



KITH AND KIN



MARSHFIELD AREA GENEALOGY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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MARCH MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3RD

Our March meeting, originally scheduled for March 27th, turns out to be Holy Thursday. Because of the activities that go on just before Easter, we've rescheduled that meeting for April 3rd, at the McMillan Town Hall, at 7 p.m.

At that meeting, Keel's Photographer, Paul Tischum, will talk about care of photographs and the process of restoration.

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RESEARCH TRIP TO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN LIBRARY

On April 26th, our Group will spend another day at the State Historical Society Library in Madison. Travel arrangements have been made with Kieffer Motor Coach Services, Auburndale. The bus will leave, the southwest corner of the Northway Mall parking lot at about 6 a.m. and return about 9:30 p.m.

The round trip fare will be about \$15, but may vary slightly either way depending on the number going on the trip. Those persons interested in attending are asked to call Joann Hilgemann, phone: 387-1878 (before 9 a.m. or after 5

p.m. daily), 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.

The bus will make two stops while enroute. On the way to Madison, a short stop at McDonalds, and just prior to leaving Madison for home, a side trip to The Heritage House for supper. Their smorgasbord is about \$5.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's membership renewal time! Membership in the Marshfield Area Genealogy Group begins May 1st annually. The dues are \$7 for an individual membership and \$8 for a family membership, residing at the same address.

Membership includes: our newsletter, *Kith and Kin*, published six times each year; free queries; surname index; use of the group's library; the right to vote and help in making decisions affecting the group; and, notification of upcoming activities.

Please renew your membership early.

President's Message

It's Spring, and time to check the growth of our family trees. As you do this, remember to update your surname list and 5-generation ancestral chart with Vicki Johnson. She will soon be preparing our new surname index, and we want to be sure and include all of your ancestors.

Along with spring comes our membership renewal time. I hope you take a few minutes and fill out the enclosed renewal form and return it by mail or bring it along to the next meeting. Just as a reminder, you'll need to renew by May 1st to be sure you don't miss the next issue of our Kith and Kin.

At our February meeting almost everyone indicated an interest in going to Madison on a research trip to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. As such, we have one planned for Saturday April 26th. Since there are still some of us who haven't been to the library, Jim Hanson or Geraldine Strey, of the Historical Society, will give a short tour and explanation of resources there upon our arrival. The bus is filling fast, so if you're interested in going along let me know soon.

Helga Krainz presented a spectacular program at our January meeting on Northern Germany. I understand that she was of great help to many of you with your questions about Northern German customs and traditions. Our next meeting was equally interesting when Schnitz explained the avenues to use for researching Civil War Genealogy. I extend our thanks to both of them for sharing their expertise.

Your Board of Directors and Committee chairpersons are busy working, wrapping up the activities of this year. They are now preparing reports for me of their activities. These will be presented to you at our Annual Business meeting in May. Our group is moving along well, but if there is anything that you'd like to see improved on, don't hesitate to make the suggestion.

Keep working on your family history research and good luck. Enjoy the Spring!

Joann

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Library fund has collected only \$6 toward the copying efforts of the *Handy Book for Genealogists*. The donation container will be out at our next meetings.

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NEW MEMBERS

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Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449

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Appleton, Wisconsin 54915

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UPCOMING WORKSHOP

"Genealogy Potpourri" sponsored by the Monroe-Juneau-Jackson County Genealogy Workshop; Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., City Hall, Sparta, Wisconsin.

The morning program includes a panel of experts (Jim Hansen, Joy Reisinger, Mason Witt, Geraldine Schlosser, Audrey Johnson and Carolyn Habelman). The afternoon sessions include specific areas of research and a Computer Roundtable.

The cost of the workshop is: \$8 pre-registration or \$10 at the door. Send reservations by April 4, to Elinor Goff, 210 West Logan, Tomah, Wisconsin 54660.

5,000 MARRIAGE RECORDS INDEXED

Volume I, II, and III of the marriage records at the Wood County Court House (1867-1907) have all been indexed. These records are now available for use at the office of the Register of Deeds at the Wood County Court House, McMillan Memorial Library, and the State Historical Society.

The work consists of records of 5,000 marriages (10,000 entries) resulting in 200 typed pages. The index for each volume is divided into two parts—one shows marriages by surnames of grooms, listed alphabetically; the other, by surnames of the brides, also listed alphabetically. The entries for all these marriages were made originally under the names of the groom and were alphabetized by the first letter of his surname. Under this system, the grooms could be found with a minimum of effort, but the 5,000 brides were virtually "lost" and could be located only by a careful page-by-page check of the volumes.

These indexes are just that—indexes. They are a reference to the volume and page where there may be additional information about each marriage: places of birth of the bridal couple, names of the parents, name of the person performing the ceremony, the place, witnesses and perhaps comments.

Inspection of the names in these indexes might lead one to believe that those who copied could not spell and the typist could not type. Neither is true. Real effort was made to record each name exactly as it was written.—from the *Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

CANADA'S 1891 CENSUS RELEASED

The Ontario Genealogical Society reports that Canada's 1891 census has been released. Staff at the Ottawa Archives will make available copies for interlibrary loan.

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CIVIL WAR PHOTOGRAPHS

The Carlisle Barracks Historical Museum is collecting pictures of Civil War soldiers. Persons who wish to contribute to the collection can either send them a copy of a picture or send the original, insured. The photo, with an 8X10 enlargement will be returned to the donor by insured mail. The mailing address is: Curator, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA, 17013.

If additional copies of a picture are desired, up to three prints will be made from one negative. The museum has an extensive photographic collection and will check its card file and regiment lists for inquiries. Include a SASE. A photocopy of what is found for a specific name can be supplied.--from the *Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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ULSTER HERITAGE

A new publication, called *Ulster Heritage*, has begun this year. It will be published three times a year. Topics to be included will consist of Parish Register Extracts, Census Returns, Voter's Lists and each issue will feature an in-depth study of a

specific location in Ulster. Cost is \$20 per year. Pay by check to: Heritage Research, 121 Saintfield Road, Belfast, N. Ireland, BTB 4HN.--from *Pedigree Pointers, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society*.

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NEWS FROM THE SHEBOYGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER

Janice Hildebrand writes: "Our Research Center is 3 years old and expanding by leaps & bounds! We are now in a position to offer our free service (copying and postage extra) to interested parties throughout the state. The Sheboygan County Historical Research Center, 504 Broadway, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin 53085, welcomes queries regarding Sheboygan and adjoining counties. We specialize in Civil War enlistment papers for the area. Business hours for on-site research are: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m."--from the *Newsletter of the Manitowoc County Genealogical Society*.

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GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

The Genealogical Library, Route 1, Box 23, Menlo, Iowa 50164, has a large selection of American and Foreign source books for rent. To receive a free catalog send a SASE to the address above.

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ORAL TRADITION

An oral tradition is a belief, legend or custom handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth.

Take a Closer LOOK

MILITARY RECORDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NATIONAL ARCHIVES FORM 80

Three types of records can be ordered using NATF form 80: Pension Application Files; Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files; and, Military Service Records.

Pension Application Files based on Federal (not State) service before World War I. Pension files usually include an official statement of the veteran's military service, as well as information of a personal nature. Pensions based on military service for the Confederate States of America were authorized by some Southern States but not by the Federal Government until 1959. Inquiries about State pensions should be addressed to the State Archives at the capital of the veteran's State of residence after the war.

Bounty-Land Warrant Application files based on Federal (not State) service before 1856. Documents in a bounty-land warrant application file are similar to those in a pension application file. Also, these files usually give the veteran's age and place of residence at the time the application was made.

Military Service Records based on service in the United States Army (officers who served before June 30, 1917; enlisted men who served before October 31, 1912); Navy (officers who served before 1903; enlisted men who served before 1886); Marine Corps (officers who served before 1896 and enlisted men who served before 1905); and Confederate armed

forces (officers and enlisted men, 1861-1865). In addition to persons who served in regular forces raised by the Federal Government, volunteers fought in various wars chiefly in the Federal Government's interest from the Revolutionary War through the Phillipine Insurrection, 1775-1902.

Compilations of information concerning most military service performed by individuals in volunteer organizations during the 19th and early 20th centuries are available, but such records were not compiled for Regular Army officers who served before 1863 and for Regular Army enlisted men and Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served during most of the 19th century. Records pertaining to such service are scattered among many files and generally contain few details concerning a man's service. The archives staff cannot undertake the research necessary to locate all such documents. If you request a military service record, they will copy the documents which best summarize the veteran's service.

The record of an individual's service in any one organization is entirely separate from his record of service in another organization. If you know that an individual served in more than one organization and you desire copies of all the military service records, submit a separate form for the service record in each organization.

To request copies of any of the above military records, submit a separate form NATF form 80 for each file you request. Copies of this form may be requested by writing to:

Reference Service Branch (NNIR)
National Archives & Records Service
8th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20408

NEW YORK LAND RECORDS

Land records on microfilm at the New York State Archives are available through interlibrary loan. Write: New York State Archives, State Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230.--from *Pinery Pedigree, Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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VALLEY FORGE DESCENDANTS SOUGHT

A search is being conducted by the Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. There were 11,000 or more officers and men who marched into Camp Valley Forge from 19 Dec 1777 through 19 Jun 1778. If you have information about your ancestor, relative to this, please contact: Commissary General Society, DVF, Box 915, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19481.--from *Nuggets, the Fox Valley Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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LIFE INSURANCE TRACER

To find out if an ancestor may have carried life insurance, send a SASE to: Policy Search, American Council of Life Insurance 1850 K Street NW, Washington DC, 20006. They will send you a tracer form.--from *Pedigree Pointers, Stevens Point Area Genealogical Society*.

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CENSUS MICROFILM RENTAL

The National Archives has expanded the Census Microfilm Rental Program to permit shipments

to patrons home address for 30 days. Rental is \$3.25 per roll. Write: Census Microfilm Rental Program, P.O. Box 2940, Hyattsville, Maryland, 20784.--from the *Pinery Pedigree, Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF NORWAY

The National Archives of Norway are divided into regional branches. People with ancestors in the counties of Ostfold, Akershus, Oslo, Buskerud, Vestfold, and Telmark may write to:

Statsarkivet : Oslo
Folke Bernadottes vei 21
Postboks 8 Kringsja
Oslo 8, Norway

People with ancestors in the counties of Hedmark and Oppland may write to:

Statsarkivet : Hamar
Strandgaten 71
N-2300 Hamar, Norway

People with ancestors in the counties of Aust-Agder and Vest-Agder may write to:

Statsarkivet : Kristiansand
Vestervien 4
N-4600 Kristiansand S, Norway

--from *Gems of Genealogy, Bay Area Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

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GUIDE TO NEW YORK ARCHIVES

A *Guide to Records in the New York Archives*, can be obtained from: Office of Cultural Education, State Archives, Albany, NY 12230--from the *Connecticut Society of Genealogists Newsletter*.

GERMAN ALIENS OF WWI

In 1918 German aliens were required to register as aliens. The lists are maintained by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization. A form for requesting information on those aliens can be obtained from an area office. Please state specific name of alien and that it is for genealogical purposes. Write: Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalization Service, Washington DC 20536.--from *Pinery Pedigree, Marathon County Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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NEW YORK FOUNDLING HOME RECORDS

New York foundling home records are now open to Adult Adoptees over 18 years of age. This is the place that sent kids on the Orphan Trains in the late 1800's and up to 1929. Write: New York Foundling Hospital, 1175 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10021--from *The Appleland Bulletin, quarterly of the Genealogical Society of North Central Washington.*

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LIST OF LETTERS HELD

In many old newspapers there are advertisements of letters being held by the Post Office for named individuals. Why? It used to be that the addressee paid the postage. The mailman collected it when he made the delivery. If the person did not pay at that time, the mail was held at the Post Office until payment was made.

Many genealogists have incorrectly assumed that named individ-

uals were without a permanent address, had moved, etc. This was not necessarily true.--from *the Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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ONTARIO FAMILY CONNECTIONS

The Ontario (Canada) Genealogical Society seeks those with Ontario connections. Send copies of family histories to this society before 30 Nov 1986 for inclusion in "Silver Collection of Family Histories." Write: Box 66, Station D, Ontario, Canada M4T2L7.--from *the Heart of Wisconsin Genealogical Society Newsletter.*

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GERMAN GENEALOGY INDEX

Researchers interested in German Genealogy are invited to submit data, *free* of charge, for the German Genealogical Index. The index is cross-referenced to enable genealogists to find others researching the same surnames and/or localities in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg, as well as German enclaves in Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and other countries. Additional information is available from: German Genealogical Index, Dept. LMHS, P.O. Box 10155, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55440.--from *Ancestors Unlimited, Southwestern Nebraska Genealogical Society.*

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GENEALOGY DEFINED

The study of origins and descent of families; written history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor.

1878 ATLAS OF WISCONSIN
Patron's Directory for Wood County

(Continued from *Kith and Kin*, Vol. 2, No. 5)

Grand Rapids City

Rablin Bros., Lumber and Gen. Mdse., born Wisconsin 1846.
Reeves, Seth, Book keeper, born England, came to Wisconsin 1850.
Scott, T. B., State Senator and Lumber Dealer, born Scotland,
came to Wisconsin 1848.
Scott, Wm., County Surveyor, born Scotland, came to Wisconsin 1859.
Schultz, L. O., Druggist, born Germany, came to Wisconsin 1858.
Spafford, S. A., City Treasurer, born Summit Co., Ohio, came to
Wisconsin 1856.
St. Amour, T. C., Clothier and Merchant Tailor, born Canada, came
to Wisconsin 1859.
Turnbull, Andrew, Carpenter and Joiner, born Nova Scotia, came
to Wisconsin 1855.
Webb, Chas. M., U.S. Dist. Attorney, born Bradford Co., Pennsylvania,
came to Wisconsin 1857.
Wagner, John, Cabinetmaker, born Switzerland, came to Wisconsin 1857.
Witter, J. D., Attorney, Land and Ins. Agent, born Alleghany Co., New
York, came to Wisconsin 1850.
Witter, G. F., Physician and Surgeon, born New York, came to
Wisconsin 1859.
Wood, F. J., Druggist and County Clerk, born Lake Co., Illinois, came
to Wisconsin 1850.

Town of Lincoln

Bodah, Joseph, Sec. 34, Farmer, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1868,
Masonville P.O.
Christensen, Peter N., Sec. 28, Farmer, Masonville P.O.
Coon, C. A., Sec. 8, Teacher, born Palmyra, Wisconsin, 1855,
Masonville P.O.
Rausch, John, Sec. 4, Farmer, born Germany, came to Wisconsin 1855,
Masonville P.O.

Town of Port Edwards

Bearss, J. T., Sec. 9, Cranberry Culturist, born Michigan, came to
Wisconsin 1849, Grand Rapids, P.O.
Edwards, John, Port Edwards Village, Lumber Dealer, born Wisconsin 1831.
Edwards, W. H. H., Port Edwards Village, Lumber Dealer, born Grant Co.,
Wisconsin 1840.

Town of Remington

Jarvis, W. R., Sec. 34, Stock Grower, born Connecticut, came to Wisconsin 1855, Remington, P.O.

McGlinn, James, Sec. 10, Cranberry, Lumber and Farmer, born Ireland, came to Wisconsin 1850, Remington, P.O.

McLaughlin, W. W., Remington, Carpenter, born Waukesha Co., Wisconsin 1842.

O'Connor, B., Remington, Attorney, Physician and P.M., born New York, came to Wisconsin 1842.

Remington, H. W., Sec. 10, Attorney, Lumberman, Farmer, etc., born Ohio, came to Wisconsin 1848, Remington P.O.

Wales, Vine, Sec. 22, Cranberry Culturist and Fruit, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1850, Remington P.O.

Town of Rudolph

Crotteau, Jasper, Sec. 9, Farm and Lumberman, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1846, Rudolph P.O.

Filiotreau, Chas., Sec. 4, Postmaster, Farmer and Merchant, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1846, Rudolph P.O.

Wells, John, Farmer, born England, came to Wisconsin 1854, Centralia P.O.

Town of Saratoga

Hamilton, D. B., Sec. 34, Millwright and Postmaster, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1856, Port Edwards P.O.

Town of Seneca

Brown, J. H., Sec. 17, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1850, Centralia P.O.

Campbell, R. A., Sec. 24, Farm and Lumberman, born Pennsylvania, came to Wisconsin 1836, Dexterville P.O.

Crooks, J. B., Sec. 2, Farm and Lumberman, born Canada, came to Wisconsin 1840, Centralia P.O.

Firman, J. B., Farmer, born Alleghany, came to Wisconsin 1854.

Gray, Orrin, Sec. 26, Town Clerk, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1845, Grand Rapids P.O.

Mathews James M., Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1855, Grand Rapids P.O.

Merry Bruce, Sec. 19, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1870, Pittsville P.O.

Natwig, O., Sec. 33, Lumbering and Merchant, born Norway, came to Wisconsin 1846, Forest City P.O.

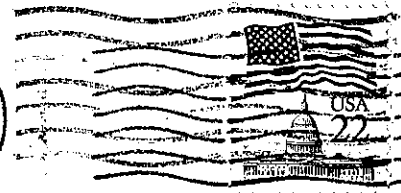
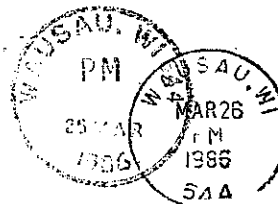
Perkins, Hiram, Sec. 16, Farmer, born New York, came to Wisconsin 1849, Centralia P.O.

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

- Thurs. April 3.....**Care of Old Photographs and Photo Restoration.**
7 p.m. Keel Photographers will instruct us on the proper
McMillan Town care of old photographs and the process of photo
Hall restoration.
- Thurs. April 24.....**Problem Shooting and Show and Tell.** An opportunity
7 p.m. for you to discuss problem areas in your
McMillan Town genealogical research and solicit suggestions to
Hall overcome these difficulties from other members of
the group. Also, everyone is invited to "Show and
Tell" about something or some area of their
research.
- Sat. April 26.....**Madison Research Trip: State Historical Society**
of Wisconsin.
- Thurs. May 22.....**Marshfield Area Genealogy Group Annual Business**
7 p.m. Meeting. Election of officers of the Marshfield
McMillan Town Area Genealogy Group, Treasurer's Report and
Hall Committee activities reports. **Photographic Tour**
of Norway and Scotland. Following the business
meeting, Sue Weber, will highlight her 1983 visit
to her Norway and Scotland.

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