



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP



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NEWS OF OUR GROUP

HOME SWEET HOME

We have a home! We now have a regular meeting place and can put down some "roots". It will be so nice to know where we will be meeting each month and not have to jump around so much. Our new home is the McMillan Town Hall just north of Marshfield.

We would like to thank the Town of McMillan for making us welcome.

DATE CHANGE

Not only do we have a new home but we have changed our meeting date. We will now be meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month. We made the change because other groups with an interest in genealogy were meeting on the third Thursday. Check the calendar of events for the exact dates and put them on your calendar. There will be no November meeting because of Thanksgiving but we will meet the first Thursday of December.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

In May we will be holding our annual meeting and electing new officers. At our last meeting we appointed a nominations committee consisting of Char Mischka and Judy Luchau to contact local members for nominations to office.

RENEW MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your membership! It is hard to believe but we are now one year old. This will be the last newsletter you will receive unless you renew your membership now.

You will also need to be a member to vote at the annual meeting so don't delay. Our secretary, Deanne Reyer, requests that you try to renew before the May meeting so that she can pass out the membership cards at that time.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We need your help in attracting new members. If you know of someone with an interest in genealogy, invite them to a meeting or give their name to Don Schnitzler. He will be sure to see that they receive a copy of our newsletter with an invitation to join. We had an outstanding membership for our first year and hope to make the next year even better.

The most important ingredient in a genealogy group is it's members. The more members we have, the more varied the experiences and the more help available to us in our individual research.

Now that we have a permanent meeting place and our new time, we will again be placing brochures around the area.

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BOARD MEETING

There will be a board meeting following the March 28th regular meeting. All board members are asked to attend. We will be formalizing our goals and purposes and setting down our bylaws.

NECROLOGY INDEX

I have just had a report that the necrology indexing is going strong. If you have a little free time to devote to this project, contact Marlene Cherney. She can use all the help she can get. If your family is from the Marshfield area this project will be very helpful in your own research. Reading the old newspapers gives you a feel for the history of our area and may give you some clues you need to find that illusive ancestor.

JANUARY MEETING

Joanne Rhodes and Karen Boehrboom gave a very interesting program on Germany. They have offered to help anyone who needs help in their German research so be sure and contact them if you need help. They both have materials for German research that they are willing to share.

Joanne's trip to Germany sounded so exciting that it should be inspiring to all of us to get on with our German research so we can visit our "roots."

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Show and Tell session was very enlightening. It gave us all a better idea of the areas we were working on and helped us get to know each other better. We should have more of these.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Our March meeting will be on the use of genealogy by the Church of Later Day Saints. Mr. Robert Archibald will be the speaker and he will explain why the LDS Church is so active in genealogy and what sources are available to us through their branch libraries.

The April meeting will be equally interesting. Karen Boerboom has recently acquired the Soundex index for the 1880 Wisconsin census. She will speak on the use of census for genealogical research.

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.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Esther Carlson has generously donated many copies of the Genealogical Helper. She has presently donated all of 1984 issues with promises of more. Thank you so much Esther.

The Marshfield Library has also donated more telephone books. If you have an uncommon surname, this is an excellent source of locating relatives.

The way our library is growing it is a good thing we will be having a permanent meeting place. We would be needing a truck before to long just to move it back and forth.

FROM OUR EXCHANGE MAIL

From THE WANNIGAN, Marathon County Historical Society Newsletter:

MARATHON COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

A new pictorial history book of Marathon County entitled "Wisconsin Heartland: The Story of Hausau and Marathon County" will be available at the Marathon County Historical Society. The book was written by Michael Kronenwetter.

From LA WESTSIDE NEWSLETTER: All the 1910 Census rolls (not Soundex) are now available at the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City and can be ordered on indefinite loan at the LDS branch libraries.

From MILWAUKEE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REPORTER: 1880 DODGE COUNTY WISCONSIN HISTORY will be reprinted by the cooperation of the various Dodge County Historical Societies. If interested contact one of the five historical societies in Dodge County.

From NORTHWOODS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY: GENEALOGY MERIT BADGE

Do you have a son, grandson, or know a boy 11-16 years old who is a Boy Scout? If so, the Genealogy Merit Badge offered by the Boy Scouts of America should be a good experience for him. The merit badge requirements are as follows:

1. Tell where the word 'genealogy' comes from. Tell what it means.
2. Give the history of genealogy in one of the following:
 - a. ancient world
 - b. medieval world
 - c. modern world
3. Name three societies that further genealogical study.
4. Name two lineage societies.
5. Give three key genealogical study questions. Tell about them.
6. Name five ways to get genealogical information.
7. Prepare a four-generation pedigree chart.
8. Do one:
 - a. Prepare family group records for each of the couples on your pedigree chart through the first three generations.
 - b. Prepare a history of your life to date. Include pictures and a family group record.
 - c. Prepare a history of the life of one of the people on your pedigree chart. Include pictures and a family group record.
9. Do one:
 - a. Visit a genealogical library, public records office, or archives depository. Write about the visit.
 - b. Copy the gravestone inscriptions of the surnames of one of the people on your pedigree chart.

- c. Get from a public record office (county, state, or Federal) two documents showing proof of things on your pedigree chart.

Can all of you meet these requirements?

From PINERY PEDIGREE Marathon County Genealogical Society:

AN INDEX TO SOME OF THE FAMILY RECORDS OF THE UNITED STATES

A master index by surname to about 75,000 Bibles, family cemeteries, family records, and family histories in the DAR Library in Washington DC, which have been microfilmed and are available through the branch libraries of the (LDS) Genealogical Society of Utah. A major finding aid of otherwise inaccessible material. Vol. 1- Southern States. 1979, 234 pages, index. \$16. Vol. 2-Other States. 1984, 300 pages, index. \$15.50. Order from: Heritage Books, Inc., 3602 Maureen, Suite 113, Bowie, MD 20715. (add \$1.50 shipping and handling charges).

AMERICA'S FAMILY ALBUM

Millions of family photos from all across the country will become a part of a historic exhibit at the Statue of Liberty National Monument. The exhibit sponsored by "Kodak", will begin for years to come.

You can be a part of this exhibit by sending a picture of your family; a treasured old favorite or a photo you've just taken. You'll receive a certificate to display and an I.D. card to help you locate your picture at the exhibit.

For more information and coupons to attach to your photos, see your "Kodak" photo retailer.

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March 30, 1985

The Monroe, Juneau and Jackson counties Genealogical Society will host a seminar featuring James Hansen, reference librarian of the State Historical Society, Madison on Saturday, March 30th. His presentation, "How to make progress when you hit a brick wall". The seminar, beginning at 9 a.m. will be held at the Sparta City Hall, across from the County Courthouse. The cost is \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. For further information contact: Carolyn Hableman, R3, Box 253, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

April 11, 1985

The Rock County Genealogical Society and Everton Publishers are hosting the "Climbing your family tree workshop" at the First Congregational Church, 54 S. Jackson St. Janesville. Registration at 6 p.m., lecture at 7 p.m. Registration fee

\$15. Includes three issues of the Genealogical Helper and availability of the Roots Cellar and other helps provided by Evertons. Private Consultation available. For further information contact: RCGS, Nelda Van Natta, 311 N. Terrace, Janesville, WI 53545 Phone 752-0475.

APRIL 13, 1985

The Grant County Genealogical Society is sponsoring a genealogy seminar at the Youth and Ag Building, Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Wisconsin. The morning session begins at 9:30. Steve Kleisath will speak on "Genealogical Research in Pennsylvania". The afternoon session will begin at 1:30. Pat Grove will speak on "Genealogy and the Goldrush." Time will be allowed for questions and answers. Lunch will be available. Sales tables will be available. Admission is \$6. For further information contact the Grant County Genealogical Society, 830 W. Second Street, Platteville, WI 53818.

April 13, 1985

The St. Croix Valley Genealogical Society will present James Hansen, reference librarian of the State Historical Society. His talk will be on "Naturalization Records and Passenger Lists" and "Research at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin" Cost \$5 pre-registration or \$6 at the door. Registration begins at 9 a.m. For further information contact. SCVGS, Box 396, River Falls, WI 54022.

April 20, 1985

The Zion Genealogical Society, 4th Annual Spring Seminar. "Migration across the south, Migration across Pennsylvania, New Jersey-Genealogy and You, and the Illinois Regional Archives Depository System." Cost \$15. For further information contact: ZGS c/o Zion-Benton Public Library, 2400 Gabriel Avenue, Zion, Illinois 60099.

May 4, 1985

The Wisconsin Genealogical Society is presenting a workshop on Saturday, May 4th in the auditorium of the State Historical Society in Madison. Dr. George K. Schweitzer will speak on "Civil War Genealogy in Confederate and Union Uniforms" Areas he will cover are the war, the records, record locations, service records, pensions, bounty lands and military unit histories. The afternoon session will be about the "Revolutionary War". Tickets for non-members will be \$7.50 Pre-registration is not required.

QUERIES

Seeking information from descendants of VALENTINE STRAUB born 1821 at Rissian Darmstadt, Germany and wife ELIZABETH. Their children born in Wisconsin: JACOB, WILLIAM, CATHERINE, FREDRICK born 1855, VALENTINE born 1858, ELIZABETH born 1860. Lived at Germantown, Sheboygan County, Wis. in 1860. Contact EDNA LOISELLE, 804 S. Palmetto Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449.

Need Info on Eugene SWEET born 3 Dec 1842, Hinesburg, VT, died 31 Jan 1917 Brownsdale, MN, married 22 Feb 1868 Shoreham, VT to Mary Jane SPENCER. Children were Henry, Corrina J. (Sweet) JEFFRIES, Adner E. and Nellie R. (Sweet) FIZERLIE. Residents of Mower Co. from 1900. Will answer all letters. Contact: Donald H. Schnitzler, Route 4, Box 418, Mosinee, WI 54455.

Seek info on Christian WEBER, born 12 Oct 1856, Trier, Germany, died 9 May 1924. Father was Mike Weber mother unknown. Came to America at age of 10, settling first in Sheboygan or Washington Co. WI. Contact: Pattie Laessig Zimmerman N 629 Hilly Road, Merrill, WI 54452.

"Brengele Branches" published quarterly covers all spellings of the Brengele surname and includes its many lineages. The newsletter contains a free query column, heraldry, military records, abstracts, wills, deeds, etc. Subscriptions: \$12/year Contact: Charles Brengele(editor) 6619 Pheasant Road, Baltimore, MD 21220.

"Roehrborn Roots and Branches" A new family newsletter for the

McMillan area Roehrborn family. Edited by Edith (Roehrborn) Carpenter, the newsletter will contain stories about Roehrborn pioneers in Wisconsin, updates on family events, family recipes, reunion notices and more. For more information contact: Edith Carpenter, 5115 S. Timber St. Schofield, WI 54476.

NORTH PINES GENEALOGY GROUP FORMED

We are happy to report that the North Pines Genealogy Group is off and running. On January 24th, Sue and Schnitz went to Merrill and talked with several Merrill area genealogists about organizing a group. They have since held an organizational meeting and sent out their first newsletter, *North Pines News*. You can see it in our library.

Their group will be meeting on the third thursday of the month. At their April 18th meeting, Schnitz, will present a talk "The genealogical value of pictures".

For more information Contact: North Pines Genealogical Group, c/o Joyce Bacher, 1604 Mathews St., Merrill, WI 54452.

SOMEONE HAS SAID THAT THERE ARE FOUR KINDS OF BONES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

1. There are the wishbones who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. There are the jawbones who do all the talking but very little else.
3. There are the knucklebones who knock everything anybody tries to do.
4. Finally, there are the backbones who get under the load and do all the work!

We would like you to fill out the following survey to help us know what you would like the group to do for you.

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

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

How can we attract more members?

Would you be able to serve the group in any of the following areas?

- _____ help with necrology index
- _____ surname index
- _____ help beginning genealogists
- _____ do research for others
- _____ Publicity (involves writing account of meeting for the newspaper and giving notice to paper on upcoming meetings and events)
- _____ Library (help with getting the library carded and indexed, be responsible for processing donations, help at meetings)
- _____ Newsletter (submit articles of interest to the group, help with coalating, etc.)
- _____ Membership (help with membership drive)
- _____ Other _____

Do you belong to any other organizations? (historical, family or genealogical) If yes, please list them. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Please mail to Deanne Reyer, 207 N. Palmetto Ave.,
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP entitles you to all of the groups services. It includes a subscription to the newsletter that is published six times a year, free queries and surname listings in the newsletter, the right to check out any of the groups library holdings that are for circulation, the right to vote and help in making decisions affecting the group, notification of upcoming events in the area and notification of meeting changes.

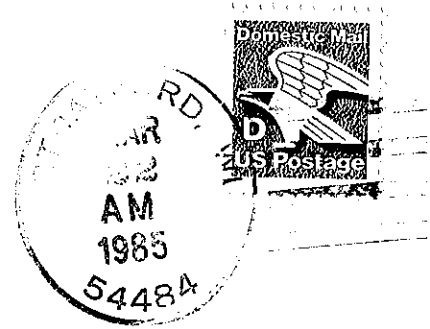
Plans are being made for carpooling to the seminars mentioned on pages 64 and 65. If you are interested in attending, contact any of the officers and they will put you in touch with the person in charge of the carpool for that particular seminar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 28 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting at 7:00 at the McMillanTown Hall. Program by Robert Archibald on the use of genealogy by the Church of Latter Day Saints and the resources available to genealogists through their library.
- April 25 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting at 7:00 at the McMillan Town Hall. Program by Karen Boerboom on the use of census records and the Soundex index.
- May 23 - MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP meeting. Annual meeting - election of officers, planning for the upcoming year.

Upcoming seminars at other Genealogical groups are listed inside newsletter.

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