. August 27..**Informal Genealogy Get-together.** In the absence of our regular monthly meeting, an informal get-together will be held at Sue Weber's home. In addition to our group library and cemetery records, Karen Boerboom will have her 1880 soundex records on hand for your use. Also, use of the photocopy machine will be available for five cents a page.
- Thurs. Sept. 26....**Program To Be Announced**  
7 p.m.  
McMillan Town  
Hall

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